

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, October 13, 1998****7:00 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, October 13, 1998 at 7:05 p.m. David Spadt 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. INTRODUCTIONS**

President Fisler introduced Dave Stefanides representing Pacific Bell and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for Pacific Bell's donation of \$2,500.00 to the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation.

President Fisler remarked that the student artwork exhibited on the northeast wall of the Board room was from Fukui, Japan.

## 2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as supplemented, corrected and presented with the exception of items 2b, 2k, and 2q 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 on September 22, 1998 (with corrections on page 2a-5 to read "immersion" and 2a-7 to read "PTA fund-raisers") and special Board meetings on September 28, 1998, October 6, 1998, and October 8, 1998.

### 2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

### 2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Stipends, New Hires, Promotions, Resignations, Return from Leave of Absence, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Terminations, Transfers, Voluntary Demotions, Voluntary Reduction of Hours, and Working Out of Classification).

### 2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 922M0206 through 922M0243, 922R0623 through 922R0887, 922S0053 through 922S0073, 922T0059 through 922T0078, and 922X0088 through 922X0127 for 1998/99.

### 2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 989140 through 989224 for 1998/99.

### 2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 1722 through 2008 in the amount of \$623,628.75.

### 2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7658 through 7684 in the amount of \$47,047.01.

### 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 through 2h-3.

## 2i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 98/99-06 THROUGH 98/99-14 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt resolutions 98/99-06 through 98/99-14 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 LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Campfire Boys and Girls for students in Grades 5 & 6 from October 15, 1998 through June 17, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$7,200; 2) Katherine England at Golden Hill School from October 15, 1998 through June 1, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000; 3) Orange County Opera at Commonwealth School on April 27, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$250; 4) Orange County Opera at Maple School on January 20,

1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$400; 5) Orange County Department of Education's "Inside the Outdoors" Science Study Program at Golden Hill School on January 21, 22, 26 and March 18 and 19, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000; 6) Southland Opera to Grade 4 students from October 14, 1998 through June 17, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$8,500; 7) The Imagination Machine at Valencia Park School on October 19, 1998 and March 18, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,565.

Trustee Guth requested that the actual school plan page number be included for justification in future requests for lecturer approval. Trustee Guth also asked for a copy of the student writings which were selected to present the Imagination Machine drama at Valencia Park School.

## 2k. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HERB THOMPSON OF THE EDUCATION ALLIANCE

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

## 2l. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENT WITH PATHFINDER RANCH, INC.

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1998-99 agreement with Pathfinder Ranch, Inc. for Valencia Park School participation in the Outdoor Education School program, at no cost to the District.

## 2m. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENTS WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR INSIDE THE OUTDOORS SCHOOL AND FIELD PROGRAMS

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1998-99 agreements with Orange County Department of Education for participation in the Inside the Outdoors School and Field Programs, at no cost to the District.

## 2n. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL

That the Board of Trustees approve 1998-99 agreement with the Orange County Department of Education for participation in Outdoor Science School, at no cost to the District.

#### 2o. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY MARINE INSTITUTE

That the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Orange County Marine Institute for participation in Chaparral to Ocean Science School, at no cost to the District.

#### 2p. APPROVE 1998-99 AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR MARINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1998-99 agreement with Los Angeles County Department of Education for participation in marine education programs, at no cost to the District.

#### 2q. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PARADIGM

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

#### 2r. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic agency contracts for special education students with: 1) Behavior Therapy and Learning Center (MIS ID #97-01070) effective October 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$32,935.00; 2) Speech Pathology Associates (MIS ID#97-01070) effective October 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$7,448.00; and 3) Gallagher Pediatric Therapy (MIS ID#93-01025) effective July 1, 1998 through December 18, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$1,540.00; and (MIS ID #97-01070) effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$6,160.00.

#### 2s. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic school contract with Rossier School for a special education student (MIS ID #0110-98) effective September 28, 1998 through June 30, 1999 at a cost not to exceed \$26,875.20.

#### 2t. RATIFY CHANGE ORDER #1 TO MUNDY ELECTRIC

That the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order #1 to Mundy Electric in the additive amount of \$965.00 for electrical systems installation and site work for relocatable classrooms (Fern Drive), FSD Project #98/99-3.

#### 2u. APPROVE NOTICES OF COMPLETION

That the Board of Trustees approve Notices of Completion, accept as complete and file a Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office for the electrical systems installation and site work for: 1) relocatable classrooms (Fern Drive), FSD Project #98/99-3 by Mundy Electric for a total amount of \$30,670.00; 2) relocatable classrooms (Commonwealth, Orangethorpe and Pacific Drive), FSD Project #98/99-3 by National Electric for a total amount of \$70,204.00; and 3) relocatable classrooms (Richman, Woodcrest, and Rolling Hills), FSD Project #98/99-3 by Thomas Electric for a total amount

of \$51,200.00.

## 2v. AWARD CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPGRADES

That the Board of Trustees award a contract for electrical service upgrades at Raymond, Orangethorpe, and Maple Schools, FSD Project #98/99-4, to United Contractors, Inc. for a total amount of \$89,600.00.

## 2w. RATIFY RENEWAL OF STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees ratify the renewal of the student teaching agreement with California State University, Fullerton for placement of student teachers in the Fullerton School District from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001.

## ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

### 2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Trustee Guth commented that she would be voting against this item because the extra duty assignments for Commonwealth teachers are not directed at improving math and reading skills for students.

Commonwealth principal, Gaye Bessler commented that students who need help will be tutored in math and reading but there are some students who do not need help in those subject areas and would like enrichment.

Trustee Guth noted that some of the activity classes listed for extra duty assignments are not being taught by certificated personnel and should be deleted from the report.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as supplemented (New Hires, Extra Duty Assignments, Variable Term Waiver Requests, Promotion).

### 2k. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HERB THOMPSON OF THE EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Trustee Guth voiced her strong objections to the approval of this contract. She also stated that the contract is a complete waste of taxpayers' funds and that the services would not directly benefit students.

Trustee Sugarman noted that this contract provides for after school tutorials, parent books and videos. She also noted that the Healthy Start program which umbrellas this contract, takes preschoolers and gives them an opportunity to be successful in school.

President Fisler commented that Mr. Herb Thompson, the grant writer, writes his services into the grant as an evaluator. Trustee Valla noted that he would like the District to continue to seek grant writers such as Herb Thompson.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Herb Thompson of The Education

Alliance to provide services for the Healthy Start grant from October 15, 1998 through June 30, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$35,364.00.

#### 2q. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PARADIGM

Trustee Guth voiced her strong objections to the approval of this contract and referenced a letter she received from Assemblyman Steven Baldwin regarding Healthy Start.

Trustee Guth requested to know what data bases are being used by Paradigm. She noted her concern with the wording of the contract and stated that her biggest concern with the contract is with targeted case management.

Trustee Sugarman commented that according to staff, the implementation of this program does not create any new services or programs to students. She noted that the purpose of hiring Paradigm is to recoup costs which the District has already spent during the last year. The District will be generating money based upon current services being provided under federal and state mandates and that upon implementation of the program, retroactive billing for the 1997-98 school year may be claimed. Paradigm receives 15% of the income generated for the District.

Lourene Happoldt, Director of Student Support Services, clarified that the Paradigm contract is a totally separate collaborative from the Healthy Start grant and has nothing to do with the Healthy Start grant. Mrs. Happoldt noted that Fullerton is one of the last districts in the county to take advantage of utilizing this type of a system to recoup and capture funds by simply sending in the caseloads of psychologists, therapists and nurses for special education services which have been mandated for children through their individual educational plans. The District is presently not able to pay for these services out of special education funding and thus it is an encroachment in the General Fund.

Trustees Sugarman, Valla and Pogue noted their support to try and recoup funding for special education services.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 3-1-1 (Kim Guth voted "no"; Hilda Sugarman abstained) for special services reimbursement.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### 4a. REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

Robin Ruble, teacher at Orangethorpe School, noted her concern with Beechwood opening as a back-to-basics school unless the District is willing to provide transportation and equal access.

Superintendent Cooper thanked Clarence Hill, Marsha Henkes and Joy Brookman for tallying parent surveys on whether Beechwood should be opened as a fundamental or neighborhood school. Dr. Cooper reviewed the results of the survey with Board members.

Board members commented on the survey results and on past meetings and workshops held relating to the reopening of Beechwood.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees reopen Beechwood as a neighborhood school in the fall, 1999.

#### 4b. PUBLIC HEARING/AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF BEECHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reviewed actions taken to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Beechwood School. Dr. Fred Good with PJHM and Associates stated that the only comments which were received on the reopening of Beechwood pertaining to CEQA were from the City of Fullerton. He expressed his appreciation to the City for their recommendations and comments.

Dr. Good reviewed the traffic flow plan for Beechwood.

Mike Quarenta, Beechwood resident, stated that traffic is not a problem and urged the Board to open the school.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees authorize the filing of a Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination for the restoration of Beechwood Elementary School.

Superintendent Cooper noted that the Board will need to address the attendance area of Beechwood School which will probably affect other school boundaries. Dr. Cooper suggested that a committee be formed as quickly as possible composed of parents and staff from schools located on the east side of Harbor Boulevard (two principals, a city official, and an administrative staff member). Dr. Cooper indicated that Dr. Godfrey will present a time line at a future Board meeting.

#### 4c. DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF FULLERTON FOR BEECHWOOD PLAY FIELDS

Harry Brown, president of Golden Hill Little League urged the Board not to eliminate the baseball field at Beechwood School but instead to allow Golden Hill Little League to relocate the field to the southeast corner of the north field at no cost to the District.

Trustee Guth asked Mr. Brown if the recommendation which was stated on the Board item was the compromise he expected. Mr. Brown indicated that it was.

Mr. James Antanow, Beechwood resident noted his support for athletic programs at Beechwood School and urged the Board to allow the Little League to use the field.

Trustee Sugarman noted her concern that when Beechwood has expanded to its 600 student capacity, the Little League fields may have to be moved once again. Trustee Sugarman suggested that the Little League field be relocated at this time to Hermosa Drive School and that Beechwood School field be used as a practice field. Trustee Sugarman suggested that

the Board table this item for one more reading to allow for more dialogue with Golden Hill Little League.

Trustee Valla asked Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, if the recommendation is a decision on the Little League field or just a joint use contract. Dr. Godfrey explained that the District currently has a facilities maintenance agreement with the City for several District school fields. The District has a Memo of Understanding with the City for the Beechwood field. Legal counsel has suggested that the District establish a formal joint use agreement with the City which establishes guidelines for use of the field, sharing of expenses, etc. at Beechwood School. Dr. Godfrey noted that the key element in the agreement is that it would recognize the property as District owned and that the movement of the Little League field could be a temporary accommodation. She also noted that the agreement would specifically address that it is within the sole discretion of the Fullerton School District to relocate the Little League fields and/or to rescind the agreement at any future date. Dr. Godfrey presented an overhead of the suggested placement of Little League fields.

Trustee Sugarman asked when the construction at Beechwood would interfere with the present field that is located at Beechwood. Dr. Fred Good with PJHM and Associates responded that construction would begin shortly after the beginning of the year and the City and Little League have been notified that the existing Little League field will be in jeopardy for this baseball season unless it is relocated.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried 4-1 (Hilda Sugarman voted "no") that the Board of Trustees direct staff to enter into an agreement with the City of Fullerton for joint use of Beechwood fields specifying that the relocation of existing sports facilities will be performed by the City or City-directed community sports groups at no cost to the District, and that any decision regarding future use of the fields is within the sole discretion of the Fullerton School District as owners of the property.

#### 4d. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH BECKER AND BELL, INC.

Trustee Pogue commented that many job classifications and salaries have changed since the 1993-94 certificated personnel study and she supports this proposed new study.

Trustee Valla asked for clarification stating that he thought the study was for management salaries only. Dr. Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services stated that this study would include teachers who are working out of assignment and look at those positions to see if they are appropriate.

Trustee Guth noted her concern with spending money for the study. Trustee Guth clarified that she is not interested in putting teachers on special assignments into an administrative position but would rather have them moved back into the classroom.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried 3-2 (Kim Guth and Robert Fisler voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Becker and Bell, Inc. to perform a certificated management classification and salary study.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Marsha Henkes, past PTA Council president, spoke to the Board on the issue of fund-raising in the Fullerton School District. She described the many things that PTA fund-raising provides teachers and students and noted that it has always been her decision and not her child's decision to participate in a fund-raiser. Mrs. Henkes requested that the Board deal with issues of curriculum, running the District and accepting or not accepting PTA gifts presented; and to allow the parents the right to decide whether or not to participate in supplementary fund-raising events.

Barbara Nelson, Rolling Hills parent, invited Board members to Rolling Hills 3rd Annual Family Night on October 22.

Conrad DeWitte, Fullerton community member, spoke to the Board stating that the Board should have taken more time to make a decision on the Little League fields. Mr. DeWitte also spoke on the Paradigm contract relating to social services on the school campus, and the liability and costs of the medical billing services.

## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Cooper commented that he and several Board members attended the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Sugarman thanked all the people who worked on the Beechwood surveys and requested that all the people who returned the survey and gave their name and address be sent a response letter. Trustee Sugarman also thanked the people for their work on the Little League fields at Beechwood, noting that this was a big issue for many people.

Trustee Sugarman noted her appreciation to staff for developing and providing parents with a curriculum guide for every grade level.

Trustee Sugarman commended several schools who have changed their Halloween celebration to have an academic focus. She noted that Sunset Lane School's theme for Halloween this year is storybook characters and at Acacia School it is "Immigrant Ellis Island Day" for 5th grade classes.

