

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, April 14, 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, April 14, 1998 at 6:06 p.m. Marie Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

- Robert Fisler, President
- Marjorie Pogue, Vice President
- Hilda Sugarman, Clerk (Arrived at 7:00 p.m.)
- 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

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:07 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to:
1) confer with Don Becker, Labor Negotiator, regarding FETA; 2) Discuss public employee

discipline/dismissal/release; and 3) Discuss student discipline. No action was anticipated.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented background information on the Sallie Mae First Class Teacher award sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators. The following first year teachers were recognized and presented with a plaque and a flower bouquet: Ingrid Vizgrids (Fern Drive); Jennie Pullen (Orangethorpe). Heather Kearney (Orangethorpe) was not present. Dr. Lynch indicated that Jennie Pullen will represent the District at the national level.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected and presented, with the exception of Item 2b which was 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 March 24, 1998 and Special Board Meeting on March 31, 1998, as corrected and presented.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

This item was pulled at the request of Trustee Guth.

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 74056 through 74453 and 90032 for 1997/98.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 978456 through 978515 for 1997/98.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 41972 through 42395 in the amount of \$1,286,297.48.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7364 through 7413 in the amount of \$113,522.98.

2h. RATIFY/APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve the following lecturers (as corrected): 1) Katherine England at Golden Hill School from March 2 through June 10, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00; 2) Vicki Schindele at Rolling Hills School from April 20 through June 3, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,700.00 (as corrected); 3) Imagination Central at Rolling Hills School on June 3, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$575.00; 4) Orange County Beekeeper Association at Acacia School from April 15 through May 15, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$88.00; 5) Play in the Mud at Commonwealth School from April 29 through May 1, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00; 6) South Coast Repertory at Richman

School on May 11 and May 28, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,115.00; 7) Marlyn Whirry for two full days of teacher training between April 29 and May 16, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,600.00; 8) Guy Rice Doud for a Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) presentation on May 20, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

2i. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic school contract with Speech and Language Development Center for a special needs infant (MIS ID #97-01409) effective March 2, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$15,629.75.

2j. APPROVE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic school contract with Florence Crittenton School for special education students: 1) MIS ID #97-01225 effective April 15, 1998 through June 12, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$585.00; and 2) MIS ID #0498-01 effective April 15, 1998 through June 12, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,170.00.

2k. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic agency contract with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for a special education student (MIS ID #96-01258) effective March 2, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$2,380.00.

2l. APPROVE NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of trustees approve a nonpublic agency contract Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for a special education student (MIS ID #97-00926) effective April 15, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,540.00.

2m. RATIFY SERVICE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a service agreement with Orange County Department of

Education to receive Club Live funding in the amount of \$500.00.

2n. RATIFY OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

That the Board of Trustees ratify an overnight field trip for Raymond 6th grade students to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind State competition in Davis, California on March 27-29, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00 (as corrected and submitted).

2o. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO CLASSIFIED/CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement to the following classified/certificated employees for loss of personal property: 1) William Horton, District classified employee (\$109.37); 2) Anne Friedman, teacher at Pacific Drive School (\$247.80); 3) Mona Elgazzar, teacher at Valencia Park School (\$280.14); and 4) Fannye Steele, teacher at Woodcrest School (\$124.55).

2p. RATIFY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify maintenance agreements with: 1) General Binding Corporation for the Educational Media Center laminator, effective December 30, 1997 to December 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$306.00; and 2) Complete Business Systems for the Panasonic copier at Richman School from March 4, 1998 to March 4, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$495.00.

2q. APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE REQUESTS

That the Board of Trustees approve out of state conference requests for: 1) Carolyn Ratzlaff to attend the National Science Teachers Association National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 15-19, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$929.00; and 2) Billie Holt to attend the "Getting Teaching and Testing Into Alignment" conference in Scottsdale, Arizona on April 24, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$153.00.

2r. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-93 THROUGH 97/98-96 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt resolutions 97/98-93 through 97/98-96 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.

2s. ACCEPT GIFTS

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts to the District as listed on 2s and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors. President Fidler read the list of gifts presented for acceptance.

2t. APPROVE USE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BID AWARD FOR STANDARD SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CUT STOCK PAPER

That the Board of Trustees approve use of the Los Angeles County Office of Education bid

award for standard school supplies and cut stock paper and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these items through the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Guth asked for clarification concerning the Extra Duty Assignments for Sunset Lane teachers at Outdoor Science School. Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as presented (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reviewed the events leading to the recommendation on "Suggested Guidelines for Allocation of Instructional Minutes."

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board stating that he feels the proposed document is a good tool the way it is drafted and will be a great promotional tool to explain to parents. He emphasized that he felt it to be a good tool as long as the District adheres to the idea that it is a suggestion and every teaching style is different.

Moved by Kim Guth, second by Hilda Sugarman and failed 2-3 (Marjorie Pogue, Anthony Valla and Robert Fisler voted "no") to table this item for future consideration.

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 5-0 that the Board of Trustees approve the "Suggested Guidelines for Allocation of Instructional Minutes" for use as indicated in the document dated April 14, 1998. Trustee Valla did not accept Trustee Sugarman's friendly amendment (to delete the "daily suggested minutes") to his motion.

4b. APPROVE CHANGE IN ATTENDANCE AREAS FOR VALENCIA PARK AND PACIFIC DRIVE SCHOOLS

Trustee Sugarman noted that the statement in the last paragraph on the background information should be eliminated which stated "the parents at Pacific Drive would not be directly affected by attendance areas."

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the attendance areas for Valencia Park and Pacific Drive Schools, as shown on 4b-2.

4c. RATIFY CROSSING GUARD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FULLERTON

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reviewed recent changes in law that no longer require city governments to provide crossing guards. Fullerton City continues to provide crossing guards and has requested that Fullerton School District share the cost of providing crossing guards for students to and from school. Dr. Godfrey also noted that since the crossing guards are City employees and not District employees, it was the opinion of the City's and District's legal counsel that fingerprinting would not be required for crossing guards. Dr. Godfrey indicated that the City would be willing to amend the contract if the District required the crossing guards to be fingerprinted.

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton resident, suggested that in addition to the crossing guards, the District look into bringing back the old concept of safety patrol boys and girls to help students cross on the crosswalks.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, referred to a newspaper article and suggested that the District/City use a non sworn officer to videotape and mail out vehicle violations. Mr. Bass also suggested that the School District work with the City to be more pro active for increased monitoring and enforcement of traffic rules around the schools.

Trustee Guth suggested that orange cones be placed in the street along the center line on each corner at all schools to alert motorists.

Barbara Marr, Fullerton resident, urged the Board to require fingerprinting of crossing guards.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and passed unanimously that the Board of Trustees ratify the agreement (and an amendment to require fingerprinting of crossing guards) with the City of Fullerton for crossing guard services from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 with annual renewals at a cost not to exceed \$76,000.00.

4d. ADOPT RESOLUTION 97/98-97 TO ISSUE 1998 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 97/98-97 to Issue 1998 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for the District.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton resident, presented the Board with an article on "Hillsdale Academy" and commented on a the school's academic success.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, asked the Board how student test score results will be addressed next year. He noted that several large school districts have notified parents of limited English speaking students to waive their right to take the test. Mr. Bass also expressed his concern that if the districts with the largest populations of limited English speaking students do not test those students, the overall results of the testing will be skewed. He urged the Board to be proactive in preparing the community prior to the release of the test results.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, introduced and recognized Heather Kearney (Orangethorpe School teacher), a Sallie Mae Nominee who arrived late to the meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Fisler acknowledged Mr. Charles P. Greening, an active, long-time Fullerton community volunteer who was reporting for the Observer.

Trustee Guth reported she attended two plays, one at Plummer Auditorium (Fullerton High School) and one at Fern Drive School (third grade play). She noted that the Fern Drive play was an excellent example of how the curriculum can be connected to the play. She also credited Fern Drive teacher Janet Diamant for her persistent invitations to attend the play.

Trustee Guth responded to Mr. Bass' question stating that she supports the testing of all students, including the limited English proficient students.

Trustee Pogue reported she enjoyed the Chalk Art and Blue Ribbon Ceremony at Orangethorpe School and the Fern Drive School third grade play. Trustee Pogue distributed information and reported on a forum she attended at California State University, Fullerton (sponsored by Secretary of Child Development and Education, Marian Bergeson) regarding teacher recruitment/supply and training.

Trustee Sugarman thanked fellow Board members and staff for their overwhelming, kind support for her speedy recovery from surgery.

Trustee Sugarman reported on the events she attended including the Golden Hill Science Fair at which she judged student projects, and a Laguna Road student third grade play.

Trustee Sugarman commented on a newspaper article which was distributed at the March 24 Board meeting on the limited success on entry level test scores in reading and math at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). Trustee Sugarman stated that the scores were not necessarily from recent graduating Fullerton students and 43% of the current Fullerton graduating students were exempt from taking the entry level tests because of their high SAT/ACT test scores. Trustee Sugarman also commented on a recent Newsweek magazine article which listed Sunny Hills High School as one of the top 20 high schools in the United States.

Trustee Valla reported on the events he attended including the "Back to Basics" forum at which Trustee Guth was a participant; Carl Hammaker's and Jim Vinion's retirement reception; Golden Hill Science Fair at which he judged student projects; Education Foundation meeting; Curriculum Steering Committee meeting; Orangethorpe's Chalk Art; Beechwood Planning Committee meeting; and visits to Maple and Valencia Park Schools. Trustee Valla noted he was pleased to see so many of the community attend the Special Board meeting on the reopening of Beechwood School.

Trustees Pogue and Fisler praised Trustee Valla's daughter Elizabeth for designing and implementing a Mini-Special Olympics at Woodcrest School and noted an article in the "Observer" newspaper on the event.

Trustee Fislser reported he attended many of the same events as his fellow Board members and reported on Orangethorpe's Open House and the Fullerton Chamber Education Committee meeting which he attended.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

Robin Ruble, Orangethorpe teacher, urged Board members to provide student transportation if Beechwood reopens as a magnet school.

Barbara Nelson, Rolling Hills parent, spoke regarding her concerns if Beechwood reopens as a magnet school, including traffic safety within the Beechwood community and overcrowding at schools. She urged the Board to address the overcrowding at schools created by new housing developments and growth. Mrs. Nelson also noted her opposition to reopen Beechwood as a "Back to Basics" school.

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton resident, spoke to the Board on his perception of how public schools are perceived.

Beth Lamb, Valencia Park and Nicolas parent urged the Board to address and accommodate overcrowding and to not reopen Beechwood as a magnet school.

Mark Poplovich, Acacia parent, praised Acacia School teachers and stated that if Beechwood opens as a magnet school, he would like it to be an arts magnet school.

Ursula Oleksyn, Raymond parent, suggested that parents be surveyed on their desire to reopen Beechwood as a "Back to Basics" magnet school.

Laurie Jensing, Sunset Lane parent and child care giver, opposed the reopening of Beechwood as a "Back to Basics" school and suggested that those parents who would like a "Back to Basics" school open their own private school.

Superintendent Cooper reviewed Board discussions at the Special Board meetings on March 11 and March 31 regarding reopening Beechwood School. Dr. Cooper asked the Board for their input on the type of parent survey that would be sent out. After discussion and Board input, the consensus of the Board was to send out a parent survey to include a definition of a "Back to Basics" school and to request a parent commitment for children to attend Beechwood if it reopens as a "Back to Basics" school. Trustee Guth suggested that parents who have expressed an interest in a "Back to Basics" school, be invited to be involved in the definition of "Back to Basics."

H. W. Thompson, Fullerton resident, stated that his grandson attends John Muir Fundamental School in Santa Ana and commented that he occasionally drives his grandson to school and they are enthusiastic about the school.

5b. INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE FULLERTON ELEMENTARY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (F.E.T.A.)

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton resident, noted his confusion on the proposal and requested that

the parameters of the proposal be provided to the public. Dr. Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, responded that she would be happy to meet with Mr. DeWitte to explain the legal process for negotiations.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees receive the initial contract proposal from the Fullerton School District to the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association (F.E.T.A.) and schedule a public hearing at the next regular Board meeting on April 28, 1998.

5c. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from April 15, 1998 through April 28, 1998. The Board was informed of a parliamentary workshop on April 23, 1998 sponsored by the California State Association of Parliamentarians.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Guth requested information on: 1) What materials teachers have been provided to fix the problem of inadequate skills process in the actual "Everyday Math" program at the District level; and 2) Any evidence the District has that this program is working. Trustee Guth requested to see some comparative data analysis to evaluate the actual "Everyday Math" program (i.e present scores of students compared to when the students were using the previous program and have District students maintained their math performance with this new math program or not?).

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m. on April 14, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees