

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Special Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, August 15, 2000****MINUTES****1. GENERAL INFORMATION****1a. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Hilda Sugarman on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 7:33 a.m. Steve Welch, teacher from Commonwealth School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Board Members:**

- Hilda Sugarman, President
- Ellen Ballard, Vice President
- Kim Guth, Clerk (Absent)
- Robert Fisler, Member
- Marjorie Pogue, Member (Present only for Closed Session)

**Administration:**

- Ron Cooper, District Superintendent
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

**1b. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:35 a.m.

**2. OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:13 a.m.

**2a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report**

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried unanimously (3-0) to hire Dr. Robert D.

Hobson as the new principal of Commonwealth School. Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously (3-0) to approve the resignation of Jeanne Vastbinder.

2b. Approve Lecturer: Donna Marriott

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously (3-0) to approve lecturer Donna Marriott on August 21, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

2c. Public Hearing on Negative Declarations and Initial Studies related to facility projects at twelve sites.

Dr. Patricia Godfrey explained to the Board that the District is adding thirteen relocatable classrooms this summer for student growth and to give each kindergarten teacher their own classroom. Dr. Godfrey also noted that in addition, the YMCA is adding a child care building to Sunset Lane School, and the Boys and Girls Club will likely be at Commonwealth School. Dr. Godfrey stated that it is probable the District will add more relocatable classrooms in the next two to three years at various sites. She also stated the District has followed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by posting 30-day public notices regarding these current and potential added buildings, and that there is no environmental impact from adding these facilities. There has been only one reply (late) from any State agency (California Regional Water Quality Control Board) with concerns, and District staff feels their concerns have been addressed. Dr. Godfrey noted the estimated allowance is for thirty-nine buildings to be added in the District over the next two to three years, including the thirteen this summer.

Dr. Fred Good of PJHM Architects discussed that it is important that the Board is aware that this proposal directly ties in with the Facility Needs Assessment for the District.

Trustees Sugarman, Ballard, and Fisler discussed their concerns regarding the aesthetic appearance of the portables as well as the portables possibly diminishing playground space. Board members also noted that it is important for the public and the Board to understand that there will be impact on the existing facilities, such as restrooms. The Board asked Dr. Good about the cost of improving the appearance of the portables (\$80,000 each, installed), and Dr. Good stated it would be approximately a 25% increase. Dr. Good also stated the cost of a 2-story, 4-classroom building with elevator would be 30 to 40% more than single story buildings.

Community member Dan Conner asked the Board and staff where the day care center would be placed at Sunset Lane School, and he was told it would be placed at the north side of the school. Mr. Conner noted that he is pleased that the Board and District are concerned about the aesthetic appearance of the portables as well as the loss of playground space. Community member Bob Babajian asked the Board and staff if the preschool would be open year-round, and what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Babajian was informed it is year-round and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Babajian also asked if the District has a decrease in enrollment, would these additional buildings then be removed. Dr. Godfrey stated that if the additional buildings were no longer needed for student growth, then it would be a Board decision whether to keep the buildings in order to meet other Board goals, i.e., dedicated science or art classrooms. The portables would not automatically be removed.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously (3-0), that the Board of Trustees authorize filing the Negative Declarations and Notices of Determination for the proposed facility projects at the following twelve District school sites: Beechwood, Commonwealth, Fern Drive, Golden Hill, Ladera Vista, Nicolas, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Richman, Sunset Lane, Valencia Park,

and Woodcrest.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on August 15, 2000 at 8:55 a.m.

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Kim Guth, Clerk

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