Trustee Sugarman reported on the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting earlier in the day, noting that the focus was on patriotism and responsibility.

Trustee Guth responded to Mrs. Henkes earlier comments stating that she objects to PTA fund-raisers being done and promoted by children and that the School Board has a duty to develop policies that protect students and promote academic excellence. Trustee Guth offered to present her views on this issue at a future PTA Council meeting.

Trustee Guth remarked that she hopes that under Dr. Cooper's direction, the flag salute continues to be a regular part of the school day at all schools in the District.

Trustee Guth referred to an earlier Board member comment about the excellent education students at Parks were receiving. Trustee Guth commented that her interest as a Board member is to help the schools who need help to improve and that all students receive an

education as excellent as at Parks.

Trustee Valla commented on the Beechwood Survey, noting that he was pleased with the large number of parents who responded to the survey. He also noted that he was pleased with the compromise that was made with the Little League fields.

Trustee Pogue reported on the California School Boards Association Conference she attended which included information on Proposition 8. Trustee Pogue also reported information that she received relating to the conflict between the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

Trustee Pogue complimented Dr. Linda Caillet and her staff on the very complete grade level expectations that have been developed and provided to parents.

President Fisler reported on the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting he attended earlier in the day stating that a teacher from Parks Junior High School, a 6th grade teacher from Acacia, a teacher from a private elementary school, and a teacher from junior high school reported on what their schools are doing relating to respect and responsibility. Mr. Fisler noted that he was very proud of Fullerton schools.

President Fisler reported he visited third grade classrooms and was curious what the teachers thought about how their students transitioned from 20-1 classes last year to larger third grade classrooms this year.

President Fisler reported on the continued discrepancy of funding between high school districts and elementary districts who have 8th grade students. He noted that he will continue to lobby for equal funding.

## **5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE**

### **5a. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT GOALS**

President Fisler deferred this item to a future date when the Board would have more time to discuss and integrate their goals with the 1998-99 District Focus Areas.

Trustee Guth requested that the workshop take place in the evening.

### **5b. 1998 COCA-COLA COLLECTION PROGRAM WITH DISNEYLAND INNOVENTIONS**

Dr. Wiley S. Drake Sr., Pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, voiced his objection to the District's participation in this program and appealed to the Board to vote it down.

Beth Lamb, Valencia Park parent, noted her confusion as to why this item was on the agenda since Nicolas students are presently participating in the program.

Mr. James Antonow, community member, noted his concern with promoting this campaign.

Trustee Guth noted that the reason she asked for this item to come before the Board is that it

has never received prior Board approval. She also voiced her objection to the exploitation of students and the continuation of this campaign at Nicolas. She referred to Board policy and the purpose of the Board to protect students stating that there is no academic or educational value to this program. She urged fellow Board members to discontinue the campaign. A motion was made by Kim Guth to prevent Nicolas Junior High School from participating in the 1998 Coca-Cola Collection program with Disneyland Innoventions. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Trustee Pogue noted that the Nicolas contest has been going on all month and will end on the 30th of October. Trustee Pogue also noted that one of the things children learn from this contest is to not to do anything illegal to get to your goal. Trustee Pogue voiced her objection to discontinue the contest.

Trustee Sugarman noted that Nicolas families have the opportunity to not allow their children to participate in this contest and referred to the present Board policy stating that fund-raising activities must have prior approval by the building principal. She suggested that the Board may want to change the Board policy. Trustee Sugarman also commented that if the District accepts donations and grants from this corporation they should allow students to participate in their promotional campaign.

Trustee Valla commented that fund-raising is the backbone of the District and parents have the right to choose whether or not they want their child to participate in a fund-raising activity. He also noted that many schools have PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). Trustee Valla voiced his strong support for fund-raising in all schools.

President Fisler suggested that the Board policy on fund-raising be reviewed.

#### 5c. PROPOSITION 8

The Board reviewed information received from California School Boards Association and the Fullerton PTA Council relating to Proposition 8.

Trustee Pogue stated that this proposition was reviewed at the California School Boards Association conference she attended and highlighted the areas in the proposition that she believed to be poorly written. Trustee Pogue read a sample resolution opposing Proposition 8 and proposed that the Board adopt the resolution.

Trustees Fisler and Valla noted their oppositions to Proposition 8. Trustee Guth highlighted the positive areas of Proposition 8 but noted that she opposes Proposition 8.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution (98/99-15) opposing Proposition 8.

#### 5d. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from October 14, 1998 through October 27, 1998. It was noted that the Superintendent's Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 1998.

### **BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

President Fisler noted that the Board may wish to review the Board policy on fund-raising.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m. on October 13, 1998.