

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****Nicolas Junior High School****Tuesday, May 26, 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, May 26, 1998 at 7:03 p.m. Barbara Mohr led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**1b. ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

- Robert Fisler, President
- Marjorie Pogue, Vice President
- Hilda Sugarman, Clerk (absent)
- 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

President Fisler announced that Trustee Sugarman was absent due to the illness of her mother.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, introduced certificated employees with 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service. The Board recognized each of the certificated employees and presented each with a service pin and a certificate.

President Fisler acknowledged and praised Eddie Cooper and Curtis Lehm for their efforts in assuring the safe transportation of Acacia students en route to Outdoor Education. Mr. Fisler also recognized Mike Brito, Transportation Manager.

Superintendent Cooper recognized Marsha Henkes, outgoing PTA Council President. Dr. Cooper noted that during 1997/98 the Fullerton PTA has donated 75,530 hours and if calculated at \$10.00 per hour, PTA has contributed approximately \$750,000. Dr. Cooper presented Mrs. Henkes with two books that will be donated in her name and placed in the libraries at Parks and Sunset Lane. President Fisler, on behalf of the Board presented Mrs. Henkes with a certificate of appreciation.

Harold Sullivan, Laguna Road principal, introduced American Heart Association representative, Jodie Moncrief who recognized Chris Heusser, Laguna Road Physical Education teacher for her work with the American Heart Association. Ms. Moncrief presented Chris with a 10-year service recognition award and a certificate of appreciation from the American Heart Association. Mrs. Moncrief also recognized students Katie Haines, Shahla Fatemi and Evan Lim who each raised over \$200.00.

Ms. Moncrief announced Laguna Road as the top school in Orange County for raising \$10,000 for Jump Rope for Heart.

Ellen Rawland, Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator, introduced and recognized Fullerton Police Chief, Patrick McKinley and Fullerton City Manager, Jim Armstrong for their continued support of the DARE program. Ms. Rawland introduced and recognized DARE officers Brent Rebert, Eric Halverson, Karen Lindsey, Daniel Solorio, Maureen Flynn-Beccera and Richard Gibson. Each officer was presented with student cards and a video. President Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented each officer with a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Carol Lambert, Coordinator, introduced newly appointed mentor teachers.

Sue Faassen, Sunset Lane principal, introduced and recognized Marylouise Miller, Sunset Lane teacher who coordinated the Math Field Day and Math Olympiad teams. Mrs. Miller recognized students and coaches who participated in the Math Field Day and Math Olympiad.

Andre Sauvageau, Ladera Vista principal, introduced the Ladera Vista Science Olympiad Team (students in Grades 7-9 and coaches). Mr. Sauvageau stated that the team took 3rd place in the County and 4th place in the State. Mr. Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented each student with a certificate of achievement and each coach with a certificate of appreciation.

## **2. CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected and presented, with the exception of Items 2o and 2p, which were pulled and heard separately.

### **2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 12, 1998 and Special Board Meeting on May 14, 1998, as corrected and presented.

**2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**2c. APPROVE RESOLUTION 97/98-110**

That the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 97/98-110 for authorization of signatures on electronically printed checks.

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

Trustee Guth noted her continued objection to the textbook purchases from Harcourt Brace.

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 74922 through 75074 for 1997/98.

**2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 978605 through 978646 for 1997/98.

**2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 42905 through 43196 in the amount of \$389,097.92.

**2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7453 through 7498 in the amount of \$343,780.82.

**2h. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT**

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts to the District and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors as listed on 2h-2 and 2h-3.

**2i. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Camp Fire Boys & Girls at Richman School from May 8 through June 10, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$675.00; 2) Mad Science of Orange County at Acacia School to be scheduled one day between May 28 and June 9, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$400.00.

**2j. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-111 THROUGH 97/98-119 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS**

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-111 through 97/98-119 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.

**2k. ADOPT RESOLUTION 97/98-120 FOR AUTHORIZATION OF VENDOR CLAIMS/ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 97/98-120 for Authorization of Vendor Claims/Orders to process vendor payments electronically.

**2l. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH REYNOLDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Reynolds Consulting Group, Inc., effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, to file State mandated cost claims on behalf of the District.

**2m. APPROVE NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT**

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic agency contract with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for a special education student (MIS ID #96-00060) effective May 27, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$420.00.

**2n. APPROVE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT**

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic school contract with Florence Crittenton School for a special education student (MIS ID #0598-01) effective May 27, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$390.00.

**2o. APPROVE OUT OF AREA FIELD TRIP**

This item was pulled from Consent and heard separately at the request of President Fisler .

**2p. APPROVE OVERNIGHT PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP (PAL) CAMP TRIP**

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

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT/ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

**2o. APPROVE OUT OF AREA FIELD TRIP**

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve an out of area field trip for Sunset Lane 4th grade students to San Diego via AMTRAK on June 3, 1998, at no cost to the District.

**MOTION TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees declare the need to take immediate action on approval of a contract with a student tour company and the need for action became known after the posting of the agenda.

**Addendum to the Agenda**

## 2q. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH TRAVEL TEENS EDUCATIONAL TOUR COMPANY

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Travel Teens Educational Tour Company for services on June 3, 1998 at no cost to the District.

## 2p. APPROVE OVERNIGHT PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP (PAL) CAMP TRIP

Trustee Guth noted her objection to 6th grade students attending the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) Camp. Trustees Pogue and Fisler noted the good reports they had received from schools as the result of students attending the PAL camp.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 3-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve an overnight Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) Camp trip for students and staff to Camp Ta Ta Pochon, August 15-18, 1998 (Acacia and Orangethorpe Schools) and August 23-26, 1998 (Nicolas Junior High School) at a cost not to exceed \$7,875.00.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### 3a. BUDGET UPDATE - MAY REVISE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reviewed information the District has received on the Governor's "May Revise" updated budget projection for the 1998/99 fiscal year and how it will affect the District's budget. Dr. Godfrey reported that the current projection of a 2.18% unrestricted Cost of Living Adjustment will result in less income to the District but there is potential for additional unrestricted funding. The Governor has proposed targeting additional money very restrictively to specific programs and there is a strong push to extend the number of student learning days to 180. Dr. Godfrey reviewed the District's 1998/99 projected appropriations for salary and benefits, Class Size Reduction Program, deferred maintenance, and facilities. She reminded Board members that a Budget Workshop will be held on June 17, 1998, as stated on the Budget Calendar.

Trustee Guth thanked Dr. Godfrey for her attention to the Deferred Maintenance backlog and her attempt to catch up.

#### 3b. ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PHYSICAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION FUND PRESENTATION

Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services congratulated Laguna Road physical education teacher Chris Heusser for recently being named the Orange County Outstanding Physical Education Teacher of the Year, 1998 by the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Chris Heusser, Laguna Road physical education teacher and Karen Samuelson, Ladera Vista physical education teacher, presented information on the Orange County Physical Education Fund. The Board viewed a short video on some of the District's various physical education activities.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

##### 4a. APPROVE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE CARRYOVER

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve Deferred Maintenance carryover to remain in the Deferred Maintenance Fund for future match from the State Allocation Board.

##### 4b. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF PART I OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION FOR 1998-1999

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of Part I of the Application for Funding Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

##### 4c. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 5144 (STUDENT DISCIPLINE)

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt proposed revision to Administrative Regulation 5144 (Student Discipline).

##### 4d. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CONSORTIUM ON READING EXCELLENCE (CORE), INC.

Trustee Guth voiced her objection to the District using CORE for staff training. She also noted her concern that the District continues to hold on to whole language philosophy.

Trustee Pogue noted that in December of 1996 she heard Mr. Honig (owner of CORE, Inc.) speak at the California School Boards Association on phonics, not whole language.

President Fisler commented that the District would be very amiss not to make use of this training.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 3-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Consortium on Reading Excellence (CORE), Inc. for the in-service training for site and district administrators and lead mentor teachers scheduled for August 17 and 18, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00

##### 4e. 1998-99 GATE BUDGET

Pat Puleo, Director of Instructional Services, noted a correction on page 4e-3 stating that line 19 should be \$16,620.

Trustee Guth noted her concern that "zero" students in the Discover Program have been identified to be GATE students. She encouraged staff to change the tool.

Trustee Valla commented that he would like GATE teachers to encourage GATE students to interact with other on-campus students.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Fullerton School District GATE Budget for 1998-99, as corrected.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Robin Ruble, Orangethorpe teacher, spoke to the Board, stating that when she went through the student teaching program at the University she was trained strictly using whole language methods and not phonics. Mrs. Ruble stated that since she has worked in the District she has taught phonics every day and has received continuous phonics support from the District.

## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Cooper had no formal report.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Valla reported he visited Ladera Vista and observed their physical education program. He apologized for not attending the CSEA banquet, stating that he was cooking for the Girl Scouts. Trustee Valla reported he visited Richman School and attended the Distinguished School ceremony at which Laguna Road School was recognized.

Trustee Guth reported she attended the Commonwealth play, "Jack and the Giant" held at Ladera Vista and was amazed at how much the students were able to memorize. She circulated a program from the play. Trustee Guth also reported that she attended Acacia School Site Council and was able to participate on the development of a school safety plan, noting her displeasure with the legislature for the mandate.

Trustee Guth reiterated that she did not receive a School Accountability Report Card from either one of her children's schools. She suggested that parents receive the School Accountability Report Card at conference time or that it be mailed home with the Superintendent's quarterly newsletter.

Trustee Guth encouraged everyone to vote and commented on her support of Proposition 227 (initiative on English for the children) and Proposition 226 (initiative on union dues).

Trustee Guth commented on newspaper articles regarding the benefits of teaching Latin and "Why Our Schools Are Failing."

Trustee Pogue commented on the dissemination of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) to parents stating that the Board has received documentation that all schools have sent out the SARCs. Trustee Pogue also commented that she had seen the newspaper articles mentioned by Trustee Guth, stating that she thought some of the facts, although valid, took a negative attitude.

Trustee Pogue reported that she attended Day of the Reader at Orangethorpe; attended a teacher luncheon, student essay tea and read in classes at Valencia Park; and attended Pacific Drive VIP Day. Trustee Pogue also reported on the PTA Council luncheon she attended at which Superintendent Ron Cooper and City Manager, Jim Armstrong received the Honorary PTA Service Award. Trustee Pogue reported she also attended three open

houses, viewed Golden Hill's Renaissance Program and production of Macbeth, and attended a Spelling Bee at Golden Hill School.

President Fisler reported he attended many of the usual open houses and the Day of the Reader at Orangethorpe. He praised staff for their concern with the safety of children, citing an incident at Acacia School when staff found a private bus to be unsafe for transporting children to outdoor education.

Mr. Fisler quoted some figures on student transiency at some of the schools in the District relative to student test scores.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

President Fisler noted that he would divert from the agenda and allow three members of the audience to speak to the Board.

Trustee Guth objected to allowing members of the audience speak and called for the order of the day.

Mimi Gaudette, FETA President-Elect, spoke to the Board on Proposition 226, in response to Trustee Guth's statement. Ms. Gaudette stated that all monies deducted from employee paychecks which are directed to political action are done so with the employee's knowledge and are strictly voluntary.

Suzanne Crago-Schneider, language development specialist, spoke to the Board and clarified a statement made by Trustee Guth relating to information on the Project Success application. Mrs. Crago-Schneider stated that 95% of the English-speaking students at certain schools are below the 50th percentile, but also noted that 50% is a very high standard. In addition, Mrs. Crago-Schneider stated that the information is based on the comprehension subtest.

Trustee Guth voiced her strong objection to the President allowing staff to direct questions to her. She again called for the order of the day and asked for a vote. Board members Pogue, Valla and Fisler voted to allow members of the audience to speak to the Board.

Janet Mork, Fern Drive parent, voiced her concern that her children are not getting the attention they need in school. She stated that if Beechwood is opened as a "Back to Basics" school, she would send her children to the school.

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

### **5a. PUBLIC HEARING ON INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA), CHAPTER 130 TO THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

President Fisler declared a Public Hearing to allow citizens to speak to the initial contract proposal from the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 130 to the Fullerton School District. There were no requests to speak to this item and President Fisler declared the Public Hearing closed.

#### 5b. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3533 (FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM)

Lynn Shavinsky, Director of Food Services reviewed the proposed revision, which is in response to Title I requirements for disaggregation of student test results. She noted that the District's Free and Reduced Student Lunch Program database will be used as the basis for this information.

Trustee Guth referred to the disaggregation of test results and inquired about the confidentiality of parents other than those who are disadvantaged. Pat Puleo, Director of Instructional Services, responded that a request for information was sent to all parents. Trustee Guth noted her desire to have all student/parent information be confidential. She suggested the development of a Board policy which addresses the confidentiality of all students/parents.

#### 5c. BEECHWOOD UPDATE

Superintendent Ron Cooper reminded Board members that at the June 23 Board meeting Dr. Good will be presenting the progress of the Beechwood committee.

Dr. Cooper stated that at the May 26, 1998 meeting the Board approved a contract for a traffic study in the Beechwood area for a K-6 school and a fundamental type school. He noted that after the study has been completed, there will be a meeting to receive input from the community on the findings of the study. Dr. Cooper stated that the Board had also made a commitment to seek the interest of the community for the type of school Beechwood should be.

Dr. Cooper asked the Board for direction on the time line for dissemination of the survey, the content of the survey, who should receive it, and how it should be disseminated.

President Fisler read a letter he received from Trustee Sugarman (who was absent from the meeting) giving her suggested plan for reaching a decision on the makeup of Beechwood School as well as a suggested time line for making a decision. President Fisler distributed a copy of Trustee Sugarman's suggested time line for voting on Beechwood.

Trustee Valla suggested that the definition of a "Back to Basics" school be included in the parent survey that is sent. Trustee Valla also suggested that the survey might be sent out with the City utility bill. Dr. Cooper asked for Board input on whether the survey should be sent to the Fullerton community or to District parents.

Trustee Pogue commented she was in favor of sending the survey to parents with the emergency cards at the beginning of the year as well as publishing information in the newspaper and in the District's Web page.

Trustee Guth noted that she would be in favor of having Trustee Sugarman's definition of a "fundamental approach" to be included in the survey. She voiced her objection to sending the survey home the first day of school and suggested that the survey be disseminated sometime early Fall.

Trustee Guth noted that she would not object to mailing the surveys out to parents. She

asked staff to investigate Trustee Valla's suggestion to include the survey with the City's monthly utility bill. She also suggested other ways the community could receive the information, i.e. through cable, word of mouth, newspaper and the Internet.

Trustee Guth noted her concern with Trustee Sugarman's suggested "binding registration" for parents to attend Beechwood.

Trustee Guth also suggested that Beechwood School open as a K-3 configuration.

Trustee Valla clarified his request to include the definition of a "Back to Basics" school on the parent survey. Trustee Valla stated that a "Back to Basics" school is not a "Fundamental" school. He noted that a "Back to Basics" school is strict and does not allow things such as All the Arts, Outdoor Education, or assemblies. Trustee Valla requested to receive a clarification between a "Back to Basics" and "Fundamental" school.

Superintendent Cooper stated that he will look into sending the surveys with the City utility bill and gather information on Fundamental Schools to send to the Board.

Dr. Godfrey asked for clarification on whether the survey would be disseminated to parents only or to the entire community. After discussion, Board directed staff to target parents.

#### 5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from May 27, 1998 through June 9, 1998.

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

There were no requests.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m. on May 26, 1998.

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Marjorie Pogue, Vice President

Board of Trustees