

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, January 27, 1998****7:00 P.M.****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 Robert Fisler on Tuesday January 27, 1998 at 7:05 p.m. Oscar Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1b. ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

- Robert Fisler, President
- Marjorie Pogue, Vice President
- Hilda Sugarman, Clerk
- Kim Guth, Member
- Anthony Valla, Member

Administration:

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

**1c. INTRODUCTIONS**

President Fisler announced that the introduction of the Educational Foundation Grant recipients would be delayed to a future meeting.

Ladera Vista School principal Andre Sauvageau introduced Carol Smith, Ladera Vista teacher. Ms. Smith distributed information and spoke on the Peacekeepers Program at Ladera Vista. Ms. Smith introduced students in the program who spoke on how the program has helped them.

## 2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items, as corrected and presented, with the exception of items 2b and 2r which were pulled and heard separately.

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

That the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 1998.

### 2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

This item was pulled from Consent Items and heard separately at the request of Trustee Guth.

### 2c. APPROVE STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve a student teaching agreement with Hope International University of Fullerton for placement of student teachers in the Fullerton School District from January 28, 1998 through July 30, 1999.

### 2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 72870 through 73110.

### 2e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 40778 through 41052 in the amount of \$590,428.53.

### 2f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-64 THROUGH 97/98-69 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-64 through 97/98-69 authorizing budget transfers according to Education Code Section 42600 and use of unbudgeted income according to Education Code Section 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

### 2g. ACCEPT GIFTS

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts as listed on 2g and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors.

### 2h. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Fullerton Museum Center at Parks Junior High School from February 10, 1998 through March 4, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00; 2) Entertainment Consultants of America at Raymond School on

March 2, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$365.00; 3) California Weekly Explorer, Inc. at Hermosa Drive School on March 5, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$490.00; 4) Southland Opera Company, Districtwide to 4-6 grade students from February, 1998 through June, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$12,550.00; 5) Oak Canyon Nature Center Outreach Program at Golden Hill School on April 17 and 23, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$260.00; 6) Birds of Prey at Acacia School on April 21, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$120.00; and 7) Vicki Schindele at Acacia School from January 28, 1998 through February 28, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

#### 2i. APPROVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN/CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve the deferred compensation plan/custodial account agreement with Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union.\*

#### 2j. APPROVE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the signature authorization for Deferred Compensation Plan Account administered by Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union.

#### 2k. AMEND RESOLUTION 96/97-24 "AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES"

That the Board of Trustees amend Resolution 96/97-24 "Authorization of Signatures" to authorize Lynn Shavinsky and Irene Castellano to sign District documents related to Food Services income and expenditures.

#### 2l. RATIFY THREE (3) ASB CHECKING ACCOUNTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify three (3) ASB checking accounts for payment of sports officials at Ladera Vista (250-452942), Nicolas (250-452985); and Parks (250-453000).

#### 2m. APPROVE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH DON BECKER, 2 TREES INTERACTIVE, INCORPORATED

That the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the contract agreement with Don Becker, "2 trees interactive, incorporated", from February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999, and each year thereafter unless terminated by either party, for a yearly fee not to exceed \$30,000, plus necessary expenses.

#### 2n. AWARD CONTRACT FOR REROOFING VARIOUS SITES

That the Board of Trustees award the contract for reroofing various sites, FSD Project #97/98-24 to Best Roofing Company for Parks Junior High School P.E. building in the amount of \$28,840 and to Nelson Roofing, Inc. for Acacia, Commonwealth, Golden Hill, Ladera Vista, Sunset Lane, Raymond and seven relocatables within the District in the amount of \$228,767.

#### 2o. APPROVE PURCHASE OF RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of relocatable classrooms using the San

Diego County Office of Education and/or Saddleback Unified School District and/or Santa Ana Unified School District bid awards pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 20118. The Board found and determined that it is in the best interest of the Fullerton School District to purchase these buildings through the San Diego County Office of Education and/or Saddleback Unified School District and/or Santa Ana Unified School District bid(s).

2p. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1997/98 STATE PRESCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to the 1997/98 State Preschool Contract for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the amount of \$9,993.00.

2q. APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH PJHM ARCHITECTS

That the Board of Trustees approve the architectural/engineering agreement with PJHM Architects to reopen Beechwood School.

2r. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HARCOURT BRACE EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

This item was pulled and heard separately at the request of District staff.

2s. APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP CHANGE OF DATE FOR RICHMAN 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

That the Board of Trustees approve an overnight field trip change of date for Richman 6th grade students and teachers to Pathfinder Ranch in Palm Springs, California on February 18-20, 1998, at no cost to the District.

2t. APPROVE NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT WITH BEHAVIOR THERAPY AND LEARNING CENTER

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic agency contract with Behavior Therapy and Learning Center for a special education student (MIS ID #97-01070) effective January 28, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$30,880.00.

2u. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS WITH ROSSIER SCHOOL

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school contracts with Rossier School for special education students: 1) ID #0198-01, effective January 6, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$16,833.60; and 2) MIS ID #93-00733 effective January 20, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$15,631.20.

2v. APPROVE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS WITH FLORENCE CRITTENTON SCHOOL

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school contracts with Florence Crittenton School for special education students: 1) ID #0198-02 effective January 28, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,625.00; and 2) ID #0198-03 effective January 28,

1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,625.00.

2w. ADOPT RESOLUTION 97/98-70 TO ESTABLISH A NEW STATE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (50%)

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 97/98-70 to Establish a New State School Building Fund (50%).

***ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT***

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Guth noted her objection to 2b-3 (Extra Duty Assignments), stating that three of the four schools she visited do not target the students in need of extra academic help and the classes being offered were for the most part, nonacademic.

Trustees Sugarman and Fisler noted that they visited after school programs which they believe do target academics.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments, Variable Term Waiver Requests and End of Temporary Assignment).

2r. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HARCOURT BRACE EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Dr. Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services reported that California Administrative Code Title V stipulates that all students in Grades 2-8 be tested in Reading, Language Expression, Math and Spelling. She stated that Harcourt Brace has offered to score student sub tests in Social Science and Science at no additional charge. The Board must submit an addendum to the contract in order for the company to score the sub tests. Board members discussed their views on possible benefits and consequences if the District were to give the sub tests in Science and Social Science.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with Harcourt Brace Educational Management to include the scoring of student sub tests in Science and Social Science. The motion failed due to a lack of a majority vote (Kim Guth, Marjorie Pogue voted "yes"; Robert Fisler, Tony Valla voted "no"; Hilda Sugarman "abstained").

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 3-1-1 (Anthony Valla, Marjorie Pogue and Robert Fisler voted "yes"; Kim Guth voted "no" and Hilda Sugarman "abstained") that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Harcourt Brace Educational Measurement for the State Testing and Reporting Program (STAR), not to include the scoring of student sub tests in Science and Social Science.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### 3a. REPORT ON REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Patricia Godfrey introduced Fred Good, consultant with PJHM Architect, who gave a brief overview of the conversion study his firm conducted on the Beechwood site. Mr. Good distributed a tentative time line for the conversion of the Beechwood Site into a school, indicating completion in the summer of 1999.

Mr. Good also distributed a suggested composition of a District Task Force Committee for reopening Beechwood School. Trustee Guth noted her concern that there were no community members/parents on the committee. Mr. Good responded that there is not as much latitude in reopening a school as there is in planning a school from the ground up. Mr. Good noted that his recommendation is to use a staff task force to start the process followed by regular reports (oral and/or written).

Superintendent Cooper stated that he will ask Mr. Ben Dolinka, representing David Taussig and Associates, to consider the enrollment studies he has completed for the District to determine if Beechwood School will be needed to house students living in the Beechwood area, (which might include some boundary changes) as well as considering the enrollment impact of Beechwood as a special school.

Mr. Good stated that an update could be presented to the Board once the preliminary plans have been developed. He also stated that the time frame for community input would be from February 1 to as late as September 1, 1998.

Trustee Guth suggested that the Board have a philosophical discussion for reopening Beechwood, with input from the public before any more money is spent on consultants.

#### 3b. 1997 FOURTH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Dr. Patricia Godfrey, reported that the cash invested at the Orange County Treasury is estimated to earn approximately 5.3% during the 1997/98 year, which is a slight increase over the previous 5.1% estimate.

#### 3c. SECOND QUARTER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT (OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997)

The Board reviewed the second quarter Conference Report for the 1997/98 school year covering the period of October 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, noting the correction to page 3c-6 and supplement of 3c-10.

Mr. Ray Turner, Fullerton community member asked for more information on several of the conferences before it is approved by the Board. Superintendent Cooper clarified that this item is only a report and is not acted upon and if Mr. Turner needs more clarification on the conferences, he may contact the Superintendent's Office.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

##### 4a. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF 1998/99 APPLICATION FOR STATE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Glenda Thompson, Maple principal, gave a brief overview of the programs operated by the District through the Child Development Division of the California State Department. The District currently has a School-Age Community Child Care Program for 60 children at two sites; one at Valencia Park and one at Sunset Lane. It operates 246 days a year. The District also has a State Preschool Program consisting of eight classes in the District; two classes at Valencia Park and six classes at Maple School. The program provides a 3 1/2 hour program to 192 children.

Trustee Guth noted her concern that space is taken from the Valencia Park playground area for these programs.

Moved by Kim Guth to approve the submission of the 1998-99 application for the State Child Care and Development Programs except for the program at Valencia Park. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the 1998-99 application for the State Child Care and Development Programs.

##### 4b. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS, GRADES K-8

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Making Connections and Voices in Literature by Heinle and Heinle for Grades 7 and 8; and Into English by Hampton Brown for Grades K-6.

##### 4c. APPROVE CONTINUATION OF CLASS SIZE REDUCTION

Superintendent Cooper briefly reviewed the Kindergarten teacher survey indicating their first choice is to implement Option 1 and if that is not possible, to increase aide time. Dr. Cooper indicated the administration is recommending that Kindergarten teachers receive an additional \$500.00 per classroom (totaling \$1,500.00 per classroom).

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the third grade teacher survey relating to implementing the Class Size Reduction in Grade 3 stating that the teacher response was to implement Class Size Reduction, Option 1 in Grade 3. Teachers indicated that they did not want Option 2. Dr. Cooper reviewed the cost of facilities and other possible options such as staggered day and hiring half-time (morning) teachers. He stated that the purchase of facilities would cost \$2 million, a staggered day would lengthen the work day of teachers and if half-day teachers were hired, it would require hiring 52 half-time (morning) teachers.

Trustee Guth noted her desire to see Class Size Reduction, Option 1 implemented in Grade

3 at sites that could implement it.

Lynn Frutchey and Vickey Trendell, Laguna Road Kindergarten teachers, spoke to the Board on the need to implement Option 1 in Kindergarten or to give additional support to the Kindergarten classes.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Pogue reported she enjoyed Laguna Road's program, "Our Town."

Trustee Sugarman shared information she received at the PTA Council Meeting which she attended earlier in the day. She also reported on two trips she, Minard Duncan (Richman principal) and Yolanda McComb (Richman assistant principal) made to visit non-English speaking school pilot programs in Los Angeles and Santa Ana. Trustee Sugarman reported on her visits to Kindergarten classrooms within the District.

Trustee Guth reported on her visit to Richman School and commended Mr. Duncan and his staff on the after school program which focuses on reading and math and targets the lowest quartile of students. Trustee Guth also praised Dr. Godfrey and her staff in absorbing the fee collection for developers' fees and thereby saving the District \$26,000 in potential handling fees.

Trustee Guth reported on a Garden Grove School Board meeting she attended at which a minimum instructional minutes guideline was approved. She urged Board members to move forward in this direction.

Trustee Valla stated that he will be busy visiting schools on Thursday afternoons for the remainder of the year.

Trustee Fisler reported on an event he attended on Single Gender Schools. Trustee Fisler also reported on visits he made to Orangethorpe, Laguna Road and Ladera Vista.

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

### **5a. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 3250 (TRANSPORTATION FEES)**

Dr. Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented information on the

proposed new Board Policy stating that the District currently charges for home-to-school transportation and this policy, when adopted, will codify current practice into policy.

The Board will review this policy for second reading on February 10, 1998.

#### **5b. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION SELF-ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Trustee Sugarman presented background information and requested that the Board consider participating in this program.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board look into the total cost (including transportation and other costs) of this program and bring this item back for approval on February 10, 1998.

#### **5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from January 28, 1998 through February 10, 1998.

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

Trustee Pogue requested that an item be placed on a future agenda for discussion on after school programs. Trustee Pogue also requested to receive a schedule for each of the schools offering programs.

Trustee Guth requested that the Board not only discuss the after school programs but also reconsider previous consent items approving those extra duty assignments.

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to reconsider the decision not to test science and social science.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:20 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss: 1) student discipline; and 2) pending litigation (Government Code 54956.9, MIS ID #97-01070).

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:52 p.m.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that pursuant to California Education section 48916, student #96/97-13 be readmitted to the schools of the Fullerton School District having satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan developed by the District at the time of the expulsion.

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that pursuant to California Education section 48916, student #97/98-04 be readmitted to the schools of the

Fullerton School District having satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan developed by the District at the time of the expulsion.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:59 p.m. to discuss pending litigation (Government Code 54956.9, MIS ID#97-01070).

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:07 p.m.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board approve the compromise and general release agreement between the Fullerton School District and the parents of a special education student (MIS ID #97-01070) in the amount of \$2,800.00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 11:08 p.m.

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Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees

