

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 April 24, 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. Dr. Ron Cooper 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 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)

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 54954.5(f), 54957.6]; and Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release [Government Code sections

54954.5(d), 54957]; Pending Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)]; Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Employment [Government Code section 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. Becky D'Arrigo, Teacher of the Year 1999-2000, 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

Dr. Ron Cooper presented the "Teachers of the Year" for 2000-2001: Acacia, Jackie Hernandez-Phillips; Beechwood, Karen Bell; Commonwealth, Elizabeth Zoellner; Fern Drive, Tiffney Saieed; Golden Hill, Jennifer Rovira; Hermosa Drive, Dona Miller; Ladera Vista, Ella Lindsey; Laguna Road, Ann Nicholas; Maple, Stephanie Shouse; Nicolas, Marion Van Voorhis; Orangethorpe, Kaye Cogdill; Pacific Drive, Mary Ann Halloran; Parks, Mary Perry; Raymond, Wendy Lloyd-Davies; Richman, Linda Kochan; Rolling Hills, Mary Hood; Sunset Lane, Marge Imbler; Valencia Park Primary, Ruth Blum; Valencia Park Intermediate, Edna Melton; Woodcrest, Hilary Burg. Becky D'Arrigo, the District's Teacher of the Year last year, announced Teacher of the Year for the Fullerton School District this year is Tiffney Saieed, who will represent the District in County competition. Mrs. Saieed was presented with a basket of roses, representing the special qualities of each teacher honored.

INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

Mimi Gaudette, FETA President, informed the Board that SAT 9 testing is in implementation, and teachers are doing their best to give the tests in the prescribed manner. Ms. Gaudette noted that second grade students spend a total of 11 hours for testing. Ms. Gaudette stated that proposed changes to the school calendar at Valencia Park School will present new aspects to be addressed, and reminded the Board that the calendar is a bilateral agreement between FETA and the District.

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 March 27, 2001, Special meeting on April 3, 2001, and Special meeting on April 6, 2001.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - April 25, 2001 through May 8, 2001

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events of April 25, 2001 through May 8, 2001.

Trustee Ballard announced that the Fullerton Joint Union High School District will hold a forum on April 30 dedicated to the topic of State mandates. Trustee Ballard noted that the State has approved eighteen mandates in the past six years, and many are underfunded.

INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There was no information reported from the Superintendent.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Sugarman stated that the Board has hired Dr. Robert Ferris to conduct a recruitment and selection process for a District Superintendent to replace Dr. Ron Cooper, who will retire on June 30, 2001. President Sugarman noted that Dr. Ferris will be conducting extensive interviews if anyone has an interest to speak with him.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1a. PROPOSAL FOR MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2001/2002

Gretchen Francisco, Principal, Valencia Park Primary, and Marilyn White, Principal, Valencia Park Intermediate, introduced teachers Tracey Anderson, Kim Bass, Will Jones, and Kathleen Pitts, who presented information on the proposal for a modified school calendar for the 2001/2002 school year.

Ms. Pitts stated that Valencia Park is fortunate that both principals encourage teachers to be problem solvers, with the biggest challenge being that Valencia Park is a Focus School, with 40% of the population as English as second language learners. Ms. Pitts stated that staff has been aggressive this year with before and after school interventions, but they believe that more can be done. Ms. Pitts stated that by modifying the yearly schedule, the school might better assist the second language learners in acquiring new language, and helping all of the students to retain more knowledge between periods of direct instruction.

Ms. Anderson presented the following proposed calendar changes: the traditional start date of August 30 would be changed to August 27; the traditional Thanksgiving holiday would be changed from November 22 - 23 to November 19 - 23; the traditional Winter Break from December 24 to January 4 would be changed to December 24 through January 11; the traditional Spring Break of April 8 - 12 would be changed to April 1- 12; the traditional last day of June 13 would be changed to June 28. The total traditional and modified days would be 180, which complies with the State requirement for attendance.

Trustee Fisler asked if the last day of school would interfere with teachers who wanted to take advanced course work. Also, Trustee Fisler noted that the District has had problems at the beginning of the year for families who stay in Mexico for celebrations, and it would hurt the District's ADA. Ms. Anderson stated that a lot of students leave at Christmas time to visit Mexico, and the District does lose a lot of ADA funding during the holidays and during the school year. Ms. Anderson noted that Valencia Park students are absent a lot around Christmas, and it is a larger problem then than at the beginning of the year.

Ms. Pitts discussed considerations for certificated personnel and how the proposed modified schedule will conflict with teachers, families, children, summer employment, summer professional development, and summer classes. Ms. Pitts stated that the "Climate Committee" and staff have discussed all of these issues formally and informally during the year. Ms. Pitts noted that certificated personnel voted, and reported that some teachers support the modification, some do not support it, and some will request reassignments.

President Sugarman asked if the teachers could participate in summer employment or staff development. Ms. Pitts stated that the Results Program for professional development will begin one week after summer school. Teachers could receive 12 credits of professional development from UCLA.

Trustee Thornley asked how the hiring of teachers for Valencia Park will be affected. Ms. Francisco stated that staff would hope the teachers hired will want to be with Valencia Park with the new schedule, work with the population that is served, would understand that the schedule is for increased student achievement and student development, and would understand the needs of the school and support the school's efforts.

Mr. Jones discussed the calendar schedule and the considerations raised "for and against" the proposed calendar. Mr. Jones noted that parents and community had three different meetings in three different formats, with a focus on accommodating staff needs at every level. Ms. Anderson spoke on Valencia Park staff addressing its own summer school schedule, with possible housing for the sixth graders for junior high algebra. Ms. Bass stated that there has been strong community interest and parent communication. The proposed calendar would cause some conflicts with child care issues, but Ms. Bass noted that the child care issue is difficult to resolve, and hopefully the Boys and Girls Club will help out.

Ms. Francisco thanked the Climate Committee members and Valencia Park teachers who attended the Board Meeting to show support of the proposed modified schedule.

President Sugarman announced that Public Comments would be heard at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Rankin, parent, stated that she did not receive a ballot to vote on the proposed modified calendar, and has concerns that parents will not be included in the voting. Ms. Rankin stated that the proposed modified calendar will have a negative effect on her family's vacation plans.

Mrs. Franklin, parent, spoke on her concerns that the modified calendar will affect her vacation time and the effect it will have on the students. Ms. Franklin stated that Valencia Park is a low income community, and students will get bored with a longer vacation. Also, she had concerns that the calendar would be on a three-year trial basis. Ms. White stated that three-year trial basis idea came from a comment made at a parent meeting, but noted that in order to evaluate a program it may take some time.

Mr. Kevin Bass, parent, noted that a lot of progress setting higher standards from the Board, school, and teachers is effective in getting students to excel at test scores. Mr. Bass noted

that change is not easy, and the District is looking for a way to use time more efficiently. Mr. Bass is in favor of narrowing down the vacation breaks and using the time for student growth and testing.

Trustee Thornley stated her concerns that junior high and high school students would have separate vacations, and that this would create child care issues. She also stated her concerns about the testing issues, and that two weeks' instructional time would be taken away. She was told the testing window is at the end of March through the first of May.

Trustee Ballard commented that Valencia Park is exceptional in its growth and teaching, but she has concerns about changing direction at a time when the school is so successful.

President Sugarman stated that the Board would like to see a higher percentage of parents included in the surveys. President Sugarman thanked the Valencia Park staff for the administrative report, but stated that the Board will need to look at the issues in order to go forward for another discussion in the future.

1b. UPDATE OF PROPOSED SINGLE DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Mike Brito, Director of Transportation Services, stated that single dismissal schedules at the District's eight remaining elementary schools would reduce the mileage the buses travel. Single dismissal would reduce the costs of transportation subsidy from the general fund by approximately \$150,000 in bus mileage and salaries. Mr. Brito further stated that to follow current Board established walking distances, the District would have to adhere to the current established walking distances of 1.25 miles for Grades K-6, and 2 miles for Grades 7 and 8. A small boundary change in which students living on Alta Vista and Glen View Drive would also be necessary, but would place these students within less than a mile to Golden Hill School. The Board would have the option of considering "grandfathering" these children to continue attending the school they are currently attending, but without the benefit of busing.

Mr. Brito stated that single dismissal would be implemented in two phases. In Phase 1, the eight schools that are currently bused would be assigned single dismissal schedules beginning in the 2001-2001 school year. Phase 2, to be established in the 2002-2003 school year, would include junior high schools into the schedule, with later "start" and "end" times. Further schedule changes at elementary schools would also be necessary. This phase optimally utilizes District buses. Routes can be made so that one bus can drop off at three schools in the morning and take home from three schools in the afternoon.

Mr. Brito stated that because there would be fewer buses and drivers, there are fewer options to place overcrowding children and fewer buses to accomplish field trips. Staff recommend initially retaining positions, two positions in the first year and one position in the second year to alleviate difficulties. In conclusion, staff plans to return to the Board on May 8 for approval of Phase I for implementation in September, 2001.

The Board discussed that the single dismissal schedule would not interfere with each school site's instructional minutes. President Sugarman announced that Public Comments would be heard at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas George, parent, stated that his son, like most of the students at Laguna Road School, does not take the bus, and is driven to school. Mr. George noted that the main problem is the school's parking lot, which does not accommodate the heavy traffic flow.

Mr. Greg Walker, parent, stated that he is representing fifteen of nineteen residents that live on Glenview and Alta Vista, and the residents find the reallocation of the streets to be unfounded and baseless. The residents are not against the single dismissal schedule, but are against the students being moved from Laguna Road School. President Sugarman stated that the Transportation Department will be alleviating potential job loss by keeping bus drivers employed for field trips, and to provide for overcrowding transportation. Also, if a student's home school does not have space for them at their particular grade level, the District will provide transportation to attend another school.

Mimi Gaudette, FETA, stated her concerns that there will not be enough buses for field trips which will cost parents additional money. Ms. Gaudette noted that hired buses cost the District, and need to be inspected to meet standards. Ms. Gaudette stated that this will be a huge educational loss to the students if they do not participate in field trips. Ms. Gaudette noted that the vast difference in the junior high time change in Phase 2 will create great concern among teachers.

The Board discussed the busing situation and how to address the concerns of the families who will be affected. President Sugarman requested the Mr. Brito inform the families of the 500 students who will not be bused next year.

1c. 2001 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Godfrey stated that during the 2000-2001 school year, the Orange County Treasurer recommended that the District estimated its interest earnings of approximately 5.5%, and now recommends that the District budgets its interest earnings for 2001-2002 school year for 3.3%, which is much lower. The impact on the general fund of reduced earnings for next year is approximately \$300,000. Therefore, based on what is happening in the economy, the interest earnings, which are unrestricted funds within the general fund, will be budgeted at \$300,000.

The First Quarter Investment Report for the calendar year covering the months of January, February, and March, 2001 is available for review in the Business Office during regular business hours.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. APPROVE REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 6174 (EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS)

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve revisions to Board Policy 6174 (Education for English Language Learners).

b. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-10 TO APPROVE A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Dr. Godfrey stated that she and Andrea Reynolds spent extensive time researching possible cost savings methods in which the District can leverage or convert the District's dollars. Staff recommends that for insurance coverage for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the District approve a Joint Powers Authority Agreement with Alliance for Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP), which has over 70 members. Dr. Godfrey further stated that staff is anticipating at least \$90,000 in annual savings, which can be used for administrative time to more actively manage all of the District's self insurance programs.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt resolution #00/0-10 to approve a Joint Powers Authority Agreement with the Alliance for Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) effective July 1, 2001.

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

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve an Academic Performance Index (API) Governor's Performance Awards (GPA) Program Expenditures Plan for Acacia, Fern Drive, Golden Hill, Ladera Vista, Laguna Road, Nicolas, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Raymond, Richman, Sunset Lane, and Valencia Park Primary/Valencia Park Intermediate Schools.

2d. ADOPT HOUGHTON-MIFFLIN, DISCOVERY WORKS, SCIENCE TEXTBOOK MATERIALS AND HOLT, RINEHART WINSTON, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEXTBOOK MATERIALS

Billie Holt, Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction, stated that after an extensive evaluation process, the Curriculum Steering Committee voted to recommend these science textbook materials for Grades K-8. Ms. Holt noted that the materials are adopted by the California Department of Education and are aligned with California Content Standards and the FSD Science-Standards-Based Curriculum. Ms. Holt also presented a brief overview for training and science support.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried that the Board of Trustees adopt Houghton-Mifflin, Discovery Works, Science textbook materials for Grades K-5 and Holt, Rinehart Winston, Science and Technology textbook materials for Grades 6-8.

2e. APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5144 (STUDENT DISCIPLINE)

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation 5144 (Student Discipline).

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 Item 3j, which was pulled from Consent.

3a. APPROVE/RATIFY ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

3b. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add/Remove Classifications, Add/Remove Stipends, Change to Substitute/Regular Status, Change Name, Change Start Date, Increase/Decrease Hours, New Hires, Paid Administrative Leave, Promotions, Resignations, Service Retirements, Steps Raises, Terminations, Transfers, and Working Out of Classification).

3c. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 122B0713 through 122X0353 for 2000/2001.

3d. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300765 through 300836 for 2000/2001.

3e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 17122 through 17668 in the amount of \$2,839,642.12.

3f. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Warrants numbered 10223 through 10318 in the amount of \$288,110.90 for 2000/2001.

3g. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 00/01-B073 through 00/01-B079 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

3h. 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 3h-2.

3i. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify lecturers: 1) Inside the Outdoors, Orange County Department of Education Traveling Scientist, on April 17, 2001 at a cost not to exceed

\$300; 2) Riki Liufau between April 25 and June 14, 2001 at a total cost not to exceed \$864;
3) Sally Edmunds between October 18, 2000 and March 22, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

3j. AWARD CONTRACTS FOR FIRE ALARM AND COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADES

This item was pulled at the request of President Sugarman.

3k. ADOPT DECLARATION OF NEED

That the Board of Trustees adopt Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2001/2002 school year.

3l. APPROVE/RATIFY MASTER INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Master Independent Contractor Agreement with Apple Tree Early Intervention Center.

3m. APPROVE/RATIFY STIPENDS FOR DARLENE COX, LINDA KELLEY, LYNDA HODGES, AND MASAKO KAWASE

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify stipends for Darlene Cox, Linda Kelley, Lynda Hodges and Masako Kawase to compensate for their service as PAR joint panel members for a full year term which commenced February 1, 2001 and ends June 30, 2001.

3n. APPROVE USE OF THE CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NUMBER 1998/99-19

That the Board of Trustees approve use of the Corona-Norco Unified School District Bid Number 1998/99-19 for playground and recreation equipment and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these items through the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

3o. APPROVE USE OF THE EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NUMBER P-9798-5

That the Board of Trustees approve use of the East Whittier City School District Bid Number P-9798-5 for playground and recreation equipment and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District, to purchase these items through the East Whittier City School District.

3p. APPROVE JUDY LIEB TO ATTEND THE OUT OF STATE NATIONAL EDUCATION COMPUTING CONFERENCE

That the Board of Trustees approve Judy Lieb to attend the Out of State National Education Computing Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on June 25 and 26, 2001.

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

There were no requests.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened 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 54954.5(f), 54957.6]; and Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release [Government Code sections 54954.5(d), 54957]; Pending Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)]; Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Employment [Government Code section 54957].

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on April 24, 2001 at 9:45 p.m.

Marjorie Pogue, Clerk