

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, September 22, 1998****6:30 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, September 22, 1998 at 6:40 p.m. Assemblyman Dick Ackerman 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Assemblyman Richard Ackerman spoke to the Board on Senate Bill 50 indicating that he is supporting Senate Bill 50. He also stated that if the District shows a need for a bond, he would support the District's efforts for passage of a bond.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session to conference with labor negotiator (Don Becker) regarding Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m. Ms. Lauralyn Eschner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Reed Chesworth, Vice President of MacPherson Chevrolet, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of MacPherson Chevrolet for donations totaling over \$5,000 to Fullerton District schools.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected and presented with the exception of item 2i, which President Fisler requested to be pulled and heard separately.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on on September 8, 1998.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report (New Hires, Working Out of Classification, Reemployed Retiree, Extra Duty Assignments) as corrected and submitted.

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Stipends, Employ Summer School, Layoffs, Longevity Increases, New Hires, Promotions, Remove Stipends, 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 numbered 922L0026 through 922L0027, 922M0183 through 922M0205, 922R0517 through 922R0622, 922S0038 through 922S0052, 922T0047 through 922T0058, and 922X0076 through 922X0087 for 1998/99, as corrected and submitted.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 989046 through 989139 for 1998/99.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 1560 through 1721 in the amount of \$696,259.56.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants 7640 through 7657 in the amount of \$32,975.05.

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. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH PJHM ARCHITECTS

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

2j. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DR. NANCY RATHJEN

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Dr. Nancy Rathjen/Reading Across Disciplines (RAD) for teacher staff development.

2k. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve lecturers: 1) Antonio Sacre at Rolling Hills School on October 12, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00; 2) Orange County Opera at Sunset Lane School on April 9, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00; 3) Science on the Go at Sunset Lane School from January 7 through March 5, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.00; 4) Vicki Schindele at Rolling Hills School from March 15 through April 22, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00; and 5) Dr. Tony Mazzaferro at Acacia School on September 25, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$250.00.

2l. RATIFY FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT WITH FAMILY TREE PRODUCE

That the Board of Trustees ratify a food services contract with Family Tree Produce effective September 8, 1998.

2m. APPROVE AGREEMENTS WITH ORANGE COUNTY SUPER SWEEP

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Orange County Super Sweep for twice weekly cleaning at: 1) Orangethorpe School at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 for the period of September 23, 1998 through June 30, 1999; and 2) Richman School at a cost not to exceed \$3,350 for the period of September 23, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

2n. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY COST MANAGEMENT (UCM)

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Utility Cost Management (UCM) for a review of District utility rates.

2o. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school contracts with: 1) Speech and Language Development Center for a special education student (MIS ID #98-00395) effective July 1, 1998 through December 18, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$12,656.25; and 2) Rossier School for a special education student (MIS ID #95-00204) effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$31,914.30.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT

2i. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH PJHM ARCHITECTS

Mr. Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton resident, spoke to the Board noting his concern with the cost of the company's clerical fees.

Trustee Guth commented that she would like to put a limit of \$20,000.00 on the amended contract.

Trustee Valla noted his opposition to limit the amendment to the PJHM contract to \$20,000.00.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 3-2 (Trustees Fisler and Valla voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the contract with PJHM Architects for engineering and architectural services at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Harriet Hermann, Fern Drive principal and 1998 Summer School principal, distributed the Summer School 1998 Summary Report and presented information on the summer school funding; parent and staff surveys; staffing; attendance; areas of curriculum focus and assessment; and recommendations for Summer School 1999.

Trustee Guth noted her interest in assessing students with a SAT 9 pre and post test for Summer School 1999.

Trustee Sugarman commented she would be interested in knowing what was different in the teacher approach and curriculum during summer school and should it be duplicated in the regular school year. She asked if the District needs to have homogeneous classrooms in order for the student's education to be effective.

Trustee Guth recommended that summer school be placed at air conditioned schools. Mrs. Hermann responded that placing the summer school children at air conditioned schools is a transportation cost factor.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. ADOPT RESOLUTION 98/99-05 APPROVING THE RECALCULATION OF THE 1997/98 APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATION AND ESTABLISHING THE 1998/99 ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATION CALCULATIONS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 98/99-05 approving the Recalculation of the 1997/98 Appropriations Limitation and Establishing the 1998/99 Estimated Appropriations Limitation Calculations.

4b. SECOND READING/APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 3541.1

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Trustee Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve proposed new Administrative Regulation 3541.1 (School Related Trips).

4c. SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 6174 (INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH)

Mimi Gaudette, Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association president, urged the Board to leave the defined limits of English language instruction as stated in the proposed new Board policy.

The Board reviewed changes from the September 8, 1998 reading of proposed new Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 6174 (Instruction in English).

Trustee Guth suggested that Board Policy 6174 be held over for a third reading stating that she was much more comfortable with the Board policy but would like to have one more time to read it over. Trustee Pogue agreed with Trustee Guth, stating that she still was not clear on the waivers.

Pat Puleo, Director of Instructional Support Services and Suzanne Crago- Schneider, Language Development Specialist, explained the parent waiver process.

Trustee Sugarman noted her concern about the curriculum. She asked if the District will look carefully at the immersion program of first grade students.

Linda Caillet stated that the parent form on 4c-7 states that all children must be placed in a classroom with no more than 20% of daily instruction given in their native language.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees adopt proposed new Board Policy 6174 (Instruction in English).

4d. APPROVE PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS' QUESTIONNAIRE AND RATING SCHEDULE

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board regarding his concern that smaller contractors may be eliminated from a contract due to a complicated procedure. Mr. DeWitte suggested that the Director of Facility Services contact small business companies wishing to participate in the bidding and offer assistance to complete the procedure.

Trustee Valla noted that the Board shares a common concern as to how the District will be contracting for Beechwood and other major school projects.

Trustee Guth requested that the Board receive a report at the end of the school year on the process of prequalifying bidders for this project. Dr. Patricia Godfrey noted that the law requires the Board to approve this prequalification questionnaire and it is specifically designed for a project the size of Beechwood School. Dr. Godfrey stated that the prequalification of bidders questionnaire per Board policy is required for all reconstruction projects and it may need to be revised sometime in the future due to the scope of a reconstruction project.

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve contractor's standard prequalification questionnaire, uniform rating system, and financial statements to prequalify contractors for reconstruction projects.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, noted his objection and concern with a flyer which was distributed by a community member to parents at Valencia Park Back-to-School Night. The flyer listed SAT 9 student scores by classroom teacher. Mr. Bass stated that it was time to stop pointing fingers and time to work together. He commented that he was very proud of the School District, the teachers and Valencia Park School.

Claudia Cosillos, Maple parent and School Site Council president, spoke to the Board on behalf of Martha Barragann (Maple PTA president) and Maple parents noting their concern for the future of Maple School. Mrs. Cosillos thanked Dr. Cooper for attending parent meetings and informing parents that Maple is not for sale. Mrs. Cosillos stated that Maple parents want their children to attend a neighborhood school and they look forward to working with Dr. Cooper and the Board to make a decision that will be good for the Maple community.

Cesar Pla, Maple parent, urged to the Board to keep Maple School open and to expand Maple to a K-6 school. Mr. Pla stated that Maple parents are willing to raise funds to keep Maple open.

Christine Spadt, Beechwood community member, asked when the results of the Beechwood School survey would be available. She asked if the decision to reopen Beechwood School as a neighborhood or fundamental school would be made at the October 13, 1998 Board meeting. Superintendent Cooper responded that it could be made at the October 13 meeting but it would be up to the Board.

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton community member, spoke on the 1998 Summer School program and asked if the summer school math curriculum will be used during the year.

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton community member requested that Beechwood surveys be distributed to parents attending the three large private schools (St. Angela de Merici, St. Juliana, and the Hebrew School on Acacia) which are within walking distance of Beechwood School.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cooper reported that there were approximately 12,500 students attending Fullerton Schools, noting an increase from last year of 300 students.

Superintendent Cooper introduced Harriet Hermann, Fern Drive principal, who announced that Fern Drive was a finalist for the California School Boards Association's Golden Bell award. Mrs. Herman gave credit to Fern Drive's third grade teachers who teach the social studies curriculum through music.

Superintendent Cooper reported that he received a check for the Board of Trustees from PTA Council for \$187,852 (nonnegotiable) representing 32,670 volunteer hours at \$5.75 per hour.

Superintendent Cooper reported that he spoke to Maple parents at two meetings to reassure them that Maple was not for sale. The meetings were very well attended. Maple parents expressed their feelings of love for their school, their principal, their teachers and their staff and that they were very appreciative of the school renovation. Maple parents said that they were very proud of their school and they would like to have a K-6 school. Dr. Cooper stated that Maple parents would also like to have one or two Plan E schools instead of five. District staff will work with the School Site Council and PTA presidents to help the parents understand Board considerations regarding Maple.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Fisler reported that he attended Back-to-School Nights at Fern Drive, Valencia Park and Orangethorpe. He also reported on his visit to Maple School classrooms. President Fisler also reported he attended a reception for Arnold Beckman at which he announced he will be giving \$14.1 million in grants through California State University, Fullerton for science education to train teachers and provide classroom materials. President Fisler urged the District to pursue the grants.

Trustee Pogue commented that she has committed to read at Richman School to third grade students every Monday. Trustee Pogue reported on her attendance at Back-to-School Nights at Woodcrest, Ladera Vista and Valencia Park, and her visit to Fern Drive School. Trustee Pogue noted that she introduced the Rock Salt concerts at Laguna Road, Pacific Drive and Fern Drive Schools.

Trustee Sugarman encouraged the community to volunteer for Richman and/or Valencia Park Rolling Readers and/or the HOST Program at Nicolas. Trustee Sugarman noted her support for the participation of Nicolas students in the Coca-Cola Collection Campaign program. Trustee Sugarman also reported on the Orange County School Boards Association PAGE meeting that she and Trustee Pogue attended, where they heard a speaker discussing the types of things districts have a responsibility to do in terms of communicating with parents and the community. Trustee Sugarman also reported on the PTA Council meeting she attended.

Trustee Guth reported that she attended several Back-to-School Nights and was encouraged with and appreciated the enthusiasm of parents and teachers. She noted her concern that she

continues to see student displayed work which contain mistakes. She urged teachers to be more diligent to give feedback and correct the final version of student work. Trustee Guth also reported that at the last Board meeting she had not intended to be included in the Board consensus to eliminate the Little League fields and prefers not to change the location of the fields at this time. Trustee Guth expressed her support for the expansion of Maple School to Grade 6 and applauded Mrs. Cosillos for her enthusiasm for Maple School and the community and stated that she looks forward to the expansion of Maple School. Trustee Guth noted her objection to Nicolas Junior High School participating in the Coca-Cola Collection campaign program and noted her objection to all PTA fund-raisers which involve students.

Trustee Valla voiced his support for fund-raising by students. He also noted his support for Nicolas students to participate in the Coca-Cola Collection Campaign program.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT GOALS POSSIBLE

Board members expressed their goals for the District. Superintendent Cooper stated that he would integrate the information given by Board members with the 1998-99 District Focus and present it for Board review at the October 13, 1998 meeting.

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from October 14, 1998 through October 27, 1998.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Sugarman requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to discuss the Board's desire to perform a needs assessment/study for construction and deferred maintenance.

Trustee Guth requested that the Coca-Cola Collection Campaign agreement be placed on the next Board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fidler adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m. on September 8, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees