

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, February 23, 1999****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 Marjorie Pogue on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 6:33 p.m. Marjorie Pogue led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1b. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

- Marjorie Pogue, President
- Hilda Sugarman, Vice President
- Ellen Ballard, Clerk
- Kim Guth, Member
- Robert Fislser, 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 public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. to confer with labor negotiator Ron Cooper regarding Fullerton Certificated and Classified Management and Confidential employees and assistant superintendents. There was no action.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. Billie Holt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Ron Cooper introduced and recognized Yolanda McComb, newly appointed principal at Richman School. Mrs. McComb introduced Mike Watkins, Richman School acting principal, and Judy Sullivan, Richman School teacher.

Mrs. McComb introduced and recognized Richman Rolling Readers volunteer Doris Schneider and 15-year Richman volunteer Vivian Sangston. President Pogue presented each volunteer with a certificate of appreciation.

Richman School teacher, Tracy Ramont, on behalf of the Richman staff welcomed Yolanda McComb as Richman's "official" principal and recognized Mike Watkins for doing a fantastic job as Richman's assistant principal.

Andre Sauvageau, principal at Ladera Vista Junior High School, introduced Ella Lindsey, Ladera Vista teacher and organizer of the "I Have A Dream" student speech contest held in conjunction with Martin Luther King Holiday. Mrs. Lindsey introduced three of the student speech winners. Ladera Vista students Sam Staples, Erin Miller, and Brittany Thomas presented their winning speeches. President Pogue presented each student with a certificate of excellence. President Pogue presented Mrs. Lindsey with a certificate of appreciation for her work on the speech contest. Trustee Ballard praised Mrs. Lindsey as a very special teacher.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items including additions and amendments, with the exception of Item 21 which Trustee Guth requested to be pulled and heard separately.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the regular Board meeting on February 9, 1999, as corrected and amended and the Minutes of the special Board meetings on February 16, 1999 and February 17, 1999.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

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

2c. APPROVE 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 2c-2.

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 922M0370 through 922M0387, 922R2018 through 922R2162, 922S0132 through 922S0154, 922TO160 through 922TO169, and 922X0191 through 922X0193 for 1998/99.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 989721 through 989789 for 1998/99.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 3808 through 4078 in the amount of \$520,479.93

2g. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 8025 through 8056 in the amount of \$84,036.47.

2h. APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Orange County Performing Arts Center at Parks Junior High School on February 25 and April 27, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$700.00.

2i. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 98/99-B32 THROUGH 98/99-B35 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND RECOGNIZING UNBUDGETED REVENUE

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 98/99-B32 through 98/99-B35 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 CALIFORNIA TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROJECT (CTAP) SERVICE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) service agreement.

2k. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement for Board members to attend: 1) The California School Boards Association Spokesperson Training on March 5, 1999 at the Hyatt Regency, Irvine, at a cost not to exceed \$155.00 per person; and 2) The Annual California School Public Relations Institute on Friday, March 19, 1999 at Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, at a cost not to exceed \$135.00 per person.

2l. APPROVE 1999-2000 AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

2m. APPROVE TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement of \$300.00 to Holly Herd, teacher at Nicolas Junior High School for loss of personal property.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT

21. APPROVE 1999-2000 AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Suzanne Kammer, Acacia parent noted her objection to the Peer Assistance Leadership Program.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the 1999-2000 agreement with Orange County Department of Education for participation in the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) Camp Program. Trustee Guth noted her continued objection with the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) Program and with the District paying for students to attend PAL Camp.

Trustees Sugarman and Fisler praised the PAL Program commenting that principals have reported students return enthusiastic with the life skills they have received.

Ellen Fisher noted a correction to the contract stating total student participation will not exceed 72.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. UPDATE ON MODERNIZATION

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, briefly commented that the District's architectural consultant firm is updating their architectural drawings as a result of the Special Board meeting on February 17, 1999. Dr. Godfrey reported that at a future Board meeting the Board will be asked to change the bid award date from May 4 to May 18, 1999. Dr. Godfrey asked Board members to keep that afternoon open for a Special Board meeting to award the bids for modernization.

Dr. Godfrey introduced Mr. Bob Whalen and Ted Codi, the District's bond counsel from the firm of Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth. Mr. Whalen summarized the Certification of Participation process the District will be going through to raise funds to augment the State Modernization funds that the District will receive.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. ADOPT RESOLUTION 98/99-24 TO RATIFY THE FORMATION OF THE FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 98/99-24 to ratify the formation of the Fullerton School District

Capital Facilities Corporation to issue Certificates of Participation.

4b. APPROVE MENTOR TEACHERS FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS COMMENCING MARCH 1, 1999

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve Cindy Arakaki, Kathy Bober, Marion Braddick, Suzanne Carr, Becky D'Arrigo, Susan Kitley, Nancy Kozma, and Connie Learn, as new mentor teachers whose one-year terms commence on March 1, 1999 and end on February 29, 2000 with an option to continue based on an annual review . Approval for the full term is contingent upon the District's receiving full funding from the State for the Mentor Program.

4c. PUBLIC HEARING/APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF WAIVER FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM AB 1086 READING INSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

President Pogue declared a public hearing to allow citizens to speak to the submission of a waiver to use funds received from AB 1086 Reading Instruction Development Grant (Grades 4-8) for all AB 1086 teacher training (Grades K-8). There were no requests to speak to this item and President Pogue declared the Public Hearing closed.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of a waiver to use funds received from AB 1086 Reading Instruction Development grant (Grades 4-8) for all AB 1086 teacher training (Grades K-8).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Tony Valla, community member, informed the Board of his intention to donate his remaining campaign funds in the amount of \$218.72 to the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation.

Mimi Gaudette, Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association President informed the Board of a program that the National Education Association started last year in honor of Dr. Seuss called "Read Across America." This year the program will be celebrated throughout the United States on March 2. The program encourages community members, parents, and school board members to go into classrooms and read to children and share the enjoyment of reading. Mrs. Gaudette stated that many of the District's schools will be participating. The Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association will be donating \$100.00 for each school library to purchase books for their school. Mrs. Gaudette presented Dr. Cooper with a red and white Dr. Seuss hat.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cooper reported that Laguna Road has made it to the next step in their endeavor to become a National Blue Ribbon School. Dr. Cooper noted that he was just notified that Laguna Road will now be visited on March 29 and 30. Dr. Cooper will notify Board members which day Board members should attend.

Superintendent Cooper reported on the PTA Council meeting held earlier in the day, noting that he shared the three major issues that were discussed at the Board table relating to

fundraising.

Superintendent Cooper, in response to the Board's direction to develop an ad hoc Maple Expansion Committee, distributed and read the list of the ad hoc Maple Expansion committee members. Dr. Cooper noted that if there are parents who contact him and have a specific area of expertise, they will be invited to share their ideas with the committee. Dr. Cooper stated that the first meeting dates have not yet been determined.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Pogue read a letter which the Board received from the County of Orange inviting interested persons to apply to serve on the County's Children and Family Commission.

Trustee Sugarman read an article from the February 19, 1999 Los Angeles Times newspaper relating to a school board's role in the achievement of educational goals.

Trustee Sugarman reported on statistics that she heard at the PTA Council meeting relating to education in California.

Trustee Sugarman commented on her visit to Beechwood School and her meeting with Don Bankhead, City Councilman. Trustee Sugarman thanked Golden Hill and Sunset Lane PTAs for the Jim Trelease presentation at Plummer Auditorium.

Trustee Ballard reported on a visit she made to a classroom at Commonwealth school. Her visit was in response to a letter of praise she received from the parent of a special education student who is being mainstreamed into a regular education class.

Trustee Guth commented on a call she received from the parent of a special day class student at Woodcrest who is very pleased with what is going on at Woodcrest School.

Trustee Guth shared and commented on newspaper articles relating to education (return to teaching the basics, parent contracts with their non-English speaking students and a recent meeting President Clinton had with governors at which the topic was education).

Trustee Fisler reported on an Indian culture program he saw which was presented by Orangethorpe 4th grade teachers at Orangethorpe School who received a grant from the Fullerton School District Educational Foundation. Trustee Fisler noted that the program was one of the best he has seen. Trustee Fisler reported on his visits to two junior high schools at noon time at which he observed noon activities.

Trustee Fisler reported on Laguna Road's Healthy Heart week and praised the Laguna Road staff, parents and students, and the Nutrition Center staff for their efforts. Trustee Fisler commented he enjoyed Laguna Road School's Language Celebration; that he enjoyed teaching a second grade class at Acacia School, and that he enjoyed a recent workshop for vice principals.

Trustee Fisler reported on a recent Fullerton School District Educational Foundation meeting he attended at which he learned that a Ladera Vista Junior High School teacher received an Orange County Community Foundation grant via the Foundation.

Trustee Fisler reported on a meeting he had recently with Assemblyman Corella explaining the inequity that exists in junior high school funding between a K-8 school district and a K-12 or 7-12 school district.

President Pogue praised Laguna Road staff, parents, students and community for the school's Healthy Heart Week which was combined with Jump Rope for Heart.

President Pogue reported on the activities of the Sister City Committee, noting that 10 Fukui junior ambassadors will be visiting Fullerton on March 21-24.

President Pogue reported on the Orange County School Boards PAGE meeting at which the topic was CIF. President Pogue also reported on the Orange County School Boards dinner meeting at which speakers from the Association of California School Administrators and Xerox spoke on the new technologies.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. FIRST READING OF AFTER SCHOOL AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT POSSIBLE APPLICATION

Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance summarized a proposed application and distributed revisions to the proposed application for an After School and Safe Neighborhoods Grant.

Trustees Sugarman, Ballard and Fisler praised District staff and the Fullerton collaborative for their efforts. Trustee Guth noted her objections to the grant application. Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of an application for an After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Program grant.

5b. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 1260 (EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS)

The Board reviewed for first reading, proposed revision to Board Policy 1260 (Education Foundations).

5c. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5116 (INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS)

Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance, reviewed proposed changes to Board Policy 5116 and proposed new Administrative Regulation 5116 (Intradistrict Transfers).

The following community members spoke to this item: Suzanne Kammer, Kathi Niehaus, Suzanne Smith, Tony Valla, and Chris Thompson.

Board members gave their input to suggested changes. Dr. Cooper stated that staff will incorporate suggestions by Board members and bring this item back for further review or approval.

5d. APPROVE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CLASSIFIED/CERTIFICATED MANAGEMENT, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Jolynne Middleton, Acacia parent, asked that the Board limit the salary increases to 1% above the cost of living.

Trustee Guth noted her objection to the negotiations process and her concern with the financial impact of employee salary increases.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve salary adjustments for Classified/Certificated Management, Confidential employees, Assistant Superintendents and the Superintendent to include: a five percent salary increase midyear 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; one additional step on the Certificated Management Salary Schedule representing a three percent increment in Classes III, VII and IX; and a \$1,000 yearly stipend for all Certificated Management employees and assistant superintendents who have earned their doctorate. The salary of the superintendent, Dr. Cooper, will be 5% and a \$1,000 yearly stipend for a doctorate degree for the term of his contract.

5e. 1999 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

President Pogue deferred this item to the next regular meeting. She suggested that each Board member select two Board members for whom they would like to vote to serve on the Delegate Assembly.

5f. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from February 24 through March 9, 1999. There were no changes noted.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pogue adjourned the meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 10:33 p.m.

Ellen Ballard, Clerk

Board of Trustees