

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, October 27, 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, October 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Harriet Hermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1b. ROLL CALL**Board Members:**

- Robert Fisler, President
- Marjorie Pogue, Vice President
- Hilda Sugarman, Clerk (arrived at 6:37 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 comments from the audience.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. to conference with Don Becker, labor negotiator regarding Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association and the California School

Employees Association, Chapter 130. President Fisler stated that no action was anticipated.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 p.m. Larry Beaver led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Beaver, Parks Junior High School principal introduced Andrew Jurgensen, Eagle Scout and former Parks student who organized the production of 12 podiums as part of his Eagle Scout project. Andrew and his family donated the podiums to the District. President Fisler presented Andrew with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the District.

Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance introduced Gary Graves from Community Credit Union who provided "Red Ribbon" banners for each school and the District Administration Office.

Ellen Fisher introduced Parks Junior High School students who presented each Board member with a red ribbon wreath. Mrs. Fisher also provided each Board member with a poster, badge, pencil and wrist band.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Anthony Valla, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected and presented with the exception of items 2h and 2i which Trustee Guth requested 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 October 13, 1998 and special Board meeting on October 19, 1998.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments).

2c. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve lecturers: 1) Adam Christing of Clean Comedians at Rolling Hills School on October 30, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$900.00; 2) The Imagination Machine at Fern Drive School on November 4, 1998 and January 5, 1999, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,095.00; and 3) lecturers Rosina Didyk (\$3,750.00), Isabella Whitfield (\$6,562.50), Damon Kupper (\$6,562.50), Jenny Chun (\$6,562.50), Janet Howes (\$6,750.00), and Nancy Estes (\$7,875.00) for "All the Arts for All the Kids" program from October 6, 1998 through June 17, 1999, at a total cost not to exceed \$38,062.50.

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 922M0244 through 922M0265, 922R0888 through 922R1068, 922S0074, 922T0079 through 922T0092, AND 922X0128 through 922X0137 for 1998/99.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 989225 through 989293 for 1998/99.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 2009 through 2220 in the amount of \$523,002.31.

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7685 through 7715 in the amount of \$147,389.32.

2h. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

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

2i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 98/99-16 THROUGH 98/99-18 RECOGNIZING UNBUDGETED REVENUE

That the Board of Trustees adopt resolutions 98/99-16 through 98/99-18 recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Section 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

2j. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic agency contracts with: 1) Center for Autism and Related Disorders for special education students (MIS ID #95-00131) effective September 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 at a total cost of \$23,996.00 and (MIS ID #95-00200) effective September 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a total cost of \$28,848.00; and 2) Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for a special education student (MIS ID #95-00131) effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a total cost of \$7,000.00.

2k. AMEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees amend a nonpublic school contract with Blind Children's Learning Center for a special education student (MIS ID #96-00703) effective July 1, 1998 through July 17, 1998 at a total cost of \$1,447.50.

2l. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PART II

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

2m. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DGM & ASSOCIATES

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with DGM & Associates to perform engineering services related to air conditioning at Acacia, Fern Drive and Raymond Schools.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2h. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

Trustee Guth referred to a \$20,000 donation from the Fullerton Educational Foundation and asked for Board member consensus that the grants awarded by the Educational Foundation be approved by the Board prior to the funds being distributed. Trustees Fisler, Pogue and Valla voiced their objections to Trustee Guth's request.

Trustee Guth stated that the Board needs to understand what the grant money is being used for in the classrooms.

Dr. Duncan Johnson, Fullerton School District Educational Foundation Board President stated that the grants to be given to Fullerton School District teachers are at their request.

Trustee Valla called for the question. Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") 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 through 2h-4.

President Fisler recognized Fullerton School District Educational Foundation Board members who were present at the meeting.

2I. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PART II

Trustee Guth noted her concerns with the application. She stated that she would be taking an opposing vote primarily because she objected to the D.A.T.E (Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education) pre test for the TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) programs.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the Consolidated Application, Part II, for Categorical Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 1998-99.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. BEECHWOOD UPDATE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, distributed a list of Attendance Boundary Committee members as well as a time line for determining the Beechwood attendance boundaries.

Dr. Fred Good, PJHM & Associates, presented information on the selection of committee members and he reviewed the time line.

Trustee Sugarman commented that she would like a more formalized time line for the Beechwood principal to work with the community, school site council and/or parent group.

3b. 1998-99 FIRST QUARTER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Board received for review the first quarterly Conference Attendance Report for 1998/99 covering the months of July through September, 1998.

3c. 1998 THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reported that the Third Quarter Investment Report for the calendar year covering the months of

July through September, 1998 is available for review in the Business Office during regular business hours. She noted that the projected earnings rate of the Educational Investment Pool was conservatively set at 4.5% and current rates are 5.7%.

3d. 1998-99 REVISED DISTRICT FOCUS AREAS

The Board received the revised 1998-99 District Focus Areas.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE 1998/99 OPERATIONS APPLICATION K-3 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Robin Ruble, Kindergarten teacher at Orangethorpe School, noted her disappointment that the Board is not considering Class Size Reduction Program, Option 1 for Kindergarten. She stated that while Option 2 is very good for the District, it is not good for Kindergarten students. Mrs. Ruble urged the Board to look into offering Class Size Reduction, Option 1 in Kindergarten for next year.

Mimi Gaudette, FETA President, noted her concern with Class Size Reduction, Option 2 for Kindergarten.

Board members discussed various possibilities to improve Class Size Reduction, Option 2 in Kindergarten for the 1998-99 school year.

Dr. Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services clarified that this item is the application indicating that the Fullerton School District will be continuing Class Size Reduction in Kindergarten, Option 2, and Grades 1 and 2. Dr. Godfrey also stated that expanding for the 1998/99 school year must be set at the beginning of the year.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the 1998/99 Operations Application for the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program and certify that the statements included on the application are true and accurate.

4b. INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY-BASED ENGLISH TUTORING

Dr. Caillet presented information on the District's desire to participate in the Community Based English Tutoring program to provide free or subsidized adult English language instruction for parents and other community members who pledge to provide personal

English language tutoring to children and school-aged youth from limited-English proficiency (LEP) backgrounds. Dr. Caillet reported that since the District does not have an adult school, the District will be developing an agreement with the Fullerton Joint Union High School District to offer the adult classes and receive the funding.

Following Board discussion, Trustee Guth noted her concern with limited-English speaking adults providing tutoring limited-English speaking students.

Dotti Ruhnke, Vice President of California School Employees Association asked for clarification as to whether the program is an after school program or would it interfere with classroom time. Dr. Caillet responded that the program was not part of the school day.

President Fisler noted that the 20-minute time allocation for this item expired. Trustee Sugarman asked for an extension of the 20-minute time limit on this item and it was carried 3-0-2 (Trustees Fisler and Valla abstained).

Trustees Sugarman and Valla voiced their support for the District's participation in this program.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of Intent to Participate in Community-Based English Tutoring to provide free or subsidized adult English language instruction for parents and other community members who pledge to provide personal English language tutoring to children and school aged youth from limited-English proficiency (LEP) backgrounds (Education Code Sections 315 and 316/Proposition 227).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, voiced his concern with the increased recruitment of junior high school and high school students for political activities. Mr. Bass urged the Board to consider working with the Fullerton Joint Union High School District to draft a policy that would create a standard guideline for the process.

Sylvia Zapata-Martinez, Valencia Park PTA president, referenced a comment made by Trustee Guth at the October 13, 1998 meeting and stated that she would like to focus on the students who are doing well.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cooper reported that the District received official notification that Fern Drive School has received the Golden Bell award. Dr. Cooper noted that the awards ceremony will be held at the California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference on December 5, 1998 in San Diego, California.

Superintendent Cooper reported that Nicolas Junior High School has received \$1,000 from Beckman Coulter Corporation for microscopes.

Superintendent Cooper reported that Pat Puleo, Director of Instructional Services, presented District test results at the Superintendent's Information Meeting held Thursday, October 22. Dr. Cooper noted that the meeting was very well attended.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Fisler reported he visited each junior high school to observe lunch time. He commended Food Services staff for the wonderful job they are doing this year.

Trustee Fisler reported that he visited Orangethorpe School Kindergarten classes and observed students at lunch time. He commented that he was very impressed with the way the students handled their food noting there was no waste.

Trustee Fisler reported that in his visits to schools he has noted schools are emphasizing respect and responsibility.

Trustee Pogue reported that she read at Richman School and noted that there are presently 30 rolling readers signed up for 39 classes at Richman School.

Trustee Pogue reported that as a new member of the Assistance League she visited Southern California College of Optometry where they explained how vision screening is done for District students.

Trustee Pogue read the following statement from the California Retired Teachers Association about the importance of voting. (Mrs. Pogue requested that her entire statement be included in the Board minutes.) In 1980 about 22 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots for Jimmy Carter. About 27 percent voted for Ronald Reagan. Some 46 percent of those eligible simply stayed home and didn't vote at all. Many people explained their failure to vote by saying, 'I'm just one person; my little old vote doesn't make the difference.' There is a lot of historical evidence to the contrary. In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused King Charles of England to be executed. In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German. Later on, first Thomas Jefferson and then John Quincy Adams were elected by one-vote margins in the Electoral College. In 1839, Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by one vote.

In 1845, one vote's difference brought Texas into the Union.

A single vote also admitted California, Oregon and Washington to statehood.

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson's impeachment was defeated by a single vote.

In 1876, with the Presidential election thrown into the House, Rutherford B. Hayes won by a single vote: it was cast by an Indiana Congressman who himself had been elected by a one-vote margin. That same year, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

In 1923, Adolph Hitler became leader of the Nazi party by a one-vote edge.

