

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, March 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, March 10, 1998 at 6:05 p.m. Kathleen Carroll 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

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:07 p.m. the Board recessed into Closed Session to confer with Don Becker, Labor Negotiator, regarding CSEA/FETA. No action was anticipated.

At 6:18 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss: 1) Negotiations between the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and the Fullerton School District regarding the conversion of the Beechwood Site to its original school condition; and 2) Public Employee discipline/dismissal/release.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. President Fisler announced that in Closed Session the Board of Trustees took action directing the Superintendent to notify one certificated employee of non-reemployment for the 1998/99 school year pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21.

INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Vinion, retired District plumber, was recognized by Jim Lucey, Director of Facility Services and Sue Faassen, Sunset Lane principal. Jim, who retired at the end of February, was praised for his 23 years of extraordinary service. Jim also served as CSEA president for several years.

Carl Hammaker, District electrician was recognized by Jim Lucey, Director of Facility Services and Harriet Hermann, Fern Drive principal. Carl was praised for his 35 years of exemplary service.

President Robert Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Vinion and Mr. Hammaker with certificates of appreciation.

Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Harriet Hermann, Fern Drive principal, recognized Trustee Fisler for his 21 years of service on the Board. Trustee Fisler was presented with a framed poem, a plant and a wooden garden sign.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as presented.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 1998.\

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments, Variable Term Waiver Requests, Resignations and Retirements).

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve (Add Extra Time, Increase/Decrease Hours, New Hires, Resignations, and Transfers).

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 73642 through 73776 for 1997/98.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 41532 through 41781 in the amount of \$585,928.33.

2f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-82 THROUGH 97/98-88 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-82 through 97/98-88 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. President Fisler read the list of gifts presented for acceptance.

2h. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Stephanie Lush at Richman School on March 12, 1998, at no cost to the District; 2) Lilliput Players at Commonwealth School on April 23, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$255.00; 3) David Rice at Fern Drive School on March 11 and 12, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$350.00; 4) Vicki Schindele at Rolling Hills School from March 18, 1998 through April 23, 1998, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00; 5) Dale Jones and Jenni-Lynn McMillin, Districtwide (All the Arts), from March 11, 1998 through June 13, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$5,250.00; and 6) Dr. Arylene Piper-Mandy at Nicolas Junior High School on March 25, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

2i. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic agency contracts with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for special education students: 1) MIS ID #96-0167 effective March 5, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$2,520.00; and 2) MIS ID #96-00656 effective March 5, 1998 through June 30, 19998 at a cost not to exceed \$3,780.00.

2j. AMEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees amend a nonpublic school contract with College Park School for a special education student (MIS ID #96-0066) effective July 1, 1997 through June 12, 1998 at a total amended cost not to exceed \$35,602.00.

2k. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH COPIER SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Copier Service Professionals for the Mita copier at Sunset Lane School.

2I. APPROVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ASTRO CANON

That the Board of Trustees approve the maintenance agreement with Astro Canon for the Selex copier at Nicolas Junior High School through July 15, 1998.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. UPDATE ON ERATE

Tony Anderson, Director of Informational Services, presented an update on the District activities in applying for Erate subsidies.

3b. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

President Fisler announced that this item would be postponed to the first meeting in April due to inconsistency in the recommendation and the minutes of the Curriculum Steering Committee meeting. President Fisler also stated that he would like the Board to receive teacher and parent input. Trustee Guth requested to receive a copy of the meeting minutes at which the Curriculum Steering Committee made the recommendations. She noted that she believed that the Curriculum Steering Committee had voted to send the recommendations to the Board.

3c. REVIEW OF BOARD ACTIONS

The Board reviewed the summary of their works and accomplishments from November, 1997 through February, 1998.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. ADOPT PROPOSED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS AND SPANISH TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS

Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reviewed the process leading to the recommended adoption. Dr. Caillet introduced Mr. Wiley Blevins, Scholastic Publishing representative, who was available to answer questions on Scholastic's program.

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board stating that he feels the District has followed the State guidelines to make a legal choice in the selection of textbooks. Mr. Bass thanked the staff for thoroughly analyzing, reviewing and providing the teachers and the community an opportunity to review the materials and give their input.

Anita Smiley, FETA President, on direction of her Executive Board commended and thanked District staff for involving teachers in the selection process. Mrs. Smiley also thanked teachers and other District staff members who served on the Language Arts Adoption Committee.

Julie Anders, Director of the California Division of the National Right to Read Foundation,

informed the Board and audience about the availability of a library of information on phonics programs. She questioned whether or not the program the District is adopting is in compliance with the legal mandates. She referenced and submitted a copy of studies, articles and statements on the kind of reading instruction program that children receive in Kindergarten through third grade.

Barbara Moore, Hermosa Drive teacher thanked the Board for providing the additional time that was necessary to reach the decision on the adoption. She thanked teachers in the District who were part of the process for their time, dedication and thoroughness in matching the series to the State framework, the Fullerton School District core curriculum, State standards and for determining the overall effectiveness of teaching strategies in each of the series. She thanked Dr. Caillet, Pat Puleo, Carol Lambert and Billie Holt who provided materials and information requested by teachers.

Sylvia Zapata Martinez, Valencia Drive parent, spoke to the Board stating that as a parent she is pleased with the material that has been selected.

Trustee Guth asked that the following be entered into the record: an audiotape from L.A. Unified School District with Dr. Shefelbine giving testimony before their Board stating that all of the language arts programs adopted by the State Board of Education, including Scholastic, were literature based programs; a study, "Analyzing Beginning Reading Programs, the Relationship Between Decoding, Instruction and Texts"; a videotape of a question/answer session at the District Office last week with testimony from Scholastic trainers and the Western Regional Coordinator; and "The Beginning Reading Instruction Study" by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

President Fisler called for the question, Anthony Valla seconded the motion, and the motion to call for the question was passed 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no").

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees adopt the English-Language Arts and Spanish Textbooks/Materials as listed on 4a.

4b. APPROVE SECOND INTERIM REPORT FOR 1997/98

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve a "Positive Certification" for the Second Interim reporting period of the District's ability to meet it's financial obligations or the current and two subsequent years.

4c. SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR EDISON INTERNATIONAL NEW ERA K-12 AWARDS

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of grant applications by Fern Drive and Golden Hill Schools for the Edison International New Era K-12 Awards.

4d. SUBMISSION OF SB1510 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, urged the Board to approve the submission of the grant application by Sunset Lane School.

Trustee Sugarman noted a correction on Page 4d-15.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of a grant application for the SB1510 Educational Technology Grant by Sunset Lane School.

4e. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PHI DELTA KAPPA MINI GRANTS

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, urged the Board to approve the submission of two mini grant applications submitted by Golden Hill School.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of applications for two Phi Delta Kappa mini grants by Golden Hill School.

4f. APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT TO THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Alan Morton, Fullerton community member, read a statement voicing his continued concern on an action taken at a past Board meeting on the Educational Foundation and a potential Conflict of Interest dealing with two Board members who also serve on the Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. Morton requested a copy of the formal notification of the legal counsel finding pertaining to the potential conflict of interest as well all supporting documents by legal counsel. Mr. Morton also requested all State of California and Board of Education documentation that justifies the Fullerton School Board's right to give public funds to a nonprofit, public benefit California Corporation as "start-up seed money."

Trustee Guth requested to receive information on the total contribution, as of present date, from the Fullerton School District to the Educational Foundation.

Trustee Valla commented on discussion at a recent Educational Foundation meeting on the need for the Foundation to eventually grow and wean itself from District support. He stated that \$10,000 of the \$50,000 given to the Educational Foundation has been returned to the District in the form of grants to the teachers. The Foundation will form a two-tiered Board of Directors; one of volunteers and one of advisors/educators who will assist but not be voting members. Mr. Valla voiced his support of the .25 FTE at this point.

Kathy Dasney, Educational Foundation Director, reminded Board members that the consultant recommended \$160,000 start-up monies for the foundation and that Dr. Johnson waived his \$10,000 stipend. She also stated all foundations that have been contacted by the Fullerton Educational Foundation have reinforced the fact that there is District staff time devoted to their foundation. Ms. Dasney encouraged the Board to continue the .25 FTE for a period of time.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman and seconded by Anthony Valla that the Board of Trustees

approve administrative (.25 FTE) and clerical (.25 FTE) support to the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation in the 1997-98 school year, effective July 1, 1997. Trustee Sugarman moved to amend her motion to substitute ".25 FTE" with ".15 FTE". The amended motion was not accepted by Mr. Valla and the main motion was passed 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no").

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Kathy Dasney, Fullerton Public Librarian and community member, spoke to the Board on the sale of cookbooks by the Children's League that will benefit Fullerton School District children. She also informed Board members of a \$20,660.00 grant awarded to Fullerton Library which will provide software and hardware to access both libraries' electronic catalogs by the Internet.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke on his concern to use public funds to support the Educational Foundation and urged Board members to stop their support.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Valla reported on his visits to Commonwealth and Hermosa Drive Schools; his attendance at Parks Art Auction; and his assistance at the Laguna Road/Sunny Hills Golf Tournament.

Trustee Guth reported on her attendance at Acacia's "Pied Piper" play and her attendance at the Curriculum Steering Committee meetings on the Language Arts Adoption and Instructional Minutes Guidelines. Trustee Guth reviewed the questions she had on the Language Arts Adoption that have not been answered, ("What is cost of the materials/books and which portions are on the State adopted list?"). Trustee Guth noted her reservations to the adoption due to the fact that her questions were not answered.

Trustee Sugarman reported she attended many meetings. She displayed a "thank you" note from a Raymond first grade class that she read to, noting the students and teacher work together with their reading skills. She reported on her observations of the Scottish Right Reading Programs (Systematic Explicit Directed Instruction) at Laguna Road and Valencia Park on the reading program. Trustee Sugarman thanked staff for their response to questions asked by a Board member and noted that answers were given to all the questions asked. Trustee Sugarman reported on her attendance at the Metropolitan Water District's presentation at Rolling Hills School, noting her conversation with State Senator Marian Bergeson (State Standards Committee Chair) relating to the English Language Adoption and her statement that "Teachers have to teach what they are comfortable with and if you don't give them a program with which they are comfortable they are not going to do a good job teaching."

Trustee Sugarman reported on a Sunrise Breakfast meeting she attended at which the speaker addressed what the community can do to help children succeed. She urged the

community to volunteer in the schools to help students.

Trustee Pogue reported she attended a Moose Lodge Opening at which they adopted Valencia Park School; visited Pacific Drive School; attended the TIMSS Conference; attended the Curriculum Steering Committee meeting; visited Sunset Lane School; and attended a Sister City Committee meeting. She noted that the Sister City Committee is looking for volunteers.

Trustee Fisler reported on his visits to: sixth grade classrooms at six different schools within the District; Acacia School program, "The Pied Piper"; and Rolling Hills Academic Olympic Awards. Trustee Fisler also reported on a "Presidents' Workshop" he attended sponsored by the California School Boards Association. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the workshop.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION AND EXHIBIT 5131.9 (ACADEMIC HONESTY)

Ellen Rawland briefly reviewed the process which was used to develop proposed Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 5131.9.

Trustee Guth commented on "group work" and asked that teachers be encouraged to monitor groups.

Trustee Valla suggested a change on AR 5131.9(a) that the procedures for the second offense be added to the procedures for the first offense and the procedures for the third offense be moved to the second offense.

Trustee Valla urged that teachers be encouraged to follow the policy. He also requested that once the final policy is adopted, a letter be sent to all parents and tutoring centers notifying them of this policy.

Trustee Sugarman noted that the statement on E 5131.9 (poster) relating to asking for help from parents/teachers conflicts with the statement on BP 5131.9. She suggested that the statement on homework be deleted and the schools be given the option to put in a statement. Trustee Sugarman also suggested a change in the wording of the poster for the student to identify anyone who helped with his/her homework.

Trustee Sugarman suggested the addition of an intervention statement on AR 5131.9 (b). She also noted that there is no time frame noted on AR 5131.9 (b), i.e. third offense in a quarter, semester, year? Trustee Sugarman asked for the committee's opinion to insert a statement on any incidents in the student cum record.

Conrad DeWitte, community member, noted his support for this policy and suggested that a statement be added that the student be given extra tutoring on the first incident.

5b. 1998 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Board members noted their preferences for Delegate Assembly candidates. After discussion, Board consensus was to cast its vote for: Shirley Carey (Huntington Beach City USD), Martha Fluor (Newport-Mesa USD), Judy Franco (Newport Mesa USD), Mary Fuhrman (Buena Park SD); Donna McDougall (Cypress SD), Margie Wakeman (Irvine SD), and Virginia Wilson (Los Alamitos USD).

5c. RECEIVE INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM THE FULLERTON ELEMENTARY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (F.E.T.A.)

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees receive the initial contract proposal from the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association (F.E.T.A.) to the Fullerton School District, and schedule a public hearing at the next regular Board meeting scheduled for March 24, 1998.

5d. DISCUSSION OF BOARD APPROVAL FOR PRIVATE FOUNDATION BUDGETS

Alan Morton, community member, requested a copy of the Brown Act. He noted his concern that public funds have been diverted from the Fullerton School District to a specialized interest group. Mr. Morton also requested a breakdown of the benefits and use of facilities as listed in the February 10 Annual Report of the Educational Foundation.

Marie Whaling, community member, voiced her objection to the use of the \$37,000 that was given to the Educational Foundation. She requested to receive the same documentation on the Foundation that Mr. Morton had requested.

Ellen Ballard, Fullerton Educational Foundation Director and Fullerton School District language development specialist, stated that the Foundation, under advisement of other foundations (who have a wonderful working relationship with their Board) developed bylaws to have the School District Board of Trustees approve the Educational Foundation budget. She also noted that other foundations have given upward of a million dollars to their districts for services and programs.

Trustee Guth asked Mrs. Ballard if the Foundation would consider a change to their bylaws (after the District's donation of FTE ceases) so that the Board could review the budget but would not have to approve the budget. Mrs. Ballard agreed to take this item to the Educational Foundation Board for consideration.

Trustee Valla stated that although foundations are separate entities from their District, the newly established Educational Foundation needs time to grow. He voiced his desire for the District to continue to provide clerical and administrative support for one more year.

Lauralyn Eschner, Fine Arts Coordinator, stated that Fullerton School District's Board Policy states that the Board of Trustees must approve the Arts Foundation Budget and that is why it is incorporated in the Arts Foundation Bylaws. She also noted that even if the Board of Trustees did not approve the Arts Foundation budget, the Board would have right to accept gifts from the Arts Foundation.

5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from March 11, 1998

through March 24, 1998. Changes to the calendar were noted as follows: March 12, Richman Parent Involvement Night changed to 6:45 p.m.; March 24, Ladera Vista Junior High Dinner Theater rescheduled to a future date TBA. Dr. Cooper noted that there will be a Special Board meeting for a workshop on the enrollment projections as it relates to the reopening of Beechwood School.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to have the Superintendent identify the core reading instructional materials, the exact book or booklets for K-3 (both Scholastic and Harcourt Brace) that will be purchased with AB3482 funds, and to present the cost of the texts.

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to have the Superintendent present his recommendation or nonrecommendation of the document entitled "Draft Guidelines for Allocation of Instructional Minutes."

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to add the social studies and science sub tests of the STAT 9 as an exit exam for 8th grade students.

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on a future agenda for the Superintendent to inform the Board how the Board is to evaluate the subjects of social studies and science as they are part of the core curriculum (the Education Code requires the Board to evaluate the core instructional programs).

Trustee Sugarman requested that an item be placed on a future agenda for discussion on how much time an individual Board member can require of any staff member.

President Fisler requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to review the Board's Ethics Code (Board Bylaw), stating that he would like to incorporate some of the California School Boards Association language suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler announced that the Closed Session on Personnel was held at the beginning of the Board meeting and he declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. on March 10, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees