

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, August 25, 1998****5:30 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, August 25, 1998 at 5:33 p.m. Konnie Gault 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
- Nancy Finch-Heuerman, Legal Counsel (present only during Student Discipline)
- Konnie Gault, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance
- Marie Sweet, Secretary to the Superintendent

1c. There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to

conduct Expulsion Hearing 97/98-16. The Board recessed into deliberation at 6:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:35 p.m. Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the findings and conclusions of the Board of Trustees be adopted and the student be expelled from all the schools and programs of the District for the semester in which the act occurred and for the following semester. The student may apply for readmission after the fall 1998 semester. Further moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that pursuant to California Education Code section 48916 a rehabilitation plan be developed by the superintendent or designee and recommended to the student and the student's parents for completion during the period of expulsion.

The Board recessed into Closed Session to:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Don Becker, Employee Organizations: Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association and California School Employees Association, Chapter 130). No action anticipated.
2. DISCUSS PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (vacant principal positions within the District). No action anticipated.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m. Harold Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Cooper introduced Jeanne Susi Vastbinder, who was hired on August 17, 1998 as the Woodcrest principal; and Barbara Langford, who was appointed Assistant Principal at Pacific Drive School for the 1998/99 school year.

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 with the exception of items 2b and 2y, which were requested by Trustee Guth to be 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 July 14, 1998 and Special Board Meeting on August 17, 1998.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve Classified Tuition Reimbursement for: Catalina Davis (\$228.08); Debra Fry (\$181.26); Bitia Gonzalez (\$144.66); Janet Knoll (\$186.62); Rose Rogers (\$212.61); Dorothy Ruhnke (\$268.00); Veronica Sosa (\$500.00); and Susan Wilkinson (\$120.00).

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 75381 through 75413 for 1997/98; and 922L0001 through 922L0025, 922M0001 through 922M0171, 922R0001 through 922R0438, 922S0001 through 922S0035, 922T0001 through 922T0040, and 922X0001 through 922X0057 for 1998/99.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Service Purchase Orders numbered 978797 through 978799 for 1997/98 and 989001 through 989045 for 1998/99.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 1000 through 1386 in the amount of \$2,478,193.35

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7612 through 7643 in the amount of \$672,743.82.

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.

2i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-157 THROUGH 97/98-170 and 98/99-03 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-157 through 97/98-170 and 98/99-03 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 1998/99 FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees approve 1998/99 Food Service contracts with: 1) Giovanni's Pizza effective September 8, 1998; 2) Driftwood Dairy effective September 8, 1998; and 3) ASR Foods effective September 8, 1998.

Trustee Sugarman commended Food Services Director, Lynn Shavinsky for her efforts to help parents complete the necessary food service forms. Trustees Sugarman and Valla praised Mrs. Shavinsky for her community cooperation with a local merchant (Giovanni's Pizza).

Trustee Fislser praised Mrs. Shavinsky for her efforts to enhance the Food Services Department.

2k. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH PJHM ARCHITECTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify a contract with PJHM Architects to analyze two proposed school sites on the Chevron Property at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Mr. Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, asked if the District would be reimbursed for this contract. Dr. Godfrey stated that Chevron will reimburse the District. Mr. Bass also asked if the architects are affiliated with Chevron. Dr. Godfrey responded that they are not. Mr. Bass noted his concern that other sites have not been suggested in the Environmental Impact Report, stating that it should be part of the original review. Mr. Bass suggested that the District receive two opinions and include it as part of the Environmental Impact Report process.

2l. RATIFY BID AWARDS

That the Board of Trustees ratify bid awards on: 1) FSD Project #98/99-1 to United Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$57,750.00; and 2) FSD Project # 98/99-3 to Mundy Electric in the amount of \$29,705.00, National Electric in the amount of \$70,204.00, and to Thomas Electric in the amount of \$51,200.00.

2m. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF FULLERTON

That the Board of Trustees approve a contract with the Assistance League of Fullerton for the 1998/99 school year to provide vision screening, Vision Referral Project, and Operation School Bell at no cost to the District.

2n. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve lecturers: 1) Orange County Department of Education for the Traveling Scientist presentation of "Rain Forest" at Fern Drive School to be scheduled one day between October 12 and December 4, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$350.00; 2) Orange County Department of Education for the Traveling Naturalist presentation of "Feather Fun" at Fern Drive School to be scheduled one day between October 12 and December 4, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$378.00; 3) Metamorphosis Enterprises, Susan E. VanVorhis Key, Ph.D., "Traveling Arthropod Zoo" at Fern Drive School on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$175.00; 4) Nancy Rathjen, Ed.D., for a one-day workshop, "Reading Across the Disciplines" (RAD) on September 1, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00; and 5) Darlene Hanson for facilitated communication instruction from September 8, 1998 through June 17, 1999, at a total cost not to exceed \$900.00.

2o. APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

That the Board of Trustees approve a service agreement with the Orange County Department of Education for substitute secretarial services when requested for the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) effective July 1, 1998 through

June 30, 1999.

2p. ADOPT RESOLUTION 98/99-04 TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY INTERFUND TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 98/99-04 to authorize Temporary Interfund Transfers to meet operational needs.

2q. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic agency contract with Center for Autism and Related Disorders for a special education student (MIS ID #97-00013) effective July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,550.00.

2r. AMEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees amend nonpublic school contracts with: 1) Rossier School for a special education student (MIS ID#89-00612) effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$32,067.00; and 2) Florence Crittenton School for special education students (MIS ID #94-01532 effective July 1, 1998 through June 17, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$34,231.20 and MIS ID #98-00091 effective July 1, 1998 through June 17, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$30,325.00).

2s. AMEND NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees amend a nonpublic agency contract with Speech Pathology Associates for a special education student (MIS ID #97-01070) effective July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,568.00.

2t. APPROVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve an independent contract agreement with Jane Yarbrough effective August 26, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

2u. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement for services with Consortium on Reading Excellence, Inc. (CORE).

2v. DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS

That the Board of Trustees declare items listed on 2v-2 through 2v-7 as surplus and not suitable for school purposes and authorize District staff to dispose of items at a public auction or by other means as allowed by Education Code 39521(c).

2w. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE LIQUIDATION COMPANY

That the Board of Trustees approve a contract with The Liquidation Company to provide professional auction services to the Fullerton School District for the disposal of surplus items.

Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, noted his concern with the charges of The Liquidation Company and commented that the District should try to recoup as much money as possible from the surplus items.

Trustee Pogue noted that there was no mention of when the sale would take place.

2x. APPROVE FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve a Food Services contract with Fenn Termite & Pest Control, Inc. for extermination services effective September 8, 1998.

2y. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

This item was pulled at the request of Trustee Guth.

2z. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH NEIL FERONE

That the Board of Trustees ratify an agreement with Neil Ferone for placement of a mobile home on District property and surveillance of School District facilities.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Guth noted her objection to a paid leave of absence for Fannye Steele. Trustee Guth stated that there is no provision in the certificated contract for this type of request. Trustee Guth also voiced her concern with a lack of consistency in the classroom if the teacher is granted an extended leave.

Trustee Sugarman asked Dr. Lynch to explain the request from the teachers' union for a paid leave of absence. Dr. Lynch stated that the primary reason for the request is to keep State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) benefits in place for the teacher. The teachers' union will reimburse the District for the teacher's salary.

Fannye Steele, second grade teacher at Woodcrest School explained the reason for her request stating that the leave of absence will allow her to further her growth. She noted that part of her training with the Union includes positive relations with school boards.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Reemployed Retirees, Extra Duty Assignments, Leaves of Absence, Paid Leave of Absence, Resignations, Terminations, Variable Term Waiver Requests).

2y. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Guth noted her objections to Board members attending the California School Boards Back-to-School Conference and the Renaissance Leadership Luncheon.

Trustee Sugarman explained the purpose of the California School Boards Association Back-to-School Conference. Trustee Pogue explained the purpose of the Garden Grove

Leadership Luncheon.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement for Board members to attend: 1) California School Boards Association Back-to-School Conference on Wednesday, October 7, 1998 at Doubletree Hotel, Ontario at a cost of \$140.00 per person; and 2) Garden Grove Renaissance Leadership Luncheon on Thursday, August 27, 1998 at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. 1998 SECOND QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, informed the Board that the 1998 Second Quarter Investment Report (a 200-page document) is available for review in the Fiscal Services Department.

3b. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, highlighted the newly adopted State Budget as it will effect the Fullerton School District. Special Education and other categorical programs will receive a 2.18% COLA.

