

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, March 9, 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, March 9, 1999 at 7:03 p.m. Barbara Moore 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 (Absent)

1c. CLOSED SESSION ACTION TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 23, 1999 BOARD MEETING

The Board approved the non-reelection of two certificated employees for the 1999/2000 school year.

1d. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Pogue stated that Marie Sweet, Secretary to the Superintendent, had been in the hospital undergoing medical tests but is home now. The results of the test will not be known

for a few days. Eleanor Grainger is taking her place at this Board meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Harriet Hermann, principal at Fern Drive School, introduced and recognized sixth grade teacher Tiffney Saieed for doing a phenomenal job at Fern Drive School. She stated that Tiffney is a very quiet and strong leader on campus. President Pogue presented Tiffney with a certificate of appreciation and said that our District is fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher.

Janet Steger, Coordinator of Curriculum and Staff Development, announced the selection of eight new mentor teachers who will serve in the one-year mentor program as a reading intervention team for our schools. She thanked Dr. Carol Lambert for the work she did in running the selection process and also to the mentor selection committee which included five District administrators and six teachers. The following teachers were selected: Cindy Arakaki, Nicolas; Kathy Bober, Nicolas; Marion Braddick, Pacific Drive; Suzanne Carr, Orangethorpe; Becky D'Arrigo, Acacia; Susan Kitley, Golden Hill; Nancy Kozma, Valencia Park; and Connie Learn, Valencia Park.

President Pogue stated that at this time public comments would be heard.

Barbara Moore, teacher at Hermosa Drive School and representing the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association, thanked all those who participated in the "Read Across America" day. This was the second year it had been held. She stated that the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association donated \$100 to each District school to purchase books for their library.

Terry Brick, representative for the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic explained the various services available from this organization that can be accessed by individual members or by school districts, colleges and universities through institutional memberships. Mrs. Brick's reason for attending the Board meeting was to request a resolution from the Fullerton School District declaring the week of April 11-17 Fullerton School's Record-A-Thon Week. The Record-A-Thon has three purposes: 1) for volunteers to donate extra hours; 2) create awareness about the organization; and 3) raise funds through sponsorships.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items including additions and amendments, with the exception of Items 2j, 2n and 2o which Trustee Guth 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 February 23, 1999 as corrected at the Board table (2a-5 and 2a-6).

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted (New

Hires, Retirement, Extra Duty Assignments).

2c. APPROVE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with Hartford Life Insurance Company to provide an alternative investment option for tax shelter annuities for District Employees.

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 922M0388 through 922M0397, 922R2163 through 922R2272, 922S0155 through 922S0170, 922T0170 through 922T0183, and 922X0194 through 922X0204 for 1998/99.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 989790 through 989832 for 1998/99.

2f. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 4079 through 4376 in the amount of \$923,773.63.

2g. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors, as listed on 2g-2 through 2g-3.

2h. APPROVE LECTURERS:

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturers: 1) Peg Tompkins at Pacific Drive on March 16, 30; April 6, 20, and 27, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$500.00; and 2) Andrea Boyer, All the Arts for All the Kids program from March 10, 1999 through June 17, 1999 at a total cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

2i. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

That the Board of Trustees approve notice of completion and accept as complete the air conditioning at Raymond School, FSD Project 98/99-6, by Temp-Air Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. for a total amount of \$39,500.00 and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office.

2j. RATIFY SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

2k. AWARD CONTRACTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS/NETWORK CABLING AND EQUIPMENT

That the Board of Trustees award contracts for Telecommunications/Network Cabling and

Equipment (Project 98/99-07) for: 1) Commonwealth and Richman Elementary Schools to Datatel in the amount of \$140,695.47; and 2) Valencia Park Elementary School to Network Installation Corporation in the amount of \$90,831.72.

2l. RATIFY INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify independent contract agreements with Lynn E. Nelson, M.Ed., and Associates, Speech and Language Pathologists, for special education students: 1) MIS ID #95-00131 from September 4, 1998 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$4,200.00; and 2) MIS ID #95-00200 from July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 in the amount of \$4,400.88.

2m. RATIFY NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS

That the Board of Trustees ratify nonpublic school contracts with Rossier School for special education students: 1) ID #0103-99 effective March 4, 1999 through June 30, 1999 in the amount of \$11,299.80; and 2) ID #0203-99 effective February 18, 1999 through June 30, 1999 at a cost of \$12,674.10.

2n. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (FJUHSD)

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

2o. APPROVE ASSURANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY-BASED ENGLISH TUTORING (CBET) PROGRAM

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

2j. RATIFY SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Trustee Guth noted her objections to the programs.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees ratify service agreements with Orange County Department of Education for: 1) the Club Live Program at Parks Junior High School; and 2) the Friday Night Live Kids Program at Laguna Road School.

2n. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (FJUHSD)

Trustee Guth stated she would like to address items 2n and 2o at the same time because they are both for the same program. Trustee Guth noted her objections to both items.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) for provision of Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET)

program services 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.

2o. APPROVE ASSURANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY-BASED ENGLISH TUTORING (CBET) PROGRAM

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Robert Fisler and carried 4-1 (Kim Guth voted "no") that the Board of Trustees approve the Assurances for Acceptance of the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) program.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. UPDATE ON MODERNIZATION

Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, stated that the Board had received a four-page document regarding financing Certificates of

Participation and Modernization dates. It will be approximately June 15 when the District hopes to receive state funds for modernization projects. It may be necessary to apply for a larger TRAns for the next school year in order to pay contractors for work already completed until funds arrive from the state. A Special Board Meeting will be held on May 18 to approve the bid awards for the modernization contracts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Pogue stated that she had just received a request from a community member to speak at this time.

Rosemary Castro, Community Service Coordinator at Valencia Community Center addressed the Board of Trustees. Ms. Castro works for the City of Fullerton and has been a member of the Collaborative for the past couple of years. On March 20 Richman Park will be dedicated, in combination with Community Clean-up Day 3, and Board members were invited to attend the dedication. Mrs. Castro introduced the following Collaborative members: Marcia Velazquez, Anakarem Velazquez, Roxanne Alvarez, Francisco Alvarez, Daisy Martinez, and Alan Martinez who are all students at Richman School.

3b. NEW PROMOTION/ACCELERATION AND RETENTION LEGISLATION REQUIRING REVISION OF BOARD POLICIES

Dr. Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Dr. Barry Pulliam and his wife Dr. Leslie Pulliam of The Pulliam Group, Educational Resources for the 21st Century, Lake Arrowhead. Dr. Leslie Pulliam presented a brief overview of the twenty-one new state laws impacting school district promotion and retention policies. The task will be to align four current Fullerton School District policies with the new state laws. Grading, homework, attendance, proficiency and parent appeal processes will be considered in the new guidelines.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE PULLIAM GROUP, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with The Pulliam Group, Educational