

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, April 27, 1999****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 Marjorie Pogue on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. Gretchen Francisco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**1b. ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

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

Administration:

- Ron Cooper, Superintendent
- Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (Absent)
- Marie Sweet, Secretary to the Superintendent (Absent)

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and conducted Expulsion Hearing 98/99-10 pursuant to Education Code section 48900(c). The Board recessed into deliberation at 6:08 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:23 p.m. Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Kim

Guth and carried unanimously 4-0 that the findings and conclusions of the Board be adopted and that the student be expelled from all the schools and programs of the District for the remainder of the semester in which the act occurred and the following semester. The student will be referred to another school within the District for placement.

## **RECESS**

The Board recessed from 6:25 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. Peter Jenisch, teacher at Acacia School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. April 27, 1999

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Karin Lynch presented the District's nominees for Teacher of the Year: Peter Jenisch, 5th grade teacher from Acacia; Cristina Allen, 1/2 combo teacher from Commonwealth; Pat Murphy, 1st grade teacher from Fern Drive; Janes Graves, 4th grade teacher from Hermosa Drive; Karen Beecher, 7th grade teacher from Ladera Vista; Randa Schmalfeld, 5/6 combo teacher from Laguna Road; Dorinda Mas, 1st grade teacher from Maple; Barbara Finnell, 7th/8th grade teacher from Nicolas; Suzanne Carr, 3rd grade teacher from Orangethorpe; Val Quitral, 2nd grade teacher from Pacific Drive; Belle Sprague, 7th grade teacher from Parks; Elizabeth Ellison, 5th grade teacher from Raymond; Betty Othmer, 2nd grade teacher from Richman; Linda Kelley, 3rd grade teacher from Sunset Lane; Beverly Cole, 1st grade teacher from Woodcrest. Dr. Lynch then announced the District's selection to advance to the County level competition is Randa Schmalfeld.

Dr. Ron Cooper introduced and welcomed Dr. Kit Dameron, new principal for Sunset Lane School. He noted that Dr. Dameron has bachelor's and master's degrees in Special Education, a doctorate from the University of La Verne in Educational Management, has been Associate Professor at two universities, and spent several years as a principal.

## **1c. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mimi Gaudette, president of the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association, commented that each year the California Teachers Association awards school districts who have been very involved in politics and in their school board campaigns. She was very pleased to announce that the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association won the Orange County Chapter in Politics award this year and now will proceed to the State competition.

Nancy Carter, Kindergarten teacher at Richman School, thanked the District for providing instructional aides. She noted the teachers sincerely appreciate the smaller class sizes as well as the funds, this year, to provide more reading materials and equipment for the students.

## **2. CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as supplemented with 2b-3.

#### 2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 6, 1999 and the Special Board Meeting on April 8, 1999.

#### 2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

#### 2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Classifications, Decrease/Increase Hours, Leaves of Absence, New Hires, Promotions, Reclassifications, Resignations, Remove/Add Working Out of Classification, Salary Upgrades, Terminations, and Transfers).

#### 2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 922L0045 through 922X0233 for 1998/99.

#### 2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify food services purchase orders numbered 989975 through 990036 for 1998/99.

#### 2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 4864 through 5261 in the amount of \$1,434,843.09.

#### 2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify food services warrants numbered 8206 through 8277 in the amount of \$190,922.26.

#### 2h. APPROVE PURCHASE OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve purchase of audio visual equipment from multiple bidders, Aves Audio Visual Systems, Inc., Troxell Communications, Inc., Hoffman Video Systems, and Wholesale Educational Supplier, under the terms and conditions of a contract awarded by the Orange Unified School District (Bid #456) pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 20118; and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the Fullerton School District to purchase these products using the bid awarded by the Orange Unified School District.

#### 2i. 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 2i-2 and 2i-3.

#### 2j. AMEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees amend a nonpublic school contract with Speech and Language Development Center for a special education student (MIS ID#90-00648) effective January 25, 1999 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$14,891.25.

#### 2k. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic school contract with Florence Crittenton School for a special education student (MIS ID#99-00420) effective April 19, 1999 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$8,543.80.

#### 2l. RATIFY GRANT APPLICATION

That the Board of Trustees ratify a grant application for the Child Nutrition Summer Food Service Program Start-Up Grant.

#### 2m. APPROVE FIELD TRIP

That the Board of Trustees approve a field trip for Acacia 5th grade students to Sea World in San Diego.

#### 2n. APPROVE USE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BID

That the Board of Trustees approve use of the Los Angeles County Office of Education bid for standard school supplies and cut stock paper, and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these items through the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

#### 2o. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH JS CONTAINER, INC.

That the Board of Trustees ratify an agreement with JS Container, Inc. for rental of ocean cargo (sea) containers for storage of materials during Modernization construction.

#### 2p. APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEXTEL CELL PHONE RADIO EQUIPMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve purchase of Nextel cell phone radio equipment and monthly service charges.

Trustee Guth asked if the phone usage would be monitored and if there is a written policy to give employees guidance. Mike Brito responded that the monthly bills are itemized and each department head will review. Mr. Brito also noted there would be training for employees regarding proper use.

#### 2q. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF ENCLOSED RESPONSE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

That the Board of Trustees approve submission of enclosed response to the Orange County

Grand Jury with regard to findings on leaf blower pollution hazards in Orange County.

2r. RATIFY CHANGE ORDER #1 TO UNITED CONTRACTORS, INC.

That the Board of Trustees ratify change order #1 to United Contractors, Inc. in the additive amount of \$665.00 for electrical service upgrades at Nicolas Junior High School and Rolling Hills School, FSD Project #98/99-1.

2s. RATIFY AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NEPTUNE, THOMAS, DAVIS

That the Board of Trustees ratify an addendum to the agreement with Neptune, Thomas, Davis for architectural services related to interim housing for Modernization sites at a cost not to exceed \$107,000.00.

2t. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Orange County Performing Arts Center at Parks Junior High on May 26, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$350; 2) Rosina Didyk at various schools from April 28, 1999 through June 17, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000; 3) Chrystal Helmcke at various schools from April 28, 1999 through June 17, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,400; 4) Sandy Bryant at Acacia School on May 21, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$80.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. UPDATE ON BEECHWOOD

Dr. Fred Good of PJHM Architects stated that the Beechwood project is more than half way through the contract period with the general contractor and is very close to being on schedule. Dr. Good expressed the importance of staying on schedule as well as maintaining the budget. He also noted that due to many change orders, there may be a small credit pool.

Dr. Good explained some background information regarding the Attendance Boundary Committee and what was proposed and approved in January. He discussed the enrollment issue at Beechwood and presented to the Board the idea of student attendance at 14A, 23A, and 30A being considered for inclusion in that boundary. Dr. Good also mentioned the possibility of Beechwood as the location in which continuing new interdistrict transfers could be placed.

Dr. Good discussed the boundary changes being considered for Fern Drive, Golden Hill, and Pacific Drive. He noted they would be similar to the small boundary changes that were implemented last year between Valencia Park and Pacific Drive which were very successful.

Trustee Guth noted the District should move slowly with boundary changes and asked Dr. Good how changing boundaries fits into future enrollment projections. Dr. Good responded that the intent of the Attendance Boundary Committee was to create a Beechwood attendance boundary as well as ease overcrowding at some District schools.

Trustee Sugarman commented she is hopeful the District will be sensitive and inform each family on a personal level.

Trustee Ballard noted that looking ahead at the long-term is what is best for the students, and the suggested changes Dr. Good proposes are very good. Trustee Ballard commented the District should proceed with the suggestions.

President Pogue commented the suggested changes make sense and also present good safety measures for the students.

Trustee Sugarman suggested to Dr. Good that it would be helpful to have a picture of the future school posted, and Dr. Good responded this had been requested.

Dr. Ron Cooper explained the District would send a letter to parents in 14A, 23A, and 30A informing them of the possibility of boundary changes for Fern Drive, Golden Hill, and Pacific Drive, and this would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Sugarman asked to have an update on Beechwood's relationship with Cal State Fullerton. Sue Faassen explained what the partnership with the Education Department at Cal State Fullerton would provide, i.e., student teachers and professors in the classes.

#### 3b. 1998/99 THIRD QUARTER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Board reviewed the 1998/99 Third Quarter Conference Attendance Report.

Trustee Sugarman thanked and commended District employee Jayne Sadler for her efforts in obtaining a refund from a conference five staff members attended which they felt was not up to standard.

#### 3c. 1999 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

President Pogue noted the report exceeds 200 pages and is available for review in the Business Office during regular business hours.

### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

#### 4a. APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve a Special Board Meeting on May 6, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 4b. APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve a Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop on June 15, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

#### 4c. APPROVE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5144 (STUDENT DISCIPLINE)

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve proposed changes to Administrative Regulation 5144 (Student Discipline).

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ron Cooper thanked President Pogue for the moment of silence at the beginning of the Board Meeting in recognition of the victims in Colorado. Dr. Cooper reported that at the Management Meeting and PTA Council Meeting, the Fullerton Police Department discussed the preparedness of the District if an incident like the Colorado tragedy occurred.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Sugarman thanked Ellen Fisher for the information she provided the Board Members after the Colorado tragedy regarding safety programs/procedures for the children in the District.

Trustee Sugarman commented on the article in the CSEA (California School Employees Association) Newsletter which discussed a ballot issue called the Charter Student Act. She thanked CSEA for bringing this to the attention of classified employees and noted it should also be brought to the attention of the certificated employees.

Trustee Sugarman mentioned this is National TV-Turn-Off Week and is hopeful students and families are aware of this.

Trustee Sugarman thanked everyone for their care and concern while she was ill.

Trustee Ballard reported she is pleased that Valencia Park School has set high writing standards for their students.

Trustee Guth reported she attended the Youth Expo and commented it was a wonderful event.

Trustee Guth also commented on the article in the CSEA Newsletter and is anxious to obtain further information regarding this ballot initiative.

Trustee Guth noted the Colorado tragedy and expressed her concern that communities need to return to being faith-centered.

Trustee Guth appreciated the information from Ellen Fisher regarding safety programs procedures for the children in the District.

Correction to 2a-8

Trustee Guth noted May 6 is the National Day of Prayer and commented there will be many

events related to that in the City.

Trustee Guth distributed a copy of a news article regarding Volunteers to the Board Members.

Trustee Fisler expressed his shock and sadness regarding the Colorado tragedy.

Trustee Fisler is concerned about how the schools in the District respond when they see a stranger on campus. He is disturbed that he has walked on school campuses at the noon hour and has not been approached or questioned.

Trustee Fisler reported he had attended several Open House events at the schools and is pleased to hear parents say how happy they are with the schools.

Trustee Fisler commented he and several members of the Retired Teachers Association read at Valencia Park School.

President Pogue reported that the Assistance League had 32 people from the community as their guests. She discussed the Operation School Bell program and how it benefits the students in the District.

President Pogue commented that the Sister City Association reported that the Main Library will be displaying art from Japan, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, and our District's "All the Arts for All the Kids".

President Pogue worked with the children at the Green Scene and noted this was the largest event they had.

Trustee Fisler commented he had not heard a report regarding the meetings of the School Board's Association's political action committee. Trustee Guth responded she had attended and that the information at the meeting was not applicable to our District.

## **5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE**

### **5a. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from April 28 through May 11, 1999 and noted the Valencia Park festival time was changed from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Board also noted the classrooms at Nicolas Junior High would not be open for their Open House night because of Modernization, but will have meeting areas in the quad.

## **BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee Guth requested a Resolution be discussed at the May 6, 1999 Special Board Meeting regarding opposition of AB222.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board announced there would be no Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Pogue adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Ellen Ballard, Clerk  
Board of Trustees