

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**

**District Board Room**

**Tuesday, February 10, 1998**

**6:00 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 February 10, 1998 at 6:05 p.m. Alan Morton 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Morton, community member, spoke to the Board requesting that when the District posts the Minutes on the Internet, the agenda for that meeting be deleted from the Internet. He also suggested that biographies for the Trustees be posted on the Internet.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:09 p.m. the Board recessed into Closed Session to conference with Labor Negotiator, Don Becker regarding union negotiations with California School Employees Association

and Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association. Mr. Fisler announced that no action was anticipated.

## **OPEN SESSION/FLAG SALUTE**

At 7:08 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session and Konnie Gault led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Pat Godfrey, introduced Lynn Shavinsky, who is the new Food Services Director.

Ladera Vista principal Andre Sauvageau introduced Ladera Vista students who read their "I Have a Dream" speeches in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Ladera Vista student soloist, Erin Wilson sang an operatic selection.

Acacia principal Georgia Menges introduced teachers Andrew Clay, Becky D'Arrigo and Kathleen Kellerman and recognized them for the joy, talent and creativity that they bring to make life at Acacia School special. President Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented each teacher with a certificate of appreciation.

## **2. CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items, as corrected and presented, with the exception of items 2g and 2q 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 27, 1998, as corrected.

### **2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments and Resignations).

### **2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Classification, Increase/Decrease Hours, New Hires, Reinstatements, Resignations, Step Raises, Terminations, Transfers, and Working Out of Classification).

### **2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 73111 through 73369 for 1997/98.

### **2e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 41053 through 41300 in the

amount of \$293,027.76.

#### 2f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-71 THROUGH 97/98-76 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-71 through 97/98-76 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

This item was pulled at the request of Trustee Guth.

#### 2h. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Kirsten Kasper, All the Arts for All the Kids from February 11, 1998 through June 13, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,890.00; 2) Tony Barnstone at Parks Junior High on February 20, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$400.00; 3) Orange County Performing Arts Center at Parks Junior High School on February 24, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$350.00; 4) Peg Tompkins at Pacific Drive from March 3, 1998 through March 31, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00; 5) Linda Diamond for staff development on February 11, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

#### 2i. APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP FOR GOLDEN HILL 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

That the Board of Trustees approve an overnight field trip for Golden Hill 4th and 5th grade students to the Pilgrim Ship June 3-4, 1998 at no cost to the District.

#### 2j. APPROVE PURCHASE OF CLASSROOM AND OFFICE FURNITURE

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of classroom and office furniture using the Pomona Unified School District bid award.

#### 2k. AMEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

That the Board of Trustees amend the nonpublic school contract with Speech and Language Development Center for a special education student (MIS ID #95-01370) effective November 6, 1997 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$25,632.75.

#### 2l. APPROVE 1997/98 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT FOR ONE-TIME-ONLY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FUNDING

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1997/98 Child Development contract for One-Time-Only Instructional Materials Funding in the amount of \$11,155.00.

#### 2m. APPROVE PIGGYBACK PURCHASE OF 40 X 48 FOOT RELOCATABLE

**CLASSROOM**

That the Board of Trustees approve the piggyback purchase of a 40 x 48 foot relocatable classroom using the San Diego County Office of Education and/or Saddleback Unified Unified School District bid awards.

**2n. WAIVER OF BID PROCESS FOR GRADING SITE WORK ON RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**

Conrad DeWitte, community member, voiced his concern on waiving the bid process, stating that the District should wait until the rains are over before grading the earth.

That the Board of Trustees waive the bid process for grading site work on relocatable classrooms at Commonwealth, Fern Drive, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Richman, Rolling Hills and Woodcrest Schools.

**2o. WAIVE REGULAR BID PROCESS FOR HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**

That the Board of Trustees waive the regular bid process for home-to-school transportation services for the period of January 5, 1998 through June 30, 1998.

**2p. APPROVE STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT**

That the Board of Trustees approve the student teaching agreement with Whittier College, Whittier, California for placement of student teachers in the Fullerton School District from February, 1998 until canceled.

**2q. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ROBERT FISLER**

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

**2r. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement for Board members to attend the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) to be held on March 3, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$58.00 per person.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT****2g. ACCEPT GIFTS**

Conrad DeWitte, community member, urged Board members not to accept a \$10,000 monetary gift from the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation.

Superintendent Cooper stated that acceptance of this gift was an item listed later on the agenda and he asked that the \$10,000 monetary gift be deleted from the gift items.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees accept gifts as listed on 2g, with the deletion of the \$10,000 monetary gift from the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation, and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors.

## 2q. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ROBERT FISLER

Conrad DeWitte, community member spoke to the Board voicing his objection to pay for this training for President Fisler.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement for Robert Fisler to attend the California School Boards Association Board Presidents' Workshop on February 28, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$140.00.

## 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 3a. UPDATE ON REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Patricia Godfrey presented information on a suggested Task Force Committee and a time line of workshops and meetings in the process to reopen Beechwood School.

Trustee Guth noted her concern that there was no mention made in the time line for community input and felt that the community should be solicited for their input.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, voiced his concern that the public had not been afforded the information presented to Board members.

## 4. ACTION ITEMS

### 4a. FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

Superintendent Ron Cooper reviewed the report stating that this agenda item requests Board review of the annual report and Board approval of the budget. Dr. Cooper noted that later in the agenda there is an item asking the Board to accept a monetary gift from the Educational Foundation.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board voicing his concern that the Foundation had District paid employees on the Board of Directors.

Konnie Gault, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, introduced Dr. Duncan Johnson, former District Superintendent and current President of the Educational Foundation. Dr. Johnson briefly reported on the formation of the Foundation and their proposal for the awarding of teacher grants, stating that it is the intent of the Educational Foundation to be connected with the District.

Trustee Guth suggested that there be some mention made in the report of ongoing District (in kind) support so that it is known how much it is costing the District. She also suggested that the Foundation directors be encouraged to solicit community support.

Kathy Dasney, community member and newly appointed Foundation director, asked if the \$50,000 in start-up funds for the Foundation covered salaries. Superintendent Cooper responded that it did.

Trustee Valla noted that it is not an uncommon practice for districts to give funds to begin a district foundation, then the district breaks away as quickly as it can and gives advice only.

Trustee Sugarman thanked each of the Foundation directors for volunteering their time. She noted that former superintendent Duncan Johnson graciously declined the \$10,000 that was committed to fund his salary.

President Fisler noted that this item addresses the continued staff support (Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and her secretary) to the Foundation. The Board requested that an item addressing staff support for the Foundation be placed on a future Board agenda.

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the 1997/98 Fullerton School District Educational Foundation Budget.

#### 4b. ACCEPT GIFT FROM FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Dr. Duncan Johnson, President of the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation, stated that this \$10,000 gift will directly benefit 34 classrooms.

Trustee Guth noted her concern with the Board giving the Foundation the authority to determine grant awards for curriculum and stated that she would like to vote on each of the grants separately.

Ellen Ballard, Foundation director and District language development specialist, reported on how the grants were selected, noting that alignment of curriculum and how the grant would benefit students were considered.

Board discussion followed. Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried by a roll call vote of 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$10,000 from the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation to be used to enhance the curriculum through teacher grants.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (President Fisler allowed two Nicolas Junior High School students to speak.)

Katrina Weed, Nicolas Junior High School student, spoke on her objection to the changes in the Nicolas Junior High School dress code prohibiting spaghetti straps, dressing to be identified in ("Rebels") gang, and the banning of "hugs".

Alicia Galvan, Nicolas Junior High School student, spoke on her objection to the Nicolas Junior High School dress code prohibiting dress identified with "Rebels" gang. She noted that she felt singling out the "Rebels" is wrong.

#### 4c. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 3250 (TRANSPORTATION FEES)

Conrad DeWitte, community member, asked if "extra trips" are subsidized by the District. Dr. Godfrey responded "no."

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt proposed new Board Policy 3250 (Transportation Fees).

#### 4d. APPROVE YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Conrad DeWitte, community member, requested a copy of the Year-Round Education Feasibility Study.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the January, 1998 Year-Round Education Feasibility Study prepared for the Fullerton School District by School Facility Consultants.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Ursula Oleksyn, Raymond parent, shared a newspaper article on academic standards. Mrs. Oleksyn also urged Board members to reopen Beechwood as a fundamental school.

### **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Ron Cooper reported on the Chamber Education Committee meeting he attended earlier in the day and distributed a brochure which he received at the meeting on the "Impact of Higher Education on the Orange County Economy."

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Pogue reported on her visits to: the 6th grade language celebration at Laguna Road School; the Richman After School Program, noting it was an excellent program and there were many volunteers; After School Programs at Woodcrest and Commonwealth; and a jump-a-thon at Fern Drive School.

Trustee Sugarman reported on her visits to a Laguna Road 2nd grade musical and Richman School Kindergarten classes. Trustee Sugarman also reported on her visits to Parks, Nicolas and Ladera Vista Junior High Schools.

Trustee Guth reported on a Curriculum Steering Committee meeting she attended and thanked Mr. Kevin Bass, a member of the Curriculum Steering Committee, for asking questions at the meeting as well as volunteering his time.

Trustee Guth read a section of the Brown Act (Ed. Code 5495.3) reminding Board members that they need to respect the public, and warning members of the audience not to be disruptive.

Trustee Valla reported on his visits to: Rolling Hills School; Laguna Road 6th grade language celebration; Children's Repertory play which had many Fullerton School District students performing; and Nicolas Junior High School. Trustee Valla also noted that he attended the Curriculum Steering Committee meeting.

Trustee Fisler reported he attended a number of After School Programs, noting that he felt they are quite helpful to students who have no place to do their homework or need help to do their homework. Trustee Fisler noted that he also attended the Curriculum Steering

Committee meeting and Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting.

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

### **5a. FIRST READING OF HEALTHY START OPERATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION**

Conrad DeWitte, community member, requested a copy of the Healthy Start Grant application.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, urged the Board to support this effort for the Healthy Start Grant.

Steve Peabody, community member, urged the Board to focus on basic education and not the health and welfare of students.

Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, briefly reviewed the grant and stated that the Board will be asked to approve the submission of the grant at the February 24, 1998 Board meeting.

Darlene Dubeck, teacher on special assignment, presented information on the grant application, noting that the grant will benefit families at Richman and Woodcrest Schools. Ms. Dubeck introduced representatives from the collaborative member agencies who were present in the audience. Ms. Dubeck stated that the goal of the Healthy Start Grant is to integrate and expand services that are available to students.

Trustee Guth noted her philosophical concern with this grant.

### **5b. DISCONTINUE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS**

Superintendent Cooper stated that this item did not require approval by the Board at this time and it could be placed on a future Board agenda.

Trustee Sugarman requested that a notice be sent to all families of interdistrict transfer students notifying them of possible action by the Board.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, requested Board members to keep an open mind on continuing to accept interdistrict transfers and not to act too quickly on this item.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board on his concern to discontinue acceptance of interdistrict transfers, stating that the District needs to look at not only incoming students but outgoing students as well.

The Board delayed action of this item to a future agenda.

Mr. Fisler announced that Items 5c, 5d, and 5e would be placed on the February 24, 1998 agenda in adherence to Board Bylaw 9323(a), (10:30 p.m. time limit).

### **5f. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

The Board of Trustees briefly reviewed the District calendar of events from February 11, 1998 through February 24, 1998. A correction to the calendar on February 24, 1998 was

noted.

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

There were no requests.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:40 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss student discipline.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:10 p.m.

Moved by Robert Fisler, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that pursuant to California Education section 48916, student #96/97-14 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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees