

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, January 11, 2000****5:00 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION)****7:00 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)****MINUTES****1. GENERAL INFORMATION****1a. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Hilda Sugarman on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. Erin Skeffington led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Members:

- Hilda Sugarman, President
- Ellen Ballard, Vice President
- Kim Guth, Clerk
- Robert Fisler, Member
- Marjorie Pogue, Member

Administration:

- Ron Cooper, Superintendent
- Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

1b. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

2. CLOSED SESSION

President Sugarman announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to conference with labor negotiator Don Becker regarding FETA (Fullerton Elementary

Teachers Association) and that no action was anticipated.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 p.m., and President Sugarman stated that there was nothing to report from the Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Looney, Assistant Director of Maintenance & Operations, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Dick Mathewson, President of the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation, presented Trustee Robert Fisler with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Foundation. The Foundation has awarded \$50,000 in Star Power Grants to 137 teachers, affecting over 36,000 students, since its inception.

President Sugarman spoke on Trustee Fisler's behalf. Trustee Fisler has served on the Board for 24 years, as well as numerous committees and organizations. President Sugarman further stated that it is an honor to sit on the Board with Mr. Fisler, and she is proud of the work he accomplishes for the students.

Trustee Fisler stated that it is a privilege to be on the Board and a member of the Retired Teachers Service Organization, which will be giving twelve "Betty Lou Stevenson" scholarships this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Sugarman presented the Board with a written summary of the Brown Act class she attended. President Sugarman stated that her job as Board President is to ensure that the laws are followed at the Board table, and proper etiquette and respect is maintained from all members who come before the Board. She stated that individuals can be held liable for slander and must speak in an appropriate manner or they may be asked to leave the Board meeting. President Sugarman implemented new changes in the Board agenda, and she encouraged the public to fill out the Feedback forms.

Lynn Thornley, PTA Council President, stated that the PTA includes 23 schools in Fullerton and is part of the 4th District in the State of California. Mrs. Thornley stated that the PTA meets once a month to work together to improve schools, to hear motivational speakers, and to vote on many resolutions. The PTA implements field trips and arts programs, work as volunteers, supplies P.E. equipment, and helps provide many other programs for the students and their families, in addition to fund-raising and charity work.

Mimi Gaudette, President of FETA, stated her main concern is the settlement of the teachers' contract. She stated that the teachers feel denigrated, and they do not wish the education of the students to suffer.

President Sugarman stated that public speakers can be heard at this time, but must give

request slips to the secretary.

Tom Dixon, teacher at Orangethorpe School, stated the Fullerton School Board is at an important crossroad for our community and should decide how Fullerton schools are going to develop. Mr. Dixon expressed concern that Fullerton School District teachers are not paid as well as in some other districts.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Sugarman stated that although the Board Minutes are listed in the agenda with Consent Items, she would like to bring the Minutes to be approved at this time.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 14, 1999, Special Meeting on December 15, 1999, Special Meeting on December 17, 1999, and Special Meeting on January 4, 2000.

Trustee Guth stated she was pleased to be elected Clerk of the Board at the December 14 Board Meeting.

President Sugarman stated that the "Above and Beyond Recognition" Award presentation for Leticia Edmunds would be rescheduled due to a death in Principal Gaye Besler's family.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. COORDINATED COMPLIANCE VALIDATION REVIEW

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, updated the Board on the Coordinated Compliance Validation Review. Mrs. Stover stated that the California Department of Education (CDE) conducts a compliance review in all Districts every four years. The intent of the review is to ensure Districts are implementing all established regulations and legislation of the Categorical Programs within each district. The CDE Coordinated Compliance Review Team will visit the Fullerton School District from January 25 through 28, 2000. They will conduct meetings, review programs, and gather data through a process that involves review of documents, interviews with parents, staff, and students, and classroom observations at several sites. A schedule of the CCR process was provided to the Board members.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH MARK HUEBSCH OF STRADDLING YOCCA CARLSON & RAUTH

Dr. Patricia Godfrey stated that the District is anticipating a draft of the 25-year loan contract from the City of Fullerton Redevelopment Agency for the Maple School expansion. The purpose of this contract is to retain legal counsel skilled in redevelopment law that can assist the District in reviewing the language.

Trustee Guth questioned the rate and cost and stated she did not want an "open end"

contract. Dr. Godfrey stated that the cost would be determined whether language in the agreement is simple or complex. Trustee Guth made a motion to amend the agreement, with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement for legal services with Mark Huebsch of Straddling Yocca Carlson & Rauth to review the draft of City of Fullerton Redevelopment Agreement regarding loan of approximately \$1.3 million to expand Maple School.

4b. APPROVE HOUSING STUDENTS IN EXISTING FACILITIES FOR THREE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE UPCOMING 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Patricia Godfrey stated that at this time the District is anticipating student growth, and the District does not have available classrooms at the three junior high schools. The Board has indicated an interest in the concept of year-round schooling which could provide additional facility opportunities and instructional program learning periods in a number of our schools. Dr. Godfrey also stated that in multiyear budget projections that staff has shared with the Board, the purchase of any facilities for junior high schools has not been included. Each installed portable costs approximately \$80,000.

Dr. Linda Caillet noted that several teachers must rotate classrooms and carry all of their belongings and resource materials on a cart which could impact the instructional quality of the classroom.

Trustee Guth stated her opposition to classroom hopping and year-round schooling. Trustee Guth stressed that the teaching environment and quality of teaching is the number one concern of the Board.

Dr. Lynch stated that the rotating system negatively affects the hiring of District teachers and could impact the teaching of Math, Science, and English.

After lengthy Board discussion, President Sugarman moved to table this Agenda Item until the next Board meeting, at which time it will be voted upon.

4c. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH IEC, INC.

Dr. Patricia Godfrey stated that the District is eligible for an incentive from Southern California Edison as a result of the lighting retrofits in our twelve schools for 1999. The potential rebate is approximately \$25,000 which the District could possibly receive from the Edison Company, and this income would be placed in the General Fund. IEC, Inc. will receive 25% of the rebate for their services.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Kim Guth, and carried unanimously that the Board ratify the contract with IEC, Inc. for the purpose of obtaining available incentives from Southern California Edison for the lighting retrofits implemented by the Fullerton School District in the calendar year 1999.

4d. APPROVE CALIFORNIA STATE CLASSROOM LIBRARY FUNDS GRANTS FOR K-4

Dr. Judy Lieb stated that this is a new State grant which will provide funding for K-4 classrooms for reading materials, funded on a per pupil basis. In order to obtain these funds, the District needed to develop a classroom library plan which was presented at the last Board meeting. Dr. Lieb stated that the main difference between the two grants is that one is for classroom library K-4 and the other is for the school library, and that both have purchase restrictions.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve California State Classroom Library Funds Grants for K-4.

4e. APPROVE CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDS GRANT RECERTIFICATION

Dr. Judy Lieb stated that this grant is to allocate funds to school library purchases for materials which the District received last year. This year the District is eligible to receive the funds again, but the District must resubmit the library plan that the Board previously approved. The committee will submit an evaluation summary and evaluation plan to the State Department for approval. Dr. Lieb thanked the committee members present: Lynn Thornley, Mimi Gaudette, Carolyn Eckert, Janet Steger, and Jackie Pearce.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve California State School Library Funds Grant Recertification.

4f. AUTHORIZE DISTRICT STAFF TO PURCHASE UP TO SEVEN 960 SQUARE FOOT RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS

Dr. Patricia Godfrey stated that the District has two challenges in planning for next year at the elementary level: 1) student growth, and 2) student retention. The General Fund budget that the Board adopted in June, 1999 included \$600,000 allocated to cover seven portables, fully installed. Dr. Godfrey stressed the importance for the portables to be ordered and in line by late Spring because staff and Board will have information regarding student enrollment at the sites and can then determine where the portables will be best utilized.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees authorize District staff to purchase up to seven 960 square foot relocatable classrooms for elementary school sites for the upcoming 2000-2001 school year.

4g. AWARD CONTRACTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS/NETWORK CABLING AND EQUIPMENT

Tony Anderson, Director of Information Services, stated that this is a federal program that provides subsidies to schools for providing telephone services and networking. Mr. Anderson participated in a job walk of five schools with 20 vendors to open bids.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees award contracts for telecommunications/network cabling and equipment.

4h. APPROVE REVISED BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS 1312.3 UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Dr. Lynch stated that this revised Board Policy was presented to the Board at the last Board meeting.

Trustee Guth suggested changing the wording in section 2h-5, second paragraph, under Investigation of Complaint, to read "other involved parties".

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, with the change discussed and presented.

5. REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ron Cooper stated that Christopher Nance was the motivational speaker at the Golden Hill assembly encouraging children to read, and he made a presentation the following morning on TV.

Dr. Cooper informed the Board that due to a tragic event, FETA mediation cannot move forward at this time and will be rescheduled.

Dr. Cooper stated he attended the Laguna Road Millennium Assembly and noted a highlight was when Harold Sullivan donated his saddle shoes to the time capsule. The kindergarten class this year will open the time capsule when they are in the sixth grade.

Dr. Cooper stated that teachers at 6 of the 12 Modernization schools (Hermosa, Commonwealth, Golden Hill, Acacia, Woodcrest, and Raymond) are back in their classrooms.

Dr. Cooper asked Trustee Pogue to comment on the Census Meeting they attended recently. Trustee Pogue encouraged any resident who is interested in working for the Census, which occurs every 10 years, to go to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, located at 801 East Chapman Avenue. Census counts are utilized to allocate funds to schools, Meals on Wheels, Head Start, job training, and many other programs.

Dr. Cooper distributed to the Board information regarding the 2000 California Budget Summary, the Governor's Budget, and Proposition 26. Trustee Guth stated that campaign literature should not be distributed at the Board table.

Dr. Cooper invited everyone to the Spelling Bee on Friday, January 14, at Golden Hill School.

Dr. Cooper noted that the Ladera Vista band performed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, and that Fullerton Mayor Dick Jones was so impressed that the band will play at the first City Council Meeting of the Millennium.

6. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Pogue stated that in March, 1999, 10 students from Japan visited District families and in July, 2000, 10 of the District's junior high students will be going to Japan to learn the customs, food, courtesies, and language.

Trustee Fisler stated that he hoped District staff will impress on our students how important volunteer work is, and that it is a basis for good citizenship in this country.

Trustee Ballard stated that the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee visited Valencia Park School in an attempt to see the results of Modernization and the impact it makes on students, teachers, and the campuses. Trustee Ballard commented on the marvelous deep sea murals that surround the school, noting their calming effect. Trustee Ballard commended Dr. Caillet's Board letter and is astounded by the work that Dr. Caillet, Ana Stover, Janet Steger, Billie Holt, Suzanne Crago-Schneider, and Darlene Cox are accomplishing. Lastly, Trustee Ballard complimented President Sugarman for implementing the new agenda and inviting speakers from the Fullerton community to attend the Board meeting.

President Sugarman stated citizens in California voted to pass a law stating that a certain percent of income is to go to the schools to benefit our students. Governor Davis stated education will be a priority, yet he has taken the funds which Californians are entitled to and made them restricted funds. President Sugarman emphasized school allocated funds should not have strings attached.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as presented.

7a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This item was pulled from Consent and approved at the beginning of the meeting.

7b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approved the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments, Resignations).

7c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approved the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Classification, Increase/Reduce Hours, Longevity Increase, New Hires, Extend/Remove Working Out of Classification, Resignations, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Terminations, and Transfers).

7d. APPROVE CLASSIFIED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHERYL BRADEN

That the Board of Trustees approve classified tuition reimbursement for Cheryl Braden.

7e. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 022B0331 through 022X0253 for 1999/2000.

7f. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 200521 through 200561 for 1999/2000.

7g. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 9145 through 9464 in the amount of \$2,131,187.68.

7h. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 8830 through 8938 in the amount of \$83,277.41.

7i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt resolutions 99/00-B031 through 99/00-B041 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

7j. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

That the Board of Trustees unanimously accept gifts to the District and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors, as listed on 7j-2.

Trustee Ballard stated that Lauralyn Eschner was very happy and expressed her thanks for the generous gifts totaling \$20,000, and \$6,000 from the District's Foundation. These funds will be directed toward the "All the Arts for All the Kids" program and Fine Arts Teacher Grants programs.

Trustee Fislser stated that it would be very nice for the Board to read the gift list at the Board meetings, and President Sugarman proceeded to do so.

7k. APPROVE 1999/2000 OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

That the Board of Trustees approve 1999/2000 overnight field trips for Rolling Hills, Valencia Park, and Woodcrest Schools.

7l. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LIQUIDATION COMPANY

That the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Liquidation Company to provide professional auction services to the Fullerton School District for the disposal of surplus items.

7m. APPROVE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the amount of the contract with C.F. Environmental, Inc. to an amount not to exceed \$295,500.00.

7n. RATIFY CHANGE ORDER #2 TO PROJECTIVE DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

That the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order #2 to Projective Development International, Inc. in the deductive amount of \$6,229.00 for the reconstruction of Beechwood School, FSD Project #98/99-6.

7o. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL CONVERSION, FSD PROJECT #98/99-6

That the Board of Trustees approve the Notice of Completion and accept as complete the Beechwood School Conversion, FSD Project #98/99-6, by Projective Development International, Inc. for a total amount of \$1,005,908.00 and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for possible future agenda items.

9. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events for the period of January 12 through 25, 2000.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on January 11, 2000 at 9:30 p.m.

Kim Guth, Clerk

Board of Trustees