The District will receive: \$270 per day for a maximum of three staff development days for each classroom teacher trained; \$140 (one staff development day) for each classified instructional aide trained; an additional \$43.65 per pupil for instructional materials; \$12.85/ADA for science lab materials; \$28.50/ADA for library materials; \$5/day per qualified pupil for After School Learning; reimbursement of approximately \$2,000 per teacher (Grades 4-12) for math coursework; a 3.95% Revenue Limit COLA (increase from 2.18%); one time site grants of \$30/ADA (minimum of \$10,000/site). Dr. Godfrey commented that the average COLA for the District is approximately 3.4% after blending the unrestricted (3.95%) and restricted (2.18%) COLA. Dr. Godfrey also stated that the District's State modernization construction funding and school construction funding could be jeopardized with SB 50. Dr. Godfrey stated that both modernization and school construction may require a general obligation bond to get projects built.

Trustee Sugarman shared with fellow Board members that she dialogued with Assemblyman Ackerman about the negative impact SB 50 would have on Fullerton School District. Trustee Sugarman stated that one of the commitments Assemblyman Ackerman made is that if the District moves ahead with a general obligation bond, he would put his name on it to support it.

Trustee Guth urged that the funding received for science material be given to the junior high schools for the purchase of lab material.

Trustee Guth commented that the Board should start planning better and saving for modernization and construction. She requested to hear from staff ideas to move forward with modernization plans and stated that this should be a very high priority. Trustee Guth also noted that her personal opinion on the general obligation bond is that taxes should be

avoided if at all possible.

Dr. Godfrey clarified that she is not recommending a general obligation bond at this point but is sharing that much of the literature on SB 50 indicates that the District will need to possibly have a general obligation bond to show earnest effort and support by the local school community.

3c. PRESENTATION OF PUPIL STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reviewed the process used to analyze SAT 9 scores and to review the curriculum-attached assessment data that the District collects from teachers. Dr. Caillet noted the high correlation of the in-classroom tests and SAT 9 scores. She commended Pat Puleo, Director of Instructional Services, for the thorough study of these data and the outstanding presentation she prepared. Dr. Caillet introduced Pat Puleo who shared the analysis of the Stanford 9 test scores. Ms. Puleo also presented an explanation of the comparison of the STAR 1998 and PTIP (1997) State testing programs, disaggregated results by subgroup, score comparisons with the county and the state, grade level comparisons, and group comparisons. Matched scores for target subgroups were shared. Ms. Puleo reviewed the goals and results for 1997-98 and presented the 1998-99 target areas for improvement. Pat Puleo thanked the entire Educational Services Department for their part in preparing the analysis.

Mr. Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, asked if there was a previous Apprenda test. Ms. Puleo responded there was but the District does not have matched scores.

Mr. Matanow, community member, asked if there were any comparisons with Brea and Placentia School Districts. Ms. Puleo responded that there were comparisons and referred Mr. Matanow to numerous newspaper articles.

Mimi Gaudette, Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association President, thanked the Board for their support and commended teachers and students of the Fullerton School District for jobs well done on the Stanford 9 student test scores.

President Fisler acknowledged Educational Services staff who helped with the presentation of the Stanford 9 test results.

Trustee Guth commented that while student test scores did improve, she will not be satisfied until they are well above the average. She noted her concern with first grade test scores (46%), low spelling test scores, and the lack of testing in other subjects. Trustee Guth stated that the District's goal for 1999 should be higher than what staff has set. Trustee Guth also commented that teacher ability should be considered and she encouraged parents to find out what their student's teacher classroom scores were for the previous two years.

Trustee Sugarman commented that the 1997-98 test scores show students made more than one year's growth. Trustee Sugarman stated that reasonable growth is what the District must set as a goal. Trustee Sugarman also noted her objection to a fellow Board member distorting facts.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER DAILY RATE

Trustee Valla voiced his support to increase the substitute teacher daily rate but noted that he felt there are districts that have a higher rate of substitute teacher pay. Dr. Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, stated that only two districts in Orange County pay higher than what staff is proposing for Fullerton. She also noted that this rate was very competitive with surrounding districts.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve District substitute teacher daily rate of \$90.00 per day and \$100.00 per day for long-term assignments.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Pavlovich, Ladera Vista parent, urged the Board to ratify the teachers' contract and find the funds to give District teachers a pay raise that will put them in the top 5% of the County.

James Antanow, community member, commented on the proposed parent survey letter on the reopening of Beechwood School. Mr. Antanow noted that the letter should read that Beechwood is in northeast Fullerton. He also suggested that the District solicit input from parents and Beechwood School neighbors. Mr. Antanow suggested that a map be placed on the survey giving the location of Beechwood School.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no reports from the Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Pogue reported that she attended a CORE workshop on August 16 with administrative staff and mentor teachers and noted that she was very impressed with the presentation.

Trustee Sugarman stated that the Board's job is to figure out the best way to use staff's time, energy and the money that is provided to the District to give children the best education possible. She noted her concern with the politicking on several issues and she asked her fellow Board members to put their politicking aside.

Trustee Sugarman stated her wish to use Trustee Fislser's skills and connections to receive special funding for the District.

Trustee Sugarman referenced a letter received from Senator Dianne Feinstein on social promotion and suggested that the District respond to the letter, sending the District's figures on retention.

Trustee Sugarman suggested that principals reconnect with their business partners to establish goals and policies for the most effective partnerships. She suggested Jeanne Vastbinder, newly hired principal, as a great resource. Mrs. Vastbinder was the business partnership manager in her former school district.

Trustee Guth had no report.

Trustee Valla welcomed the audience back to a new school year and urged parents to work closely with staff to achieve academic goals. Trustee Valla thanked everyone for all their prayers and best wishes for his wife who has been ill.

President Fisler reported he attended the CORE workshop and learned from it. President Fisler urged Board members to work together for the children's best interest.

President Fisler introduced Fullerton School District Board candidates Ellen Ballard and Robert Pavlovich.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 3541 (TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES)

The Board reviewed for first reading, proposed new Administrative Regulation 3541 (Transportation Routes and Services).

Trustee Valla asked if the District received an agreement with the City as to a safe route to schools. Superintendent Cooper indicated that the District had not received an agreement from the City.

5b. BEECHWOOD PARENT SURVEY ON REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD

Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, spoke to the Board noting his concern that "fundamental school" is not defined on the proposed parent survey. Mr. Bass also commented that the District needs to receive more input from the community and neighborhood.

David Spadt, Beechwood neighbor, noted his concern that the parent survey does not include input by the Beechwood community. Mr. Spadt volunteered to canvas the area to get neighborhood residents' input.

Superintendent Cooper stated that under the Board's directive the Beechwood parent survey was revised. Dr. Cooper indicated that staff could survey the Beechwood neighborhood if the Board requested. Dr. Cooper stated that the surveys would be sent home on the first day of school, a statement about the survey announced on the local television, and placed on the Internet so it is widespread.

Trustee Valla indicated that he would like to hear from the Beechwood neighborhood/community. Trustee Valla also noted his concern with finding a good definition for "back to basics" and "fundamental." He suggested that the survey be sent.

Trustee Sugarman commented that she spoke with a poller who gave suggestions for the survey. Trustee Sugarman stated that the Board needs to make sure that Beechwood School will be full when it is opened and the Board needs to make a decision on what type of school Beechwood will be. She stated that the first step is to decide how many people have to say "yes" to have a fundamental school. Trustee Sugarman stated that the Board needs to set parameters.

Trustee Pogue indicated that she feels there needs to be 300 parents who are willing to send their students to a fundamental school.

Trustee Fisler stated that he feels Beechwood is not a good location for a fundamental school, especially if the District is not offering transportation.

Trustee Guth shared her annoyance with the length of time it has taken to prepare the survey. Trustee Guth noted her concern with the first paragraph on the survey and stated that she does not feel that parents will put their name on the survey. Trustee Guth suggested that Trustee Sugarman's previous definition of "fundamental" be placed on the survey. Trustee Guth suggested that since the survey has been delayed, it should be sent out after the election.

Trustee Sugarman suggested revisions to the parent letter and survey.

Trustee Pogue suggested that the Beechwood neighborhood be surveyed and stated that she would like to hear from community members who do not have children.

Superintendent Cooper asked for Trustee Guth's input on the parent letter and survey. Trustee Guth responded that she would like to see the first paragraph changed to read "teacher directed" instruction.

5c. DISCUSSION OF BOARD GOALS

Superintendent Cooper distributed a copy of the District's major focus areas for the Board to consider in preparation for their goals. Due to a lack of time, the Board delayed discussion on this item to the next meeting.

5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from August 25, 1998 through September 8, 1998.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m. on August 25, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees