

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees****District Board Room****5:00 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)****5:30 p.m. (OPEN SESSION)****Tuesday March 13, 2001****MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Regular meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Sugarman at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Patricia Godfrey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Board Members:

- Hilda Sugarman, President
- Ellen Ballard, Vice President
- Marjorie Pogue, Clerk
- Robert Fislser, Member
- Lynn Thornley, Member

Administration:

- Ron Cooper, Superintendent
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Sue Pickup, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services (interim)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session to conference regarding FETA (Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association) and CSEA (California School Employees Association); District Representative - Dr. Ron Cooper [Government Code sections 54954.(f), 54957.6].

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Sugarman stated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sugarman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Hermosa Drive teacher Janny Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Principal Carolyn Millikin presented Loretta Van der Pol with an "Above and Beyond" award for publishing the Ladera Vista Junior High School newsletter. Ms. Van der Pol also coordinates mailing the newsletter out to parents and the community, which is a vital service, and is very much appreciated.

Ms. Millikin also presented Paulette Marshall Chaffee with an "Above and Beyond" award for implementing a career program in which students learn about different career opportunities. Ms. Chaffee arranges for community members and former students to present information to the students during lunch time. President Sugarman noted that when children have a goal and a focus, it is much easier to have a dream.

Golden Hill Principal Susan Fendell presented teachers Ashli Alexander and Nancy Chung with an "Above and Beyond" award for coordinating the Spelling Bee and the "Reading Garden" at Golden Hill School. Ms. Fendell noted that the Spelling Bee was reinstated, and all of the District's elementary schools participate. Ms. Alexander and Ms. Chung coordinated a community day in which an arch, water fountain, table, and chairs were donated, and flowers and trees were planted. Ms. Fendell stated that both teachers add creativity and fun to projects, and they are very special.

Many District Spelling Bee winners were introduced and acknowledged. Golden Hill students sang and danced to "Spelling Bee Hop." Laguna Road 6th grader Thomas Kinzinger was acknowledged for his participation in the semi-final Orange County Spelling Championship, placing 15th out of 52 finalists. Ladera Vista students Delini Wijetilleke and Wayne Fister also participated in the championship.

INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

There was no information reported at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on February 27, 2001, with the correction presented.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - March 14, 2001 through March 27, 2001

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events of March 14, 2001 through March 27, 2001. Raymond School's "Authors Tea" on March 21 is changed from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Trustee Thornley noted that Nicolas Junior High school will be presenting a "Snoopy" musical production on March 22 and 23, and acknowledged new choir director, Laurie Hancock.

INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There was no information reported from the Superintendent.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Pogue stated that she is pleased that Maple School is nearly completed for Grades K-6. Trustee Pogue noted that the Fullerton Sister City Association will be visiting their "Sister City" in Japan in April, if anyone is interested in going. Trustee Pogue also noted that the Muckenthaler Cultural Center now hosts the "Young Artist Festival" which was launched by the District's Foundation.

Trustee Ballard commended Linda Caillet, Ana Stover, and Laurel Estrada for the fine letter they wrote to the California Department of Education regarding why Fullerton School District students should not take the Spanish Assessment of Basic Education-2 (SABE) test. Trustee Ballard suggested sending copies of the letter to other districts in the County with a cover letter stating our District's intent.

Trustee Fisler commented that the District has decent portables, unlike some of the other portables at districts he has visited.

Trustee Thornley stated her appreciation to the schools for inviting Board members to events, and to participate in the reading program.

President Sugarman stated that there will be a new boardsmanship training program starting soon if any Board members would like to attend, and commented on a recent newsletter article pertaining to discretionary funding. President Sugarman announced that Robert Fisler and Clarence Hill will be honored on April 1 at the 2001 Orange County Human Relations Awards Banquet.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. APPROVE PUPIL ATTENDANCE CALENDARS FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR THROUGH THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Suzanne Pickup presented information to the Board on adopting consistent calendars with the Fullerton Joint Union High School District to ensure common holidays and vacations for Fullerton K-12 families. A joint Calendar Committee with representatives

from each employee group (CSEA, FETA, and FESMA) gave input to the construction of the pupil attendance calendars for the next five years. Dr. Pickup noted that the District cannot change federal holidays, and schools will begin before Labor Day weekend.

The Board had a lengthy discussion of the District's future calendars and noted that there is a State required annual minimum for instructional minutes per grade level which must be met for each student. The Board discussed the importance of good student attendance because students lose valuable learning time when they are not in the classroom, and the District loses State funding when students are absent. Staff discussed school starting before Labor Day, which this year cost the District \$11,000 for lost ADA, with an additional \$15,000 loss due to the 2000-2001 Winter break schedule. The Board asked Andrea Reynolds and Patricia Godfrey to evaluate enrollment and related financial impacting after using next year's schedule, and present information to the Board with any possible negative financial impact. The Board discussed restructuring the Wednesdays and Fridays before Winter and Spring recess (the shortened day would be Friday instead of Wednesday), and Dr. Cooper stated that principals would be surveyed for their opinion on this change.

Dr. Cooper stated that each school will mail out pupil attendance calendars for 2001-2002 for parent and community information.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the pupil attendance calendars for the 2001-2002 school year through the 2003-2004 school year.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Lynn Thornley, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items as presented.

3a. APPROVE/RATIFY ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Assignment of Certificated Personnel Report.

3b. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 122B0598 through 122X0331 for 2000/2001.

3c. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300656 through 300694 for 2000/2001.

3d. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 16515 through 16773 in the amount of \$1,324,972.58.

3e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 10113 through 10163 in the amount of \$293,364.87 for 2000/2001.

3f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 00/01-B063 through 00/01-B069 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

3g. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts to the District and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors, as listed on 3g-2.

President Sugarman asked the community to please continue to donate computers and other useful items to the District. Dr. Cooper noted that Albertson's recently donated 50 computers to Richman School, and the school is very thankful.

3h. APPROVE/AMEND LECTURERS:

That the Board of Trustees approve/amend lecturers: 1) Ocean Institute on April 19, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$450; 2) Jack Haraksin on April 20, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$125; 3) Vicki Schindele from January, 2001 through February 22, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500; 4) Orange County Performing Arts on April 4, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$900.

3i. APPROVE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

That the Board of Trustees approve school site council expenditure proposals for One-Time School Site Funds (Program 363).

3j. APPROVE A POSITIVE CERTIFICATION FOR THE SECOND INTERIM REPORTING PERIOD

That the Board of Trustees approve a positive certification for the second interim reporting period of the District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent years.

3k. APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE REQUESTS

That the Board of Trustees approve out of state conference requests at an estimated cost not to exceed \$4,740.

3l. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add/Remove Classifications, Change to Substitute/Regular Status, End Limited Term Assignment, Increase/Decrease Hours, Leaves of Absence, New Hires, Resignations, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Terminations, and Working out of Classification).

3m. APPROVE CLASSIFIED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve Classified Tuition Reimbursement for Jennifer Smith.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for possible future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on March 13, 2001 at 7:05 p.m.

Marjorie Pogue, Clerk

Board of Trustees