

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, October 12, 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, October 12, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. President Pogue 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

1c. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to conference with labor negotiator Don Becker regarding the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. Marilyn White, principal of Valencia Park School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Dr. Ron Cooper introduced Mr. Joseph Colosimo, new Assistant Principal at Ladera Vista Junior High. Mr. Colosimo comes to the District from the Chino Valley Unified School District where he was a teaching vice principal.

President Pogue welcomed Superintendent Cooper back to the District from his medical leave.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items with the corrections and the additions, except for items 2j, 2l, and 2o, which were requested by Trustee Ballard to be pulled and heard separately, and item 2q, which President Pogue announced was pulled from Consent.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 28, 1999 as corrected on pages 2a-5 and 2a-6.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add/Delete Stipends, Deceased, Employ Summer School, Increase/Decrease Hours, Leaves of Absence, Longevity Increases, New Hires, Promotions, Resignations, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Summer Work, Terminations, Transfers, Voluntary Demotions, and Working Out of Classification).

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 022B0232 through 022X0144 for 1999/2000.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 200177 through 200219 for 1999/2000.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 7791 through 8035 in the

amount of \$834,303.55.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 8576 through 8617 in the amount of \$512,687.79 for 1999/2000.

2h. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 99/00-B010 through 99/00-B014 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

2i. ACCEPT GIFTS

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.

Trustee Guth expressed concern regarding the distribution of gifts (i.e., computers) donated to the District. Dr. Cooper explained that if the donor specifically asks for a site, their request will be honored. However, if the donor does not specify a site, the District will determine where the gift will be best utilized.

2j. ADOPT RESOLUTION

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of Trustee Ballard.

2k. ADOPT RESOLUTION

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #99/00-06 approving the First Use of Federal Child Nutrition Revenues.

Trustee Ballard thanked Andrea Reynolds for her analysis of this Resolution which can result in \$52,000 additional savings to the Cafeteria Fund.

2l. APPROVE AGREEMENT

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of Trustee Ballard.

2m. APPROVE 1999/2000 AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1999/2000 agreement with Orange County Department of Education for Inside the Outdoors Field and School Program, at no cost to the District.

2n. APPROVE FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve a Food Services contract with Custom Systems for the 1999/2000 school year in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

2o. APPROVE AGREEMENT

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of Trustee Ballard.

2p. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Vicki Schindele at Laguna Road and Rolling Hills Schools from October 13, 1999 through June 6, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$4,300; 2) Mad Science of Orange County at Golden Hill School from November 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500; 3) Laguna Playhouse Youth Theater at Rolling Hills School on October 26, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$600.

2q. APPROVE AMENDMENT

This item was pulled from Consent and deferred to a future Board Meeting.

2r. APPROVE 1999/2000 OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1999/2000 overnight field trips for District teachers and students on dates and times as requested on pages 2r-4 through 2r-14 at no cost to the District.

Trustee Sugarman noted that the State of California does not allow raffles, and, therefore, the word "raffles" should not be used in fund-raising activities as noted on page 2r-13. Trustee Sugarman also noted and questioned the fact that on page 2r-11 the "Fund-Raising Activities" section was left blank.

2s. RATIFY/APPROVE 1999/2000 NONPUBLIC AGENCY MASTER CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve the 1999/2000 nonpublic agency master contract with Nancy Press, Occupational Therapist.

2t. APPROVE THE CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK BEECHWOOD SCHOOL PETTY CASH CHECKING ACCOUNT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Citizens Business Bank Beechwood School petty cash checking account no. 250-454260 and approve the following Beechwood School positions as authorized signers: Principal and Office Manager.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2j. ADOPT RESOLUTION

Trustee Guth commented that use of the word "pandemic" is inappropriate, and that tobacco and alcohol use is legal among adults. Dr. Caillet explained that this Resolution comes from the California Department of Education, and there is a current emphasis on abstaining from tobacco.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #99/00-05 proclaiming October 25 through October 29, 1999 Red Ribbon Week in the Fullerton School District.

21. APPROVE AGREEMENT

Trustee Guth suggested this Item be deferred to a future agenda so the Board can read the contract. Trustee Guth asked that a correction to the contract reflect the verbiage "no more than 20% of the grant entitlement".

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously to table this item at this time.

2o. APPROVE AGREEMENT

Trustee Guth stated her concerns that the Bridges Program is not an effective after school program for increasing a student's reading ability, and the District should direct their resources academically. Dr. Caillet informed the Board that this program is an extended day program and will not replace any required after school interventions. Trustee Sugarman stressed that this program is used to strengthen students' cognitive and perceptual abilities.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") to approve an agreement with Bridges to provide learning centers at Commonwealth, Raymond, and Valencia Park Schools, and that this program be evaluated at the end of the school year.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

3a. SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Dr. Linda Caillet introduced the two co-directors of Summer School this year, Marilyn White and Gretchen Francisco, who shared the lead teacher position at Valencia Park and the directorship of Summer School Districtwide. Ms. White and Ms. Francisco have been responsible for developing the instructional components used to target teaching in a diagnostic and prescriptive nature. The Summer School Report concluded that the children responded very well, and all recommendations will be ascertained for next year's Summer School program.

3b. JUNIOR HIGH VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL: FACILITIES PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Fred Good of PJHM Architects presented the Board information on the issues concerning the internal student growth and potential new residential development in the District. Dr. Good discussed the possibility of placing 6th grade students in the junior high schools to alleviate the heavy burden of student growth at the elementary school levels. In conclusion, Dr. Good indicated that the junior high school facilities and relatively small lot sizes cannot accommodate another grade level. There was discussion regarding having all potential Valencia Park 7th and 8th grade students attend Parks Junior High, and the District's challenge will be to acquire funds to expand the school's facilities.

3c. STANDARDS BASED REPORT CARDS FOR GRADES 3-6

Dr. Linda Caillet reminded the Board that the direction of the District is to comply with all of the legal mandates of the retention requirements. Dr. Caillet informed the Board about the alignment of the District's curriculum and instructional program to the State's standards. Higher standards are constantly to be looked at and reinforced and used across the State. The need to develop a uniform report card for each site was considered. Dr. Caillet introduced Billie Holt, Program Specialist, to present the pilot report card to the Board for discussion and consideration. The student's report card will be presented to each parent at student conferences. The report card focuses on the achievement of the individual student based upon specific standards in content areas defined by the State and the Fullerton School District Standards Based Core Curriculum.

Mrs. Randa Schmalfeld, parent and teacher at Laguna Road School, provided the Board with a standpoint in favor of the consistency the report card will provide.

Miss Christy Guth, student, spoke in favor of using letter grades.

Mr. Chris Norby, parent and long time Fullerton resident, cautioned the Board against an arbitrary and sweeping prohibition of traditional grades. He stressed the importance of a detailed report card as an improvement, but should be incorporated with traditional letter grades.

Mrs. Paula Moreland-Dale, parent, questioned whether there would be a cost involved and hopes that there will be an effort by the Board for strong communication between parents, teachers, and students.

Trustee Guth questioned several items about the report cards and suggested that in order to show accountability to the parent, a percentile ranking should be included. Trustee Ballard agreed with implementing percentile ranking and noted that the new report cards will be a challenge for teachers because there are many measures of assessment.

Trustee Fislser expressed his concern about the different rate at which students learn.

Trustee Sugarman stressed that parents need to be flexible and extend an interest in understanding the new report cards. Trustee Sugarman also agreed that percentiles could be used favorably.

After considerable discussion, the Board requested that Dr. Caillet make two changes to the pilot report card that will be issued in December.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. AUTHORIZE THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES

Dr. Patricia Godfrey explained to the Board that the Board has often expressed energy consumption concerns, and the current systems require frequent operational maintenance, costing dollars and staff time. Dr. Godfrey stated one way to upgrade the District's energy systems is to use the concept of performance contracting which allows the District to try to pay for the cost of the upgraded equipment through energy savings. The goal is to use energy and operational savings and to maximize existing funding sources.

Nancy Rorabaugh, Energy Service Consultant of IEC (Independent Energy Consulting), presented a brief description to the Board of their services. Ms. Rorabaugh explained that there is no obligation until the contract phase is implemented. The company will conduct a feasibility study and will return with the results and a recommendation.

Board Members expressed concern regarding the already heavy load carried by Dr. Godfrey, Jim Lucey, and Andrea Reynolds and asked Dr. Godfrey if staff had time to take on this task. Dr. Godfrey replied that while time was not available, at least the preliminary study be performed for staff to review the results. Staff would then determine whether the results justified moving forward at this time.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to select a firm to prepare a preliminary proposal covering energy conservation and equipment retrofit measures.

4b. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees have a public hearing and adopt Resolution #99/00-04 certifying compliance for purchase of student instructional materials for school year 1999/2000.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ron Cooper expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board and his Cabinet for their hard work during his absence. Dr. Cooper stated he received hundreds of get well cards and letters, and he is glad to be back at the District. Dr. Cooper also thanked his secretary, Donna Schnars. Dr. Cooper recently toured the newly reopened Beechwood School and noted his great appreciation to Beechwood's principal, Sue Faassen. Dr. Cooper also thanked Glenda Thompson, principal of Maple School, for the smooth transition of adding 3rd grade. Dr. Cooper commended Dr. Patricia Godfrey and Mr. Jim Lucey for their Modernization efforts.

Dr. Cooper commented that the Educational Services Department is accomplishing a lot, with the workload heavier now than it has ever been, for everyone in the District. Classified Personnel recently hired 75 new employees, and Certificated Personnel hired 85 new employees.

There are also over 200 new students enrolled. Dr. Cooper thanked Dr. Patricia Godfrey for interfacing with the District and the City of Fullerton, noting the relationship continues to be a positive one, and that is a confident step forward.

Dr. Cooper reported he attended the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting and encouraged the Board Members to attend this year.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no reports from the Board of Trustees.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. DISCUSSION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Trustee Guth stated her opposition to including prekindergarten in the regular education plan.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board adopt Resolution #99/00-07 to support the development of a PreKindergarten through Adult Education Master Plan.

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from October 13 through October 26, 1999.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for possible future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pogue adjourned the meeting on October 12, 1999 at 10:30 p.m.

Ellen Ballard, Clerk

Board of Trustees