

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, November 10, 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, November 10, 1998 at 7:08 p.m. Marne Nettinga 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**

Harriet Hermann, Fern Drive School principal, recognized 3rd grade teachers Janet Diamant, Bobby Johnson and Carole Ann Curley for receiving the California School Boards Association Golden Bell award for "Fullerton is Our Town." President Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented a certificate of appreciation to each teacher.

Allan Waterman, Nicolas Junior High School principal, introduced Marion Van Voorhis for

her national recognition of "Who's Who Among American Educators."

President Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented Marion with a certificate of appreciation.

Allan Waterman, Nicolas Junior High School principal, recognized Elke Eastman from Beckman Coulter, Inc. for her support of the Nicolas science program through her facilitation of the Future Science and Engineers of America program and a \$1,000 donation by Beckman Coulter, Inc. for science equipment at Nicolas Junior High School. President Fisler, on behalf of the Board, presented Ms. Eastman with a certificate of appreciation.

## **2. CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items as corrected and presented.

### **2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the regular Board meeting on October 27, 1998 and special Board meeting on October 30, 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 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted (Add Classifications, Increase Hours, New Hires, Promotions, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Service Retirements, Step Raises, Terminations, and Transfers).

### **2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 922L0028, 922M0267 through 922M0295, 922R1069 through 922R1241, 922S0075 through 922S0095, 922T0094 through 922T0103, and 922X0138 through 922X0152 for 1998/99.

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

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services Purchase Orders numbered 989294 through 989361 for 1998/99.

### **2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 2221 through 2451 in the amount of \$848,049.56.

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

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 7716 through 7763 in the amount of \$118,995.03.

## 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 98/99-BO1 THROUGH 98/99-BO6 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND RECOGNIZING UNBUDGETED REVENUE

That the Board of Trustees adopt resolutions 98/99-BO1 through 98/99-BO6 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

## 2j. APPROVE/RATIFY LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve lecturers: 1) "Science on the Go" at Hermosa Drive School from October 26, 1998 through April 22, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$3,600.00; 2) "Imagination Machine" at Hermosa Drive School on February 2, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$510.00; and 3) Douglass Moss for a one-day in-service to Language/Speech Specialists on November 23, 1998 at a total cost not to exceed \$250.00.

Trustee Guth noted her appreciation to staff for referencing the school plan page number that identifies how the lecturer/program will satisfy that individual school plan.

## 2k. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO BOARD MEMBERS

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement to Board members to attend: 1) the Orange County Teachers of the Year dinner ceremony on November 9, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$26.00 per person; and 2) the 1998 California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference to be held in San Diego, California, December 2-5, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

## 2l. RATIFY/APPROVE 1998-99 OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve 1998-99 overnight field trips for District teachers and students on dates and times requested on 2l-1 through 2l-6 (with a correction on page 2l-4) at no cost to the District.

## 2m. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

That the Board of Trustees approve the Notice of Completion and accept as complete the minor repair and exterior trim painting completed at Valencia Park School, FSD Project #98/99-2 by S-A-M Painting, Inc. for a total amount of \$31,000.00 and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office.

## 2n. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic school contract with Speech and Language Development Center for a special education student (ID #0111-98) effective October 27, 1998 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$14,594.25.

## 2o. APPROVE NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve a nonpublic agency contract with with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for special education students: 1) MIS ID #97-01728 effective November 11, 1998 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$4,200.00; and 2) MIS ID #96-01680 effective November 11, 1998 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$4,200.00.

## 2p. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH RHA ENGINEERING

That the Board of Trustees ratify a contract with with RHA Engineering, Inc. to perform an aerial topographic survey at Beechwood School at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

## 2q. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH JOHN R. BYERLY, INCORPORATED

That the Board of Trustees ratify an agreement with John R. Byerly, Incorporated for geographical engineering services at Beechwood School at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

## 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 3a. REPORT ON MODERNIZATION

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Richard Duncan with Neptune Thomas Duhaime, presented a report on the District's twelve modernization projects. The report included an "Estimated Project Funding Summary," an "Estimated District Funding Summary," a "Scope of Work Summary," and a "Projected Time line." After Board discussion, President Fisler stated that the Board would hold a special Board meeting (date not yet determined) to discuss this subject further.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Fisler announced that at the request of the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association president, he would allow Public Comments by FETA to be heard at this time.

Anita Smiley, Richman teacher and community member, read a statement on the need to make teachers' compensation competitive.

Mimi Gaudette, Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association president, read a statement urging the Board to accept the Association's proposal.

### 3b. REVIEW OF BOARD ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

The Board reviewed their works and accomplishments for the period of July through October, 1998.

## 4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPOINT NANCY SPENCER AS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER

Dan Smith, president of the Classified Employees Association, Chapter 130, introduced Nancy Spencer and stated that she is the Association's appointee to the Personnel Commission. Dan expressed the Association's appreciation for all that Mrs. Spencer has done for the Association during the past 18 years that she has served on the Personnel Commission.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees appoint Nancy Spencer as the Fullerton School District Classified Employees' Personnel Commissioner, effective December 1, 1998.

Nancy Spencer noted her pleasure in working with the District. She credited the Fullerton schools for the success of her children and her grandson.

Board members thanked Mrs. Spencer for her many years of service on the Personnel Commission.

#### 4b. PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF USE OF CORE READING PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (AB3482) FUNDS

President Fisler declared a public hearing to allow citizens to speak on the "Certification of Use of CORE Reading Program Instructional Materials (AB3482) Funds. There were no requests from the audience to speak to this item and President Fisler declared the public hearing closed.

Trustee Guth noted her concern with certifying that the District has complied with the law in the use of CORE Reading Program Instructional Materials (AB3482) Funds. Trustee Guth noted that she believes the intent of the legislature is that each child be provided with a complete set of books. She referenced a research document by Marcy Stein, Ph.D.; Barbara Johnson, Program Specialist for SELPA; and Linda Gutlong, curriculum specialist in the State of California titled "Analyzing Beginning Reading Programs: The Relationship Between Decoding Instruction and Text." Trustee Guth stated that she does not accept the assurances of staff that the District is in compliance with the law.

Trustee Sugarman quoted information the Board received from the Chief Deputy Superintendent of Educational Policy Curriculum and Development Management confirming legal compliance. Trustee Sugarman also referenced an opinion by legal counsel reassuring staff and the Board that the District was in legal compliance in the use of funds for the CORE Reading Program materials. Trustee Sugarman referenced and commented on an in service video in which a Board member commented on the adoption of a reading series. Trustee Sugarman thanked Educational Services staff in the explanation and clarification of the certification.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees certify that the Fullerton School District has met the requirements of Education Code sections 60350-60352 and Education Code section 60200.4 for the Core Reading Program Instructional Materials (AB3482) use of funds.

#### 4c. RATIFY SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Anthony Valla and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees ratify the submission of grant applications by Fern Drive, Pacific Drive and Richman Schools to the Orange County Community Foundation.

Trustee Guth requested that the Board receive from each of the schools an end-of-the year report on the success of the grants awarded.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Kevin Bass, Valencia Park parent, urged the Board to take a proactive stance and discuss strategies to unite the community for a general bond passage.

## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Cooper reported on the Orange County Teachers of the Year ceremony held at Disneyland Hotel. He indicated that this ceremony was the most inspirational one that he has attended. Dr. Cooper informed the Board that he will be requesting from the Orange County Department of Education a script of the selected comments made by each of the candidates.

Superintendent Cooper presented President Fisler with a Chamber of Commerce recognition certificate for the District's 15th year of membership. Dr. Cooper commented that the membership gives District staff an opportunity to share ideas and issues with local merchants and community members.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Valla reported on the Orange County Teachers of the Year ceremony stating that it was very inspirational and that Glenda Howell, Rolling Hills teacher, was a great representative for the District.

Trustee Valla thanked community members for their support in the recent Board of Trustees election campaign and saluted FETA and CSEA for their campaign efforts. Trustee Valla commented that he plans to continue to attend Board meetings after his term is completed and has notified Superintendent Cooper of his availability to serve on committees. Trustee Valla also noted that he plans to run again in two years.

Trustee Guth commented on corporate exploitation in relation to the gift received from Beckman Coulter stating that she supports this kind of corporate partnership which not only benefits the students but also will benefit society. She asked that she be supported in her continuing efforts to protect students from other corporate exploitations.

Trustee Guth read a short description of the upcoming holiday, Veteran's Day. She noted her appreciation for teachers discussing the holiday with students and having students share the information with their parents.

Trustee Sugarman also voiced her appreciation for veterans. Trustee Sugarman noted her pleasure with the defeat of Proposition 8 and commented that the results of the recent Board of Trustees election reflect community approval with a great deal of what is happening in the schools.

Trustee Sugarman reported on the Chamber of Commerce breakfast at which a martial arts expert spoke on his approach to educating children. Trustee Sugarman spoke on an L.A. Magazine article published in October, 1998 titled, "The Top of the Class, the Ten Best Schools in L.A." Trustee Sugarman also referenced a Los Angeles Times article, "Reading by 9."

Trustee Pogue thanked the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association and CSEA for their support in the recent Board of Trustees election campaign. Trustee Pogue urged the voters to be informed when they go to the polls.

Trustee Pogue spoke on the importance of Veterans Day.

President Fisler spoke on the public's perception of the role of a Board member. He commented on the recent Board of Trustees election and thanked the people who campaigned and worked hard on the election.

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

### **5a. DISTRICT CALENDAR**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from November 11, 1998 through November 24, 1998. It was noted that the Sunset Lane PTA meeting would be held on November 12 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Trustee Guth requested that an item be placed on the next agenda for the Board to discuss seating arrangements of the Trustees at the Board table.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:05 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss: 1) negotiations with labor negotiator (Don Becker) regarding Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 130 (no action was anticipated); and 2) public employee appointment - assistant principal (action anticipated).

## **OPEN SESSION**

At 10:55 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Ann Rose as assistant principal at Orangethorpe School at Step 3H, effective November 11, 1998.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m. on November 10, 1998.

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Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees