

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, February 24, 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 February 24, 1998 at 7:05 p.m. Paul Cone 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

Dr. Duncan Johnson, President of the Fullerton Education Foundation introduced Foundation directors and contributors who presented the Educational Foundation "Star Power" teacher grant awards totaling approximately \$10,000.00. CSEA President, Dan Smith commented on the honor and privilege of CSEA to contribute to the Foundation. Directors of the Educational Foundation were recognized by the Board.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items, as supplemented and presented, with the exception of item 2o which was pulled and heard separately.

2a. APPROVE/AMEND MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

That the Board of Trustees amend the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 27, 1998, and approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 10, 1998, as supplemented and presented.

Alan Morton, community member, challenged the February 10, 1998 actions taken by the Board on Items 4a and 4b because two of the Trustees (Mr. Fisler and Mr. Valla) were also on the Board of the Fullerton Educational Foundation. Mr. Morton respectfully requested that these items on the minutes be held in abeyance until the issue was resolved by the District's legal counsel and/or a new vote taken with Trustees Fisler and Valla abstaining.

Trustee Guth inquired if it would be possible to receive a legal opinion on Mr. Morton's request. Superintendent Cooper responded that he would contact the District's legal counsel for an opinion but the Minutes reflect the action taken and could not be held in abeyance.

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 OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE REQUEST

That the Board of Trustees approve an out of state conference request for Ce Brattstrom to attend the Even Start National Evaluation Regional Meeting in Denver, Colorado, March 22-24, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$815.00.

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 73370 through 73641 for 1997/98.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 41301 through 41531 in the amount of \$368,557.23.

2f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-77 THROUGH 97/98-79 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-77 through 97/98-79 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) Camfel Productions at Nicolas Junior High School on May 19, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$800.00; 2) Imperial Knights at Nicolas Junior High School on April 29, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00; 3) Valerie Jensen at Valencia Park School from January 29, 1998 through May 29, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$500.00; 4) Paul McNeff Singers at Raymond School on March 10, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$250.00; 5) California Weekly Explorer, Inc. at Acacia

School on April 17, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$265.00; 6) William Truman Peck at Acacia School on March 2, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$300.00; 7) South Coast Repertory at Commonwealth School on May 15, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$395.00; 8) Orange County Performing Arts Center at Parks Junior High School on May 22, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$350.00; and 9) Science on the Go at Golden Hill School on March 10, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Trustee Guth requested to preview the South Coast Repertory performance to be given at Commonwealth School on May 15, 1998.

2i. APPROVE NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees approve nonpublic agency contracts for special education students with: 1) Center for Autism and Related Disorders (MIS ID #95-00131) effective February 25, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$19,906.00; and 2) Gallagher Pediatric Therapy (MIS ID #95-00135) effective February 25, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$2,520.00; and (MIS ID #97-01427) effective February 25, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,260.00.

2j. APPROVE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic school contract with Florence Crittenton for a special education student (MIS ID #97-01196) effective February 25, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$3,510.00.

2k. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO 1997-98 EXTENDED DAY CARE (LATCHKEY) CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the 1997-98 Extended Day Care (Latchkey) contract for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the amount of \$2,869.00.

2l. AMEND AGREEMENT WITH DAVID TAUSSIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

That the Board of Trustees amend the agreement with David Taussig and Associates, Inc., to extend consulting services through December 31, 1998.

2m. ADOPT RESOLUTION 97/98-81 PROCLAIMING MARCH 1-7 AS "WEEK OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR IN THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT"

That the Board of Trustees Resolution 97/98-81 proclaiming March 1-7 as "Week of the School Administrator in the Fullerton School District."

2n. REJECT ALL BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT BUSES

That the Board of Trustees reject all bids for replacement buses.

2o. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH CORE (CONSORTIUM ON READING EXCELLENCE)

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

2p. APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP CHANGE OF DATE

That the Board of Trustees approve an overnight field trip change of date for Orangethorpe 5th grade students to the Pilgrim Ship at Dana Point on May 18-19, 1998, at no cost to the District.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2o. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH CORE (CONSORTIUM ON READING EXCELLENCE)

Trustee Guth stated that she would have preferred to choose a consultant group that was not a part of the educational bureaucracy that brought about the whole language problem and suggested the Right to Read Foundation as a possible staff development consultant. Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, responded that the District is restricted by AB1086 funds (Reading Initiative) and the State Board of Education to the providers for staff development that the State approves. CORE was one of the first groups approved by the State to provide staff development.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees ratify the agreement with CORE (Consortium on Reading Excellence) for staff development rendered by Linda Diamond on February 11, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. REPORT ON PROPOSED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS AND SPANISH TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Linda Caillet, presented information on the proposed English-Language Arts and Spanish textbook/materials.

Trustee Guth stated that she feels the District should purchase a program with the highest percentage of phonetic codability.

Trustee Guth noted her concern with the program in first grade stating that each class set includes only four copies for each level/reader and there should be one book per child. Trustee Guth requested that this item be taken to the Curriculum Steering Committee to discuss this issue and determine the cost of providing an entire set of materials for each child in the class. Dr. Caillet responded that schools may purchase multiple sets of the books and they have the funding to do that. Dr. Caillet stated that this is an issue that school sites will need to address and she will also address this issue at the Curriculum Steering Committee.

3b. REPORT ON COUNSELING INTERNS

Ellen Rawland, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance, presented a report on a proposed counseling intern program. The program has been reviewed with the principals and staff plans to begin the process on March 2.

Trustee Guth stated she was pleased to see the plan in writing but noted her main concern is with liability risk for student interns and volunteer interns seeing students. Trustee Guth requested to receive, in writing, what the District's liability would be to continue with this program.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF HEALTHY START GRANT

Darlene Dubeck, teacher on special assignment, introduced members of the Healthy Start collaborative who were present at the meeting.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, thanked the Board for advance information he received on the Healthy Start Grant as well as allowing more time for discussion. Mr. DeWitte noted his opposition for the submission of the grant stating that the highest priority should be basic skills and not welfare assistance.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board in support of the Healthy Start Grant stating that he does not feel that it would interfere with instructional time and believes it is an efficient use of the community's facilities. He noted that the District should give each child a chance to succeed.

Chris Burke, Director of Healthy Communities at St. Jude, spoke in support of the Healthy Start Program stating that she feels there is a need for this grant.

Janet Hildebrand, Manager of Outreach Services, St. Jude Center, voiced her support for the Healthy Start Program stating that with this program numerous children whom would normally not be seen by physicians/nurses will receive services. She stated that in order to have a healthy community, services must be provided as preventive medicine.

Judy Gibbs, principal at Woodcrest School, voiced her support of the Healthy Start Program stating that in order to improve student performance, children deserve every possible resource to help them obtain their potential.

Trustee Guth read a statement noting her thanks to Darlene Dubeck and appreciation to the

collaborative. However, she stated that her philosophical view is that the primary responsibility of the schools is to educate students and disagrees with the collaborative in providing schools for social and health care services.

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 Healthy Start Grant.

4b. ANNUAL REPORT ON FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Lauralyn Eschner, Coordinator of Fine Arts, presented the Annual Report and introduced Foundation Board members who were present at the meeting.

Alan Morton, community member, asked several questions relative to the Foundation to which Ms. Eschner responded.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-0-1 (Hilda Sugarman abstained) that the Board of Trustees approve Fullerton School District's Foundation for the Arts annual budget for 1998.

4c. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 97/98-81 TO INCREASE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEES (DEVELOPER FEES)

President Fisler declared a public hearing to allow citizens to speak to a resolution to increase statutory school fees (developer fees).

Alan Morton, community member, suggested that the Board consider apartments in the increase of statutory fees so that the wealth is shared by everyone.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Patricia Godfrey, stated that the law does not allow school districts to levy fees on housing turnover.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 97/98-81 to increase statutory school fees to \$1.93 per square foot on residential developments (Fullerton School District's share being \$1.30 per square foot) and \$0.31 per square foot on commercial/industrial developments (Fullerton School District's share being \$0.20 per square foot).

4d. APPROVE AMENDED ALLOCATION AGREEMENT AMONG FIVE DISTRICTS REGARDING DEVELOPER FEES

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve an amended allocation among the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, Buena Park School District, Fullerton School District, La Habra City School District and Lowell Joint School District regarding developer fees.

4e. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS - MARCH 11 AND MARCH 31, 1998 REGARDING REOPENING BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board on the unique opportunity for the

community to give input on the reopening of Beechwood and suggested that flyers be sent out to all parents to give them advance notice of the meeting.

Conrad DeWitte also suggested that flyers be sent out to parents informing them of the Special Board meeting. He also suggested that the meeting be held in the evening (7:00 p.m.) and not in the afternoon.

Superintendent Cooper recapped the first meeting of the Task Force Committee. He stated that at the March 11, 1998 Special Board meeting the Board will look at the enrollment data which Mr. Ben Dolinka (consultant) has developed for potential future shifting of students and how it relates to Beechwood.

Trustee Pogue commented that she and Trustee Sugarman attended the first Task Force Committee meeting as observers. She noted that she feels that the suggested times for the Special Board meetings are appropriate and that the sessions are meant for Board member interaction.

Trustees discussed the possibility of holding one of the Special Board meetings later in the evening (7:00 p.m.).

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve Special Board meetings to be held on March 11, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. (in the Fullerton School District Board Room) and on March 31 at 7:00 p.m. (at the Beechwood site) relating to the reopening of Beechwood School.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Dr. Leonard Zivitz, community member, commented on the Healthy Start Program stating that any program that brings medical personnel in contact with children in the field of infectious diseases has to be considered a positive force. Dr. Zivitz also stated that the monies spent for providing health care to the underprivileged and poor is certainly well spent. He encouraged Board members to continue the program.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Fisler reported he enjoyed the program, "When Harry Stops Smoking" at Pacific Drive School; he attended the Jump for Heart Program at Laguna Road School; he visited several after school programs; and he attended an awards ceremony for Fern Drive teachers at Orange County Department of Education.

Trustee Pogue reported she attended the Orange County School Boards Association dinner meeting and attended a funeral for Paul Farmer, a former principal in the District.

Trustee Sugarman reported information she received at the PTA Council meeting she attended. She informed the Board that the PTA Council/AAUW is sponsoring a night for Back to Basics at 7:00 p.m. at the Brea Community Center. Trustee Sugarman commended

parents and staff for a well attended GATE Winter Happening.

Trustee Guth reported she was pleased with a very good program she attended, "The Night Harry Stopped Smoking." Trustee Guth read an article from the Troy High School Oracle about a grant that the school has applied for to raise test scores. Trustee Guth suggested that Superintendent Ron Cooper speak to Superintendent Michael Escalante to discuss how to better prepare students for ninth grade. Trustee Guth read a portion of the California State Budget for 1997-98, section 24.03 on the restriction of funds for reading/spelling materials.

Trustee Valla reported that he was able to attend a portion of the language arts workshop he visited and was pleased with the decision of the teachers. Trustee Valla also commented on his visits to Commonwealth and Laguna Road Schools.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION SELF-EVALUATION PROGRAM

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board recommending that the Board decline this program and focus on students.

Alan Morton, community member, spoke to the Board stating that he feels if the Board is concerned and has a need, then they should pay for it out of their own pocket.

Trustee Sugarman reviewed the cost of the program stating that the total cost should not exceed \$1,250.00.

Veronica Bullard, Sunset Lane parent, urged Board members to participate in the self evaluation program stating that the Board needs to figure out how they can work together to put the children first and get things accomplished.

Trustee Guth noted her opposition to this program stating that she would participate but would not answer the survey questions.

Robin Ruble, Orangethorpe teacher urged Board members to participate in the program with open hearts and open minds.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board participate in the Board self-evaluation program offered by the California School Boards Association at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

5b. DISCUSSION OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Cesar Pla, Maple parent, spoke to the Board in support of the after school programs at Maple School.

Trustee Pogue commented that she requested this item be on the agenda. She stated that she was very impressed with the programs and was very satisfied.

Trustee Guth commented that she also requested that the Board reconsider Extra Duty

Assignments relative to student outcomes.

Superintendent Cooper clarified that the School Plans do not exclusively deal with remediation; they reflect student enrichment and intervention plans.

Trustee Sugarman commended programs at schools and stated that the best way the Board can know that programs are working is that every school she visited had a waiting list for the after school programs.

5c. RECONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH HARCOURT BRACE

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board regarding the District's emphasis on reading and stated that testing in other areas is not consistent with the focus.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board stating that if students are taught Social Science and Science, the District should test.

There was a motion by Hilda Sugarman, a second by Kim Guth that the Fullerton Elementary School District mandate taking additional appropriate standardized tests in addition to mandated State tests which can be shown to align with our curriculum. The motion failed 2-3 (Robert Fisler, Marjorie Pogue and Anthony Valla voted "no").

5d. APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT TO THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Alan Morton, community member, recommended that the Board not provide the administrative and clerical support of Konnie Gault (.25 FTE) and Marsha Rodriguez (.25 FTE) to the Foundation.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees table this item until the legal question (raised by Mr. Morton) has been resolved relative to Board members who also serve on the Educational Foundation having a conflict of interest when voting on Educational Foundation items.

5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from February 26, 1998 through March 11, 1998.

Mr. Fisler announced that due to the time limitation, items 5e (first reading of proposed new Board Policy 5131.9) and 5f (California School Boards Delegate Assembly election) be placed on the next regular Board meeting (March 10).

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Sugarman requested that the Superintendent secure a speaker to address the Board on the 95/5 initiative. Trustee Guth requested that there should be a speaker representing both sides of the initiative.

Trustee Guth requested an item be placed on a future agenda to clarify the responsibility of

the Board and possibly change the Board policy, specifically for Board approval of private foundation budgets.

Trustee Valla reminded staff of his request for a study of the District's promotion policy.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler announced that there was not a Closed Session and he declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. on February 24, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees

