

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday October 24, 2000****7:00 P.M.****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, October 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Billie Holt, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, 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 (absent)
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Assistance League President Marilyn Paris and member Pat Finley were introduced and commended for the League's "Operation School Bell" program which generously donates uniforms to students who may not otherwise have the funds for clothing. The Assistance League, with the partnership of the Fullerton School of Optometry, also provides vision

screening and vision referrals for students. The League has provided assistance to public and private schools in Fullerton for 50 years.

Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance, stated that the District is participating in Red Ribbon Week during October 23 through October 31 which is an annual, nationwide celebration. Ladera Vista students Andy Jones and Christine Park presented a brief history on the origin of this observance.

Dr. Linda Caillet introduced Ellie Ruggieri, recipient of the "Above and Beyond" Recognition Award in appreciation of her work in Instructional Support Services, Curriculum Staff Development, and Student Support Services. Dr. Caillet noted that Mrs. Ruggieri is readily available to lend a helping hand for all of these services and more.

REPORTS: PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

There were no reports at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Kim Guth, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on October 10, 2000.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. 2000 THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Cooper stated that the 200-page report has been available for review in Business Services. Dr. Godfrey noted that from July to September, 2000, earnings generated an interest rate of 6.6%, and the District can expect about the same for the following quarter.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-04 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED DISTRICT CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ORANGE COUNTY

Dr. Cooper stated that the law requires government agencies to review their Conflict of Interest codes every two years in order to ensure that Board members do not use their influence to make decisions that would cause them financial gain.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Robert Fisler, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #00/01-04 authorizing submission of the revised District Conflict of Interest Code to the Board of Supervisors of Orange County.

4b. APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2000-01 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION FOR FUNDING CATEGORICAL AID PROGRAMS, PART II

Dr. Ron Cooper stated that Part II of the application reflects and outlines the distribution of funds allocated from the State and Federal government for various categorical programs. Dr.

Cooper noted that he and Dr. Caillet have met with the District's junior high school principals in order to look at other funding resources that would equalize funding to the junior high schools. Dr. Caillet stated that Nicolas has received Title 1 funding which is part of their categorical funding. Dr. Caillet further stated that Ladera Vista was given \$25,000 in discretionary funds to add to their computer lab and other projects which will bring their funding to a more equitable amount.

Trustee Guth stated her concerns regarding the inequity of funds distributed to the junior high schools from the State.

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, explained the application procedures for school improvement funds, and noted that Parks Junior High received a full grant because they submitted their application during the initial school improvement phase.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the 2000-01 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II.

4c. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY BASED TUTORING PROGRAM FUNDING AND ASSURANCES

Dr. Cooper briefly explained the program and recommended that it continue. Laurel Estrada, Coordinator of ELL Services and Special Programs, explained that first-year funding was accomplished, and the program was set up at one site. Ms. Estrada stated that the program expanded to its current capacity in the second year, and the State doubled money that they originally anticipated for CBET, so the carryover is comprised of both amounts. This amount will fund all the programs. Ms. Estrada further stated that parents signed a pledge to tutor children.

Dr. Caillet stated that the District is just starting to see level four graduates and is working on coordinating with the after school program to do volunteer hours, so the District can begin to count, and hopefully note, an increase in students' test scores.

Trustee Guth stated that there are many English language classes available in the community already, and the District should not support this program.

Trustee Fidler noted that the problem is a lack of English spoken in the homes.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") to approve acceptance of Community Based Tutoring Program Funding and Assurances per Education Code 300-340, and Title 5, California Code Regulations Sections 11300-11305, for the purposes of providing English-language instruction to parents and other community members who pledge to provide personal English language tutoring to children and school aged youth from limited-English proficiency (LEP) backgrounds for the 2000-2001 school year.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously to approve the

Consent Items as presented.

5a. APPROVE/RATIFY CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify certificated personnel report as submitted (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments).

5b. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 122B0221 through 122Z0079 for 2000/2001.

5c. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300200 through 300260 for 2000/2001.

5d. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 14081 through 14312 in the amount of \$894,012.97.

5e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 9595 through 9684 in the amount of \$257,165.35 for 2000/2001.

5f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions #00/01-B017 through #00/01-B020 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

5g. 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 5g-2.

5h. RATIFY/APPROVE LECTURERS

1) The Imagination Machine on October 24, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$900; 2) The Imagination Machine on March 16, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$390; 3) Patti Christensen, Cyndi Jones, Leah Lawrence, and Monica Taylor between October 25, 2000 and June 14, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$33,696.

5i. APPROVE 2000/2001 OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

That the Board of Trustees approve the 2000/2001 overnight field trips for District teachers and students on dates and times requested at no cost to the District.

5j. RATIFY MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify mileage reimbursement to the parents of GATE students (ID#s 743407, 642684, 642683, 743519, 743518) for mileage to and from Sunset Lane to Hermosa Drive School.

5k. APPROVE 2000/2001 AGREEMENT WITH PATHFINDER RANCH OUTDOOR EDUCATION SCHOOL

That the Board of Trustees approve the 2000/2001 Agreement with Pathfinder Ranch Outdoor Education School for overnight field trip for Woodcrest School at no cost to the District.

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

There were no requests for future agenda items.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR OCTOBER 25, 2000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2000

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from October 25, 2000 through November 7, 2000.

President Sugarman announced that the November 7 Board Meeting is on Election Day, and the Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cooper stated that he has continued to visit District schools and noted that it is evident that having two principals at Valencia Park School allows them to focus on primary and intermediate instruction. Dr. Cooper indicated that Laguna Road's National Election simulation was a fine example of showing students how the election process works. Dr. Cooper thanked Mr. Fisler for coordinating the Retired Teachers Association with the "Day of the Reader" program.

Lauralynn Eschner, Coordinator of Fine Arts, stated that nearly \$25,000 was raised at the Artists' Pin Auction. Ms. Eschner thanked the 125 artists and volunteers who donated their artwork and provided hard work and support.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Sugarman stated that Scott Cleere of Creative Athletics is presenting a day of innovative physical education activities for Laguna Road students on Thursday, October 26, with emphasis on the spirit of cooperative play in a variety of sports and games from around the world. Students will be given the opportunity to explore the many applications of unique equipment provided and will be invited to return to the school that evening with their families to go over what was learned.

President Sugarman stated her support of Bob Singer who is running for the position of Representative at Large of the Orange County School Boards Association.

Trustee Ballard stated how fortunate the District is to have kind, giving people in the community who support our schools and students. Trustee Ballard thanked the Fullerton Assistance League, Children's League, Art Foundation, Educational Foundation, Rotary Club, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and the Needlework Guild.

Trustee Pogue noted that the Fullerton Children's League is in need of members to continue supporting the third grade programs at the Fullerton Arboretum, and asked the public to contact her for membership information.

Trustee Fisler stated his concerns that the District has put the responsibility of sick and injured students on school site office managers, due to limited nurse availability. Mr. Fisler distributed copies of a newspaper article regarding research studies conducted on children acting as interpreters for their families, and the effects of this.

Trustee Guth commended teacher Sherry Ringer for maintaining control over the unfortunate accident that occurred in front of Parks Junior High recently. Trustee Guth stated her concerns that junior high school sex education films promote "safer sex" rather than abstinence, and that it might be more appropriate at the high school level.

President Sugarman stated that the Board would recess into Closed Session to ratify Compromise and Release Agreement for special education student (MIS ID#90-00648) for attorney fees incurred in the amount of \$450.00 [Education Code Section 35146]; ratify Compromise and Release Agreement for special education student (MIS ID#93-00277) for settlement of attorney fees incurred in the amount of \$13,000.00 [Education Code Section 35146]; and Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release [Government Code Sections 54954.5(d), 54957].

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Sugarman reported that the Board approved the Compromise and Release Agreements for attorney fees incurred for special education student (MIS ID#90-00648) and special education student (MIS ID#93-00277).

ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on October 24, 2000 at 10:45 p.m.

Kim Guth, Clerk

Board of Trustees