

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees****District Board Room****4:30 p.m. WORKSHOP****5:30 p.m. REGULAR SESSION****Tuesday March 27, 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 4:30 p.m. Laurel Estrada, Coordinator of English Language Learner Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President Sugarman announced that on April 9 the new Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William Habermehl, will be sworn in. Also, the California School Boards Association is taking nominations for office, if anyone has a candidate they would like the Board to nominate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Board Members:

- Hilda Sugarman, President
- Ellen Ballard, Vice President
- Marjorie Pogue, Clerk
- Robert Fisler, 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)

WORKSHOP

Andrea Reynolds, Director of Fiscal Services, presented information regarding the 2001/2002 Budget. Ms. Reynolds reviewed \$100,000 in "Previously Approved" Items and "Removed" Items, indicating that some items will be funded from General Categorical Funds or other funds.

Dr. Godfrey stated that staff strongly recommend a relocatable restroom building at Sunset Lane School. Approximately 12-14 classrooms will be leased from the State to accommodate the District's growth. Dr. Godfrey stated that the District is anticipating an enrollment increase of 250-300 students.

Ms. Reynolds discussed necessary staffing support, full-time and hourly, as reflected in the upcoming budget. The Board stated their approval of staffing support self funded through the additional ADA, specifically, the Truant Liaison. Ms. Reynolds stated that the Mandated Costs/Financial Analyst would generate additional General Fund mandate income for the District, and is self funded through CFD administrative income and Mandated Costs.

Ms. Reynolds noted that the Science Center will be staffed by a categorically funded part-time science lab clerk. A Risk Manager would be funded through annual premium savings.

Ms. Reynolds stated that due to school utility increases coming through, staff budgeted 60% more. With regard to increased costs for Star Testing and new ELD Testing Evaluations, Ms. Reynolds discussed potential added Mandated Costs for both of these testing programs which the District may be able to reclaim in a year or two.

President Sugarman summarized the 2001-2002 Budget additions by stating that these first priority items discussed this far are included in the budget. President Sugarman requested that the Board review the remaining unbudgeted items and return their comments and ideas. These would be the "Pending", "Principals' Requests", and "Other Considerations."

Trustee Ballard stated that the Board must make a philosophical decision on increasing District salaries or programs, and she supports balancing the District with music, art and other programs that add "life to learning."

President Sugarman asked that the Board consider reviewing further items related to the 01/02 Budget, but since things are governed by the Governor's May Revise, the Board will look at the budget again at that time.

President Sugarman announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session, and asked for Public Comments regarding the budget presentation. There were no Public Comments.

CLOSED SESSION

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

54954.5(d), 54957].

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 5:30 p.m. Nicolas teacher Lynn Tubbe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Woodcrest 5th grade students sang the "Constitution Song," led by teacher Ronnette Johnson.

Woodcrest Principal Gaye Besler, and sixth grade teachers Adrienne Kumik and Hilary Burg, presented an "Above and Beyond" award to parent Monica Schwaniger. Mrs. Schwaniger is PTA President and School Site Council member, who attends or volunteers her time for every Woodcrest School event. Ms. Besler also presented an "Above and Beyond" award to Office Depot Manager Ken Barrett. Office Depot has supported Woodcrest School and the community by donating printing costs for the PTA newsletter, yearbook, and calendar. Also, Office Depot has donated school supplies at minimal or no costs, backpacks filled with school supplies, and has hosted the annual "Back to School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast."

President Sugarman announced the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Essay Contest Winners: 5th grade - Matthew Schmalfeld, Laguna Road (Zita Michalski, teacher); 6th grade - Yeji Kim, Acacia (Veronica Carder, teacher); 8th grade - Sara Ortiz, Nicolas (Lynn Tubbe, teacher). Also announced was second place 6th grade winner Rachel Giles, Beechwood (Becky D'Arrigo, teacher).

President Sugarman announced the Fullerton Elks Lodge #1993 Sixth Grade Essay Contest Winners (Topic "Why I'm Proud to Be An American"): Andrew Kim, Laguna Road (Melissa Murphy, teacher); and Lauren Fenner, Golden Hill (Rise Long, teacher).

Ms. Besler stated that "Read Across America" National Reflections Program inspired students from FSD and FJUHSD to submit entries. Two District students received Merit awards; Hermosa Drive student Erica Hartsough (photography), and Rolling Hills student Vivian Liu (musical composition).

President Sugarman introduced student Jason Ju, Sunset Lane 6th Grade Poetry Winner. Jason read his poem, which will be published in a hardbound book entitled The Sounds of Poetry. President Sugarman thanked Konnie Gault, Assistant to the Superintendent, for her hard work in organizing student participation at the Board Meetings.

INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

There was no information reported at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on March 13, 2001.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - March 28, 2001 through April 24, 2001

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events of March 28, 2001 through April 24, 2001. Commonwealth School's April 3 Chalk Art has been changed to April 18 and 19 in conjunction with their Open House.

President Sugarman stated that Consent Item 3j would be presented at this time, and asked for Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Velinda Garcia, Fullerton resident, spoke regarding the benefits of Even Start. Ms. Garcia stated that this program enabled her to finish high school, to be a better parent, and enabled and helped her children to become more successful in school. Trustee Ballard noted that 15 other agencies in the Fullerton community participate in the Even Start project.

Minard Duncan, Fullerton Collaborative, read a letter from a parent stating how Even Start helped her and her children. The letter stated that the ESL classes are hard work, but encouraged others to attend them. Trustee Fisler noted that this program could help with the school drop out rate that is predominantly Hispanic.

3j. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE EVEN START GRANT APPLICATION

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve submission of the Even Start Grant Application for Richman, Woodcrest and Maple Schools.

INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There was no information reported from the Superintendent.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Pogue commented that Board members enjoyed participating in judging Golden Hill School's Science Fair.

President Sugarman asked the Board to sign up for Open House, to ensure that each school would have a Board member present.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1a. REPORT ON SUBMISSION OF A REVISED DEFERRED MAINTENANCE 5-YEAR PLAN TO STATE ALLOCATION BOARD

Gary Drabek, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Services, presented a report on Submission of a Revised Deferred Maintenance 5-year Plan. Mr. Drabek stated that Education Code 17591 allows districts to amend their 5-year plan one time each year to add projects and increase dollar amounts on existing projects. The Facilities Needs Assessment (FNA) identified many Deferred Maintenance Projects, as well as other infrastructure needs. Mr. Drabek stated that the FNA continues to change as well as Deferred Maintenance needs. The State Deferred Maintenance Program provides for dollar-for-dollar matching of District funds by the State, however, there have never been adequate State funds budgeted to fully fund this match.

Mr. Drabek stated that one advantage for a thorough 5-year plan gives the District flexibility to spend Deferred Maintenance qualifying expenditures. The District now has increased qualifying projects. The State is now encouraging districts to include as many qualifying Deferred Maintenance projects as they can, in order to receive State funding. Mr. Drabek noted that the District will not be able to do everything listed in five years. Mr. Drabek stated that if the State funding trend continues, the District may see \$3.75 million to address \$22.3 million in Deferred Maintenance Needs.

1b. REPORT ON PROPOSED SINGLE DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Mike Brito, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to consider single dismissal to reduce the transportation encroachment on the general fund. Dr. Godfrey explained that the District does not receive adequate reimbursement for transportation expenses from the State, thus creating a current encroachment of approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000. The Board discussed the implementation of single dismissal and the effects to the District. If implemented, the program would reduce encroachment to the general fund, lengthen the days of school for Grades 1 - 3, and other positive benefits. There may be, however, increased field trip costs, increased traffic at schools, and after school programs at the junior high schools would be affected. The District and the City of Fullerton would also need to support more crossing guards. The Board discussed adherence to currently established walking distances throughout the District.

There was discussion that students walking to school could affect the District's ADA. The Board supports adhering to current Board established walking distances, but has concerns about after school programs. The Board discussed that a large effort would need to be expended to inform PTA, parents and teachers that the program may be implemented in September. Also, junior high schools would need to look at alternate ways to keep sports programs operating after school.

Dr. Godfrey informed the Board that discussion with the City, with regard to "Suggested Routes to School" had begun, and an agreement was made to share the cost of creating the routes with the City of Fullerton. The routes are to be created by City staff or contractors using traffic engineer expertise.

Mimi Gaudette, FETA President, stated that she will need to talk to the teachers about extending the primary day, and stated her concerns about the impact on after school

intervention, and the impact upon teachers if additional instructional time were added.

President Sugarman stated that Consent Item 3n would be presented at this time.

3n. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOLS EXCESS LIABILITY FUND

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve Amendment to the Schools Excess Liability Fund Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement, and approve the attached Resolution #00/01-08.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve Application for 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.

2b. APPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API) GOVERNOR'S PERFORMANCE AWARDS (GPA)

Dr. Linda Caillet stated that Parks Junior High, along with 13 of the District's schools whose API scores met or exceeded their API growth targets by 5%, and whose subgroup growth targets were also met by 80% or better, will receive funding of approximately \$1,405,271.80. Bonuses will be awarded to permanent classified and certificated staff employed at the site more than 20% of the year.

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, stated that API funding and school site plans for expenditures must be approved by the School Site Council and the Board, before the sites can get their purchase orders processed. Ms. Stover stated that Parks Junior High School has submitted their request, and more site requests will be presented at the April 24 Board meeting. President Sugarman stated that the schools have done a wonderful job by reaching their API Target, and the Board appreciates the Governor's rewards.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Academic Performance Index (API) Governor's Performance Awards (GPA) Program Expenditures Plan for Parks Junior High School.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items, with the corrections presented, and with the exception of Items 3j and 3n, which were pulled from Consent and heard separately at the request of President Sugarman.

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 122B0650 through 122X0334 for 2000/2001.

3c. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300695 through 300764 for 2000/2001.

3d. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 16774 through 17121 in the amount of \$1,011,736.12.

3e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 10164 through 10222 in the amount of \$73,869.57 for 2000/2001.

3f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 00/01-B070 through 00/01-B072 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.

3h. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve lecturers: 1) Vicki Schindele at Rolling Hills School from April 21 through June 2, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500; 2) The Creature Teacher at Golden Hill School on May 25, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$290.

3i. RATIFY PROJECT CUFFS (COMMUNITY UNITED FOR FULLERTON SAFETY) GRANT SERVICE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify Project Cuffs (Community United for Fullerton Safety) Grant Service Agreement with Orange County Department of Education.

3j. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE EVEN START GRANT APPLICATION

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of President Sugarman.

3k. APPROVE CALIFORNIA TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROJECT (CTAP) AWARD AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP)

Award Agreement.

3l. RATIFY SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR TEACHING AS A PRIORITY (TAP) GRANT

That the Board of Trustees ratify submission of application for Teaching as a Priority (TAP) Grant.

3m. APPROVE PIGGYBACK PURCHASE OF 960 SQUARE FOOT CLASSROOM BUILDINGS

That the Board of Trustees approve piggyback purchase of 960 square foot classroom buildings under the terms and conditions of contracts awarded by Saddleback Valley Unified School District pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 20118. Furthermore, find and determine that it is in the best interest of the Fullerton School District to purchase these buildings using the bid awarded by the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

3n. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOLS EXCESS LIABILITY FUND

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of President Sugarman.

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

Trustee Fisler requested that the Board consider a Resolution regarding South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Proposed Rule (1195), for an Agenda Item at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on March 27, 2001 at 8:15 p.m.

Marjorie Pogue, Clerk