

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, July 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, July 14, 1998 at 6:08 p.m. Marie Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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. ACTION TAKEN AT JUNE 23, 1998 BOARD MEETING

President Fisler announced that at the June 23, 1998 Board meeting, the Board took action in Closed Session to: 1) release two temporary teachers; and 2) approve the readmission of expelled student #97/98-08 effective June 24, 1998.

1d. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss the following items and that action was anticipated:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (two potential cases; significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (vacant positions within the District).

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. Harriet Hermann led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Fisler announced that in Closed Session the Board unanimously approved a Compromise and Release agreement with parents of a special education student (MIS ID #97-00013) in the amount of \$3,300.00.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Fisler asked members of the audience to stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Ralph Kennedy, Observer Newspaper owner and editor who passed away on July 2, 1998.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

(A motion made by Anthony Valla to approve the Consent Items with the exception of Items 2b and 2s was withdrawn).

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected, supplemented and presented with corrections and with the exception of items 2b and 2s, which were requested to be pulled from Consent and item 2l which was requested by staff to be deleted.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings on June 23, 1998 and Special Board Meeting on June 25, 1998.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

At the request of Trustee Guth, this item was pulled from Consent.

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Stipends, Employ Summer School, New Hires, Promotions, Resignations, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Summer Work, Terminations, and Working Out of Classification)

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 75322 through 75380 for 1997/98; and 80037 through 80048, 922R0025 through 922R0105, 922X0008 through 922X0025, and 922L001 for 1998/99.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Service Purchase Orders numbered 978780 and 978775 through 978796 for 1997/98.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 43812 through 43983 in the amount of \$1,386,073.95.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7554 through 7611 in the amount of \$58,568.10.

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.

2i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-136, 97/98-149 THROUGH 97/98-155 and 98/99-01 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-136, 97/98-149 through 97/98-155 and 98/99-01 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.

2j. APPROVE INVESTMENT BANKING AGREEMENT WITH STONE & YOUNGBERG LLC

That the Board of Trustees approve an investment banking agreement with Stone & Youngberg LLC, to serve as underwriters in the formation of Communities and Facilities District (CFD) No. 98-1 and related bond issuance.

2k. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH STRADLING, YOCCA, CARLSON, RAUTH

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Stradling, Yocca, Carlson, Rauth to serve as bond counsel in the formation of Community Facilities District (CFD) 98-1.

2l. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH STANDARD PACIFIC - This item was pulled at the request of staff.

2m. AWARD CONTRACT FOR MINOR REPAIR AND EXTERIOR TRIM PAINTING

That the Board of Trustees approve a contract for minor repair and exterior trim painting at Valencia Park School, FSD Project #97/98-01 to S-A-M Painting for a total amount of

\$31,000.

2n. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NEPTUNE, THOMAS, DAVIS

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Neptune, Thomas, Davis to conduct energy analyses on Fullerton School District's twelve modernization projects.

2o. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO NELSON ROOFING, INC.

That the Board of Trustees approve Change Order #1 to Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the additive amount of \$4,017.60 for reroofing seven sites within the District, FSD Project #97/98-24.

2p. APPROVE AND FILE NOTICES OF COMPLETION FOR REROOFING PROJECT

That the Board of Trustees approve and file Notices of Completion for reroofing project 97/98-24 for: 1) reroofing Parks Junior High School by Best Roofing Company for a total amount of \$28,840.00 and 2) reroofing seven (7) sites by Nelson Roofing, Inc. for a total amount of \$228,749.60.

2q. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HMC GROUP

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with HMC Group to perform architectural and engineering services in conjunction with the upgrading of the electrical service at Nicolas Junior High School and Rolling Hills School.

2r. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH MERINO ARCHITECTS

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Merino Architects to perform architectural and engineering services in conjunction with the installation of the fire alarm and communication systems at Pacific Drive and Valencia Park Schools.

2s. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - This item was pulled from Consent and heard separately.

2t. APPROVE PIGGYBACK BID

That the Board of Trustees approve a piggyback bid for purchase of classroom and office furniture under the terms and conditions of contract awarded to Virco Mfg. Corporation by the Pomona Unified School District.

2u. APPROVE 1997/98 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1997/98 California Department of Education contract amendments for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to: 1) Extended Day Care (Latchkey) Program in the amount of \$951.00; and 2) State Preschool Program in the amount of \$3,312.00.

2v. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID TAUSSIG AND ASSOCIATES

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with David Taussig and Associates for

special tax consulting services related to Community Facilities District (CFD) 98-1 and related bond issuance at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

2w. RATIFY 1998-99 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MASTER CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school master contracts with: 1) Rossier School; 2) Speech and Language Development Center; 3) Clela Harder Development School; and 4) Oralingua School.

2x. RATIFY 1998-99 NONPUBLIC AGENCY MASTER CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic agency master contract with Karen Rothwell-Vivian (auditory-verbal services).

2y. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school contracts for special education students with: 1) Rossier School; 2) Speech and Language Development Center; 3) Clela Harder School; 4) Oralingua School; and 5) Blind Children's Learning Center.

2z. APPROVE/RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify nonpublic agency contracts for special education students with: 1) Karen Rothwell Vivian; 2) Gallagher Pediatric Therapy; 3) Stowell Learning Center; and 4) Center for Autism and Related Disorders.

2aa. RATIFY AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

That the Board of Trustees ratify agreements to provide transportation services from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 with: 1) Small World/Kids World; 2) Arborland Montessori; and 3) Children's International Montessori.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Guth commented on 2b-3 noting her objection to the continued increase in administrative costs (reemployment of retiree) in the Educational Services Department.

Trustee Sugarman praised Billie Holt for the work she has accomplished at the request of the Board (alignment of state standards with curriculum and texts and made it succinct and explicit). Trustee Sugarman suggested that staff investigate reclassification of Mrs. Holt's position. President Fisler concurred with Trustee Sugarman.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as supplemented and presented.

Susan Kammer, Fullerton parent, commented that she pulled her third grader out of Acacia School and home schooled her this year and voiced her concerns. Superintendent Cooper introduced newly appointed principal at Nicolas Junior High School, Allan Waterman.

2l. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH STANDARD PACIFIC

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that this item be deleted from the agenda.

2s. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP (PAL) CAMP

Trustee Guth noted her continued objection to this type of program. Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the 1998-99 agreement with Orange County Department of Education for Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) program.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. CONFERENCE REPORT - FOURTH QUARTER

The Board reviewed the Fourth Quarter Conference Report for the period of April 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998.

3b. REVIEW OF BOARD ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

The Board reviewed their works and accomplishments for the period of March through June, 1998. Trustee Guth commented that in going through the list, she was dismayed that the District did not administer the social science and science subtests.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 97/98-156 CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE FOR PURCHASE OF STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded to Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 97/98-156 certifying that Fullerton School District has complied with Education Codes 60652 and 60119 for the allocation of student instructional materials for the 1997-98 school year.

4b. ADOPTION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS CORE CURRICULUM, GRADES K-8

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed English-Language Arts Core Curriculum for Grades K-8. (Trustees noted that this is a living document).

4c. SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 5144 (STUDENT DISCIPLINE)

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed revision to Board Policy 5144 (Student Discipline).

4d. ADOPT RESOLUTION 98/99-02 ELIMINATING CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 98/99-02 eliminating identified classified positions.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. David Spadt, Beechwood area resident, voiced his desire that Beechwood be opened as a neighborhood school. Mr. Spadt also voiced his concern with possible traffic problems if Beechwood were to open as a Back to Basics school.

Mr. George Lentz, Beechwood area resident, voiced his support for opening Beechwood School as a neighborhood school, stating that he believes elementary schools should serve neighborhood residents.

Mr. James Antanow, Beechwood area resident, urged Board members to open Beechwood School as a neighborhood school noting his concern with traffic safety and the loss of bicycle lanes if Beechwood did not open as a neighborhood school.

Christine Spadt, Beechwood area resident, requested that the parent survey be sent to the citizens who live in the Beechwood neighborhood and suggested that the Board look at future demographics in the area. She further stated that she has heard no Beechwood neighbors indicate that they want a Back to Basics school.

John Clark, Beechwood area resident, urged the Board to give the Beechwood neighborhood a chance to fill the school with neighboring students.

Cassandra Cook, Beechwood area resident, voiced her concern with the traffic impact if Beechwood were opened as a Back to Basics school and urged the Board to open Beechwood as a neighborhood school.

Anita Smiley, Richman teacher and former District parent stated that it is important for parents to know that District teachers teach basics in all the schools. She invited parents to look at the new District curricula which is very basic skills oriented.

Rudi Krause, Anaheim resident, spoke on his concern with the DARE program. He stated that teaching DARE is a violation of the state guidelines and there are no supportive papers for DARE.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Valla reported that he participated in the scoring of the Golden State exam. Mr. Valla also reported he attended memorial services for Ralph Kennedy and stated that he would

miss Mr. Kennedy.

Trustee Guth commented to Beechwood area residents that the reason she believes some parents are asking for a Back to Basics school is because they feel their school is not doing a good job of teaching students the fundamentals. She stated that having a Back to Basics school at Beechwood may be an advantage to area residents. She urged parents to request a copy of test scores. She noted that she would like all District schools to have a Back to Basics focus.

Trustee Guth reported on her visits to summer school sites. She stated that some of the schools have done a good job of trying to be consistent from classroom to classroom. She commented on one of her visits to a 3/4 classroom where she saw a poster called the "unknown word strategy." Trustee Guth also commented on a poster she referred to as "whole math" that she saw in all the summer school classrooms. The poster was to help students memorize their math (multiplication) facts.

Trustee Guth commented that she had not yet seen the District test scores and read a quote from Delaine Eastin stating that half of the nation will be half educated.

Trustee Sugarman spoke on the reopening of Beechwood. She quoted a U.S. House of Representative who stated that "the key to help America is to Read."

Trustee Sugarman commented on the District test scores stating that students improved in almost every grade level.

Trustee Sugarman reported on her visits to summer school noting that she observed "pneumonic math and many good things in summer school. She stated that she liked that some of the schools ran their schools on themes. Trustee Sugarman thanked summer school principal, Harriet Hermann for making focuses in summer school for each grade level and for holding the enrollment steady.

Trustee Pogue reported on Parks graduation noting that she was very impressed with the class speakers at graduation.

President Fisler reported he visited all the summer schools including the Even Start program.

President Fisler commented that summer schools are doing an incredible job.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. PARENT SURVEY ON REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD

Superintendent Ron Cooper reviewed the proposed parent survey on reopening of Beechwood School.

Trustee Pogue noted she liked the alignment comparison on the parent survey.

Trustee Sugarman noted her concern that the survey was not user friendly. She distributed a copy of her suggestions for the proposed parent survey.

Trustee Guth agreed with Trustee Sugarman's comments stating there is too much detail on the survey. Trustee Guth noted her concern that the survey requests the names of parents. She also noted her concern that all the community will not receive the survey.

Trustee Valla noted his concern that parents may be insulted by the survey because many of the District schools are providing the same opportunities as do fundamental schools. Trustee Valla also noted the need to differentiate between a "Fundamental" and a "Back to Basics" school.

After additional input by Board members, Superintendent Cooper stated that he would revise the parent survey and bring it back to the Board at the August 25, 1998 meeting.

Tracy Ramont, Richman teacher and Fullerton resident, suggested that the two columns remain on the parent survey so that parents can see the very subtle differences.

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from July 15, 1998 through August 25, 1998.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. on July 14, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees