

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Special Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Monday, October 23, 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 Monday, October 23, 2000 at 8:41 a.m. President Sugarman 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, District Superintendent
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

1b. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Present:

Dr. Fred Good, Mr. Benjamin Dolinka, Mr. Bruce Hostetter, Mrs. Fanny Steele, Mr. Larry Beaver, Ms. Lesley Mahaffey, Mr. Rick Crane

Dr. Fred Good of PJHM Architects and Mr. Ben Dolinka of David Taussig & Associates distributed copies of the Facilities Improvement Committee Category Cost Detail spreadsheet, the Facility Needs Assessment Priority Cost Matrix spreadsheet, and the Summaries of Facilities Subcommittee Work Sections Five, Six, and Seven to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Good stated it is important that the Board focus on prioritizing the importance

of the following needs: 1) Preschool; 2) Science & Art Labs - Performing Arts Facilities; 3) Accommodation for CSR Kindergarten, Grade 3, expansion; and 4) "All day" Kindergarten.

Trustee Guth noted it is important that each School Site Council be apprised of the priority lists that have been given to each principal for their school site. Dr. Godfrey stated that a copy had already been distributed to principals, but another copy would also be distributed.

Following considerable discussion, the Board determined that "All Day Kindergarten" is a Priority 1. Dr. Godfrey shared that this summer, \$0.5 million in facilities had been spent so that each kindergarten teacher had their own classroom, versus sharing as in past years. Board consensus was to maximize the extended day concept, and that this be consistent in all schools. There is to be a future Board item discussing how extended/staggered day can be maximized in the current Option 2 configuration. Discussion of CSR Grade 3 gave this a Priority 2, reflecting related costs of adding facilities and increasing the operating deficit of adding another Option 1 grade. Board consensus was to rank expanding CSR Grade 3 between Priority 2 and 3.

Board consensus was to rank Preschool a Priority 3, with possible focus on using existing facilities and implementing creative program options.

Board discussion included possible team teaching at schools in order to have teachers stronger in the science area teach science. There was discussion about possibly adding a science classroom one school at a time per year, to include a paid staff member. There was discussion about the added cost of facilities for science in addition to the ongoing staffing costs; outdoor learning environment (P.E. recreational space) would require a one-time fiscal commitment, and was ranked a Priority 3. Science labs remain a Priority 1.

There was Board discussion about the need to staff this with P.E. specialists, yet at present, schools were paying for teachers (full or shared) from categorical funds which were being squeezed due to low COLA's from the State applied to categorical programs.

Dr. Good suggested scheduling an additional Board workshop so that the Finance Subcommittee could present the five viable funding tools to the Board of Trustees for their direction. The workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Offices.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on October 23, 2000 at 10:55 a.m.

Kim Guth, Clerk

Board of Trustees