

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees****District Board Room****4:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)****5:30 p.m. (OPEN SESSION)****Tuesday May 8, 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 Vice President Ballard at 4:30 p.m. Trustee Lynn Thornley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Board Members:

- Hilda Sugarman, President (absent)
- 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 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Employment [Government Code section 54957]; and Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release [Government Code sections 54954.5(d), 54957].

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

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INTRODUCTIONS

Ladera Vista Junior High Principal Carolyn Millikin presented teacher Rick Steinkoenig with an "Above and Beyond" award. Mr. Steinkoenig is a veteran music teacher whose challenge is working with band students at seven different elementary schools.

Gaye Besler, Woodcrest Principal, presented Mona Amoon from Fullerton Farmer's Market with an "Above and Beyond" award and noted that the market supports Woodcrest and Richman Schools with donations. Ms. Amoon commented that the farmers and students have a special friendship, and students are learning about California produce.

Ms. Besler presented Michelle Ormseth from Edison Source with an "Above and Beyond" award. Ms. Ormseth volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday with the intervention program, and the students enjoy this rewarding program.

Superintendent Dr. Ron Cooper presented the "First Year Teachers of the Year" for 2000-2001: Acacia, Cathy Wilson; Commonwealth, Cindy Acaba; Fern Drive, Kelley Matson and Adriana Migliore; Hermosa Drive, Cori Griffin; Ladera Vista Junior High, Laurie Hancock; Nicolas Junior High, Alex Kyriakidis; Richman School, Sara Steward and Amy Chase; Sunset Lane, Jennifer Garibay. First Year Teacher of the Year for Nicolas Junior High, Alex Kyriakidis, was announced by Allan Waterman, Principal, Nicolas Junior High, and Lourene Happoldt, Director of Student Support Services. Mr. Kyriakidis is a passionate and enthusiastic Special Education teacher who understands the needs of his students.

Dr. Linda Caillet stated that eighth grade students submitted essays about an important woman in history, and winners were awarded cash prizes. Dr. Caillet introduced the AAUW Norene Stephenson Essay Contest Winners: Ladera Vista first place, Sean Knighton; second place, Nadav Knight; teacher, Joy Porter; Nicolas first place, Heather Wilkie; second place, Tianna Williamson; teacher, Lynn Tubbe; Parks, Jamie Ozaki; second place, Kurtis Hanlon; teacher Karen Gaither.

Fern Drive Principal Harriet Hermann introduced student Megan Schueller, who won first place in the County's Child Abuse Poster Contest, and Miss Schueller's teacher, Connie Herrick. Ms. Hermann noted that Ms. Herrick inspires her students to do exceptional work.

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, introduced Helen MacDougall, President of GATE Parent Organization Advisory Board. Ms. MacDougall is a creative

volunteer who has helped discover opportunities for the GATE students.

Allan Waterman, Principal, Nicolas Junior High, presented Spirit Awards to students Taylor Thornley and Heather Wilkie. Mr. Waterman noted that the Student Activities Program promotes student achievement and school pride.

Dr. Sue Pickup, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, presented Mimi Gaudette, FETA President, and Dan Smith, CSEA President, each with a rose in recognition of their fine leadership. Vice President Ballard stated that the Board is very proud of them. Dr. Pickup read a sentiment and presented two children's books to each school in the District in honor of proclaiming May 20-26, 2001 as Classified Employee Week, and May 9, 2001 as Day of the Teacher. The books were written and donated by Shirley Jordan, former Coordinator at Maple School.

Vice President Ballard stated that Consent Items 3j and 3k would be presented at this time.

3j. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-11 PROCLAIMING MAY 20-26, 2001 AS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously (4-0) that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #00/01-11 proclaiming May 20-26, 2001 as Classified Employee Week in the Fullerton School District .

3k. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-12 PROCLAIMING MAY 9, 2001 AS DAY OF THE TEACHER

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously (4-0) to adopt Resolution #00/01-12 proclaiming May 9, 2001 as Day of the Teacher in the Fullerton School District.

INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

There was no information presented.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried unanimously (3-0) (Trustee Thornley was absent at this time) that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special meeting on April 18, 2001 and Regular meeting on April 24, 2001.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - May 9, 2001 through May 22, 2001

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events of May 9, 2001 through May 22, 2001. Vice President Ballard noted that the CSEA Banquet will be held on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Gregory's Restaurant in the Embassy Suites in Anaheim. Richman School's Volunteer Tea has been rescheduled from May 9 to June 6 at 1:00 p.m.

INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There was no information reported from the Superintendent.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There was no information reported from the Board of Trustees.

Vice President Ballard called for Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Nishikawa, parent, stated his concern that the District's budget has affected the HVAC project being completed at Sunset Lane. Mr. Nishikawa does not want to see the project stopped due to over-budget, and suggested alternatives for acquiring air conditioning for the school.

Jeffrey Katz, parent, stated that the Sunset Lane PTA has raised over \$11,000 to help defray costs of air conditioning and was informed that this money was used towards computers for the school. Mr. Katz stated that students deserve a good environment, which plays an important role in learning.

Jaime Rodriguez, Sunset Lane PTA President, stated that two of her three children sweated through the day in a classroom that measured 76-78 degrees by 8:00 a.m. Ms. Rodriguez stated that she has one child whose class is in an air conditioned portable trailer, and she is the only one who has energy at the end of the school day. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the PTA supports anything that can be done to get air conditioning for Sunset Lane.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1a. UPDATE ON SINGLE DISMISSAL

Mike Brito, Director of Transportation Services, stated that staff has measured the distances of Alta Vista and Glen View Drive, and believe it is not necessary to move the students from Laguna Road to Golden Hill School, as the area is within current Board established walking distances. Mr. Brito stated that with regard to instructional minutes, principals have shown minimal increases in primary grades, and in a few cases, some reduction in upper grades. Mr. Brito stated that two to four buses could be removed from routes in Phase 1, which could save the the District approximately \$75,00 to \$125,000 in the first year. The Transportation Department recommends retaining two positions in the first phase and one in the second phase. Upon full implementation of single dismissal over a course of the two phases, the District could save between \$150,000 and \$250,000. Mr. Brito noted that six schools in the District are not on single dismissal schedules.

Trustee Fisler stated his concern that 500 to 1,000 cars will be on the street at one time, and the schools cannot accommodate heavy traffic flows, especially during dismissal. Also, there is the possibility of creating a loss of the District's ADA if parents are not able to provide transportation for their children.

Vice President Ballard stated her concerns that students would not walk to school during

rainy days which would affect the District's ADA. Also, if the District adds more schools on the west side of the city, this could create a heavy traffic impact on some of the District's schools.

Vice President Ballard called for Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Lamb, parent, stated that many children in her neighborhood use the buses because walking to school would be very dangerous. Ms. Lamb added that junior high school children learn more during the morning hours, so keeping students later in the day is not a good idea.

Debbie Javelosa, parent and bus driver, stated her concerns of the walking distances for Grades K-6. Ms. Javelosa stated that as a District bus driver she has noticed that some children cannot find their way home from the bus stop, and could not safely walk to and from school. Ms. Javelosa stated that the District's main concern should be the children's safety.

Peppi Carrillo, bus driver, expressed his concerns on student safety. Mr. Carrillo stated that it is safer for children to be on a bus than in a car, and changing walking distances could create a hardship for many parents who would want to drive their children to school.

Vice President Ballard stated that at this time the Board will accept the Administrative Report as presented, but will not go forward. Vice President Ballard stated that Consent Item 3h would be presented at this time.

3h. AWARD CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM AND COMMUNICATION UPGRADE

Gary Drabek, Director of Facility Services, stated that staff evaluated the District's five most critical sites and determined that Sunset Lane School was most in need of this upgrade. Mr. Drabek noted that equity within the District is an important issue.

Trustee Ballard stated that the Board received letters from Richman and Sunset Lane staffs asking that all telecommunications/fire alarm projects be postponed until all the schools are fully air conditioned.

Trustee Pogue stated that the District should spend money on air conditioning for Sunset Lane School, instead of communications.

The item died for lack of a motion.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF READING EXCELLENCE ACT (REA) LOCAL READING IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, stated that all Title I sites in the District qualify for this grant. Jackie Pearce, Raymond Principal, and Gretchen Francisco,

Valencia Park Primary Principal, attended the training workshops and expressed their intent to apply. The District can submit two grant applications. Each school will receive \$400,000 over a period of two years to implement a comprehensive Local Reading Improvement Initiative.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously (4-0) that the Board of Trustees approve submission of Reading Excellence Act (REA) Local Reading Improvement Grant Application for Raymond and Valencia Park Primary.

2b. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR PLAYGROUND SAFETY AND FACILITIES RENOVATION AND REPAIR FUNDS

Dr. Godfrey stated that the State has funds available to renovate existing preschool playground equipment, and this grant will assist in this project.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously (4-0) that the Board of Trustees approve submission of application for Playground Safety and Facilities Renovation and Repair of Funds for the preschool programs administered from Maple Center.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items with the supplement presented, and with the exception of Items 3h, 3j, and 3k, which were pulled from Consent and heard separately at the request of Vice President Ballard.

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 122B0812 through 122X0355 for 2000/2001.

3c. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300834 through 300889 for 2000/2001.

3d. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 17669 through 17995 in the amount of \$1,143,033.24.

3e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 10319 through 10373 in the amount of \$120,273.37, for 2000/2001.

3f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 00/01-B080 through 00/01-B084 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. AWARD CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM AND COMMUNICATION UPGRADE

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

3i. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify lecturers: 1) Discovery Science on May 18, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000; 2) Critters to Go on May 11, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$350; 3) Marilyn Magness between May 14, 2001 and June 1, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

3j. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-11 PROCLAIMING MAY 20-26, 2001 AS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK

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3k. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-12 PROCLAIMING MAY 9, 2001 AS DAY OF THE TEACHER

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3l. RATIFY/APPROVE PRE-INTERN AND INTERN TEACHING AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve Pre-Intern and Intern Teaching Agreement with CalState TEACH.

3m. APPROVE BITECH SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve Bitech Support Service Agreement, Amendment #2.

3n. APPROVE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS

That the Board of Trustees approve new job descriptions for Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Assistant Principal, Junior High School.

3o. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add/Remove Classifications, Add/Remove Location, Change Name, Correct Hours, Extra Summer Work, Hire Emergency Substitute Status, Increase/Decrease Hours, New Hires, Paid

Administrative Leave, Paid Vacation Day, Promotions, Reclassification, Reinstatements, Resignations, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Terminations, Transfers, and Working Out Of Classification).

**3p. APPROVE USE OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
PEPPM-CALIFORNIA BID**

That the Board of Trustees approve use of the El Dorado County Office of Education PPM-California Bid awarded January 3, 2001 for computer and technology equipment and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these items through the El Dorado County Office of Education.

3q. APPROVE SICK LEAVE DONATION/RECEIPT

That the Board of Trustees approve sick leave donation/receipt as specified.

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

Vice President Ballard stated that she would like to know how the schools feel about the Federal Class Size Reduction Program, and any results of this program in student performance.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Ballard adjourned the meeting on May 8, 2001 at 7:55 p.m.

Marjorie Pogue, Clerk Board Minutes - May 8, 2001