

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, September 14, 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, September 14, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. Mimi Gaudette 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 (Absent)
- Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

1c. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carolyn Eckert, Fullerton Library Division Manager, informed the Board that the Fullerton Main Children's Library is now completely closed and students must use the Hunt Branch Library. Ms. Eckert emphasized that the Hunt Branch Library is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons, and there is printed information available pertaining to the hours of operation and information.

Dr. Linda Caillet was pleased to introduce the new Director of Instructional Support Services, Ana Stover.

SPECIAL SESSION (5:00 P.M.)

Dr. Linda Caillet explained to the Board that the Pulliam Group would be presenting graphs of the SAT-9 test score data which will be used to better work in conjunction with the District's schools and to collaboratively set goals for school improvement. Dr. Caillet also noted that the graphs are different from prior test score reporting methods because of a new direction that the State is taking.

Dr. Leslie Pulliam, Dr. Linda Lenertz, and Mr. Bob Corkrum from the Pulliam Group presented graphs which gave an overview of the District's achievement data. Dr. Pulliam explained that the intention of the graphs was to give the Board more information on how the State is using the data so that the District will be better aware of what the press does with the data and how there could be a discrepancy in what the District perceives is happening and what is being recorded Statewide.

INTRODUCTIONS (7:00 P.M.)

Janet Steger, Coordinator of Curriculum and Staff Development, presented the following Mentor Teachers for the 1999/2000 school year (the Mentor Teachers were approved at the June 22, 1999 Board Meeting but were unavailable for introduction because of summer break):

Karen Bell - Beechwood School - Writing and Mathematics (continuing Mentor); Naomi Jue - Acacia School - Visual and Performing Arts; Kathy Kellerman - Acacia School - History/Social Science, Writing; Kay Krausman - Laguna Road School - Science; Randa Schmalfeld - Laguna Road School - History/Social Science, Combination Classes

Not present: Karen Alvarado - Orangethorpe School - Mathematics; Sandy Dellalonga - Commonwealth School - Visual and Performing Arts; Karen Green - Raymond School - Technology; Debbie Rhoads - Laguna Road School - Writing; Kyle Stava - Valencia Park School - Technology (continuing Mentor)

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as presented with the exception of item 2b which was requested by Trustee Sugarman to be pulled and heard separately and item 2c which was requested by Trustee Guth to be pulled and heard separately.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 24, 1999.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

This item was pulled from Consent and heard separately.

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

That the Board of Trustees approve classified tuition reimbursements for Melinda Taylor and Shannon Thompson.

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 022B0191 through 022X0105 for 1999/2000.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 200049 through 200131 for 1999/2000.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 7152 through 7468 in the amount of \$8,408,199.92.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 8538 through 8547 in the amount of \$46,316.95 for 1999/2000.

2h. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 99/00-B06 through 99/00-B09 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according the Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

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.

2j. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

That the Board of Trustees approve Change Order No. 1 to Herzog Electric, Inc. in the deductive amount of \$3,245.00 for site work for 48 interim housing portable buildings at 12 schools, Project FSD-MOD-9.

2k. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

That the Board of Trustees approve the Notice of Completion and accept as complete the site work for 48 interim housing portable buildings at 12 schools, Project FSD-MOD-9, by Herzog Electric, Inc. for a total amount of \$315,555.00 and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office.

2l. RATIFY CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

That the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order No. 1 to West Coast Air Conditioning Company, Inc. in the additive amount of \$71,347.00 for Modernization, Package 1, Project

FSD-MOD-1.

2m. RATIFY CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

That the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order No. 1 to West Coast Air Conditioning Company, Inc. in the additive amount of \$238,284.50 for Modernization, Package 2, Project FSD-MOD-2.

2n. RATIFY/APPROVE MASTER INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve the Master Independent Contractor Agreement with Susan Fitzpatrick, Occupational Therapist.

2o. APPROVE LECTURERS

This item was pulled from Consent and heard separately.

2p. APPROVE THE UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR 1998/99

That the Board of Trustees approve the Unaudited Actuals for 1998/99 as presented and concurrently approve the fund balance changes as the District's 1999/2000 beginning budgeted balances.

2q. APPROVE RENEWAL OF STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENTS

That the Board of Trustees approve renewal of student teaching agreements for the 1999/2000 school year with Biola University, Concordia University, and Whittier College.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Sugarman noted her objections to three separate requests for approval from the Latchkey Budget. Trustee Sugarman asked Dr. Karin Lynch to explain to the Board the discrepancies in the hourly pay and the overage projected for this fiscal year.

Dr. Lynch explained that the contractual aspects of the program are based on the classification an employee holds, not the position held. She also explained the difficulty in hiring someone to work the morning hours prior to school hours.

Glenda Thompson, principal of Maple School, explained that some accredited teachers have been hired to work the one hour in the morning. The District has chosen to offer morning care per the State contract. If the Board opted to change this, the State would require 90 days' notice.

Trustee Guth noted that the Board should reevaluate the application for next year.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Reemployed Retiree, Administrative Retiree, Extra Duty Assignments, Variable Term Waiver Requests, Resignations).

2o. APPROVE LECTURERS

Trustee Guth noted her objection to what she feels are excessively high rates per hour and suggested making art a regular program in the classroom.

Lauralyn Eschner, Coordinator of Fine Arts, informed the Board that some of the lecturers have Master's Degrees in Fine Arts and are professionals in the arts arena. Ms. Eschner indicated the rates are well within the lines of the going pay scale.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers:

1) Chad Granier, Greg Adamson, Melinda Dacuycuy, Rosina Didyk, Istvan Szabo, Dawn Dyson, Melanie Vogel, Linda King Pruitt, Helen Priester, Christine Palmer, Dale Jones, Margie Gonzalez, Nancy Estes, Deborah Collins, Jenny Chun, Mary Ann Brown, Kathy Ayeh at various schools during the 1999/2000 school year at a cost not to exceed \$135,705; 2) Katherine England during the 1999/2000 school year at a cost not to exceed \$3,000; 3) Molly Minor during the 1999/2000 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.

Trustee Fislser requested an Action Item be placed on the agenda at this time. After some Board discussion, President Pogue announced that this item did not qualify as an emergency situation or a safety issue, and, therefore, will be placed on the agenda for the September 28 Board Meeting.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Administrative Reports.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR MITIGATION OF SCHOOL FACILITY IMPACTS

Dr. Patricia Godfrey informed the Board that District staff and the Van Daele Corporation have been discussing the school fees to be paid relative to the lots that were approved at the Northwest corner of State College and Bastanchury. Dr. Godfrey recommends the Board approve the mitigation agreement with Van Daele Corporation.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement for Mitigation of School Facility Impacts.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Sugarman thanked Janet Steger for the Back to School Academy and also thanked Dr. Patricia Godfrey and Mrs. Ellen Fisher for setting up the Modernization offices. Trustee Sugarman thanked the Food Services staff for assisting parents in completing the required forms for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

Trustee Sugarman reported that Sunset Lane School is collecting General Mills box tops and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Trustee Ballard thanked Tony Anderson and his staff in Instructional Services for the grade level expectations and the Promotion/Retention booklet, and she also thanked Ellen Fisher and Konnie Gault for tracking enrollment figures. Trustee Ballard commended Fanny Steele and the Maintenance and Operations employees for their efforts during Modernization.

Trustee Guth noted her criticism of the Math Workshop she attended at the Back to School Academy. Trustee Guth stated she is pleased with the Standardized Work Scores and the progress some of the District's schools have made. She noted the State of California recognized Fullerton School District as having six "under performing" schools identified for immediate intervention.

Trustee Guth discussed an editorial written by Chancellor Charles B. Reed which stated that many sophomore year college students at the University level are not able to return to the University even after a full year of remedial Math and English. Trustee Guth expressed concern regarding a parent newsletter that discussed the Bond election issue and discourages the PTA's from discussing the Bond issue until the District has completed its survey.

Trustee Fisler commented he attended two sessions at the Back to School Academy: Science and Junior High Reading, and he also attended the Beechwood School opening and noted it was very enjoyable. Trustee Fisler informed the Board that this year the School Board Association will emphasize "PAGE" (political action of the School Board Association) a great deal because they feel very strongly that local control has been minimal.

President Pogue stated that Trustee Fisler was the recipient of the 85th Annual Fullerton Chamber of Commerce distinguished "Citizen of the Year" award. President Pogue commented that the PTA is more interested in the fact that if there are Bond measures, there should be a majority vote rather than a 2/3 majority vote. President Pogue reported she toured District school facilities with Jason Smith of Education Research.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER

The Board of Trustees declared their intent to reappoint Mr. Richard Mathewson to the Classified Personnel Commission.

5b. DISCUSSION OF DARE PROGRAM/INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Mr. Tony Valla, former Board Member, expressed his thanks to the Fullerton Police Department regarding their participation in the DARE Program in the District's schools. Mr. Valla feels that the program is beneficial to the schools and stressed the DARE Program increases closeness between the police officers and the students. Mr. Valla feels it should not become an afternoon program.

Trustee Kim Guth provided the Board with copies of articles regarding the DARE Program and emphasized that primary concern should be the academic outcome of our students. Trustee Guth noted three recent studies concluded that DARE has no measurable effects on the propensity for our children to use drugs, and Trustee Guth questioned whether the District should sacrifice academic instructional time for a program that she feels doesn't accomplish it's stated purpose.

Trustee Fisler stated he feels that there is not a large percentage of students who are taking drugs in the Fullerton School District and indicated the Board needs to trust the recommendations of District staff.

Trustee Sugarman commented when DARE officers are on campuses, attendance increases as well as increased faith and trust in police officers. Trustee Sugarman asked Detective Klein to reevaluate the curriculum and number of sessions. Trustee Guth feels that the District should not eliminate the program but should certainly look at a different way to utilize the program.

President Marjorie Pogue stated it is her opinion that what parents do (drugs/alcohol) is ultimately what children will do. President Pogue is opposed to removing the DARE Program from the classroom and making it an after school program.

Trustee Guth stated the Board needs clarification as to what the DARE program's objectives are and requests a recommendation be given to the Board based upon the research and the District's stated objective. Trustee Ballard noted that District staff should obtain a report from Detective Joe Klein of the Fullerton Police Department regarding his perception of the DARE program in the District's schools.

5c. DISCUSSION OF ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL DRESS CODE FOR EMPLOYEES

Mimi Gaudette, president of FETA, stated that Principals should have the authority to address any inappropriate dress of teachers rather than adopting a dress code for the District.

After considerable Board discussion, it was agreed that principals should determine what is appropriate dress for teachers.

Mr. Tony Valla commented he believes adopting a dress code is an unreasonable request because of teachers' participation in P.E., etc.

5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from September 15 though September 28, 1999.

President Pogue reported that Vice President Hilda Sugarman will chair the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 28, 1999.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pogue adjourned the meeting on September 14, 1999 at 9:19 p.m.

Ellen Ballard, Clerk

Board of Trustees