John F. Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon was less than one vote per precinct.

Your vote counts. VOTE in November.

Trustee Sugarman commented on the insight that some of her fellow Board members had relating to Beechwood opening as a neighborhood school, as well as their open mindedness to poll the community on whether Beechwood should open as a neighborhood school or a back-to-basics school.

Trustee Sugarman commented that she was pleased to see five of the seven Board candidates regularly attending Board meetings.

Trustee Sugarman read one of a series of articles from the L.A. Times relating to "Reading by 9." She also commended Orangethorpe School for their document in which student, parents and teachers pledge responsibility to educate students.

Trustee Sugarman congratulated Fern Drive School for receiving the Golden Bell award. She also commended Superintendent Cooper for the 1998-99 District Focus Areas (Academic Success for All Students).

Trustee Guth noted her objection to parent contracts relating to responsibilities for educating students.

(Trustee Guth requested that her full statement, which follows, be included in the minutes.)

"I would like to comment as Trustee Pogue did about the coming election. And, I would like to comment that I know that many hold passionate views on both sides of this coming election and I agree that the outcome is very important. However, let me appeal to each one of you for a more profound attitude towards this next week's election. When I struggle with thinking about what to say concerning important events coming up or important issues, I like to look to others who are wiser than I and in this case I would like to read a few selections. Some of them are from our founding fathers and others are just quotes from important people, although the first one that I will read is a quote from Debbie Gich from Lake Forest." If there is one virtue I desire to see in a person's life who runs for or holds a political office, it is faithfulness--faithfulness to God first and foremost. This virtue would color the full spectrum of one's actions and thinking. When we look at and vote for men and women with this virtue, then we will see our country, our leaders and our society turn from immorality and self-centeredness to become the great country we once were. We must embrace virtues again.

"In the same line of thinking about virtue, this is from Samuel Adams." He who is void of virtuous attachments in private life is, or very soon will be, void of all regard for his country. There is seldom an instance of a man guilty of betraying his country, who had not before lost the feeling of moral obligations in his private connections.

"This from Ronald Reagan." Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

"This from George Washington." It is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible.

"This from Edmund Burke." All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

"And, this from Margaret Thatcher." I am in politics because of the conflict between good and evil, and I believe that in the end good will triumph.

"And, finally, from General Norman Schwarzkopf, just in March of 1998." The main ingredient of good leadership is good character. This is because leadership involves conduct and conduct is determined by values. You may call these values by many names. 'Ethics,' 'morality' and 'integrity' come to mind, but this much is clear: Values are what make us who we are.

"My challenge to all of you, and a challenge that I try to maintain in my own life, is that we consider and ask ourselves what values do we abide by and what values at the expense of morality do we want our elected officials to abide by. I appeal to all of you to vote. Vote your conscience. Vote according to your values. Exercise your right and your duty as a citizen of this great country and please vote on November 3. Thank you."

Trustee Valla praised the schools for sending their monthly newsletters to each Board member.

Trustee Valla noted that he was pleased to see the District's Academic Honesty being put into place, and referenced the Laguna Road School newsletter.

Trustee Valla praised schools for Red Ribbon Week and especially praised Parks Junior High School students for their Board presentation.

Trustee Valla noted his thanks to the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women for conducting a candidates forum.

Trustee Valla praised Andrew Jurgensen for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Valla also recognized another scout who was in the audience observing the meeting as part of one of the requirements to earn a merit badge.

Trustee Valla praised Craig Wallace for giving extra credit to students who help in political campaigns.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. DISCUSSION OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT/STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services explained that at the September 22, 1998 Board meeting Trustee Sugarman requested information and discussion on a needs assessment for construction and deferred maintenance. At the October 19, 1998 Special Board meeting (workshop) to develop District Focus Areas, the Board added to the list the development of a long-range plan for facilities projects. Dr. Godfrey distributed a copy of Buena Park School District's Gordon Beatty Elementary School Facility Needs Assessment that was completed in June. Dr. Godfrey introduced Dr. Fred Good, PJHM & Associates, who presented information on the purpose and scope of the the types of projects that school districts enter into and what is involved.

Board members discussed the need to complete a long range plan for a facilities needs

assessment for both deferred maintenance and modernization. Board consensus was to bring this item back for more discussion at a future meeting.

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from October 28, 1998 through November 10, 1998. It was noted that Hermosa Drive School would be holding their Red Ribbon celebration on October 29 at 11:05 a.m. and the Raymond School Site Council meeting will be on November 9 (not on November 10).

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Sugarman requested that teacher concerns on the Kindergarten Class Size Reduction Program, Option 2 be addressed.

Trustee Guth requested that the full statement she made under Reports from Board of Trustees be included in the Minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to continue their discussion with labor negotiator (Don Becker) regarding Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 130. President Fisler stated that no action was anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m. on October 27, 1998.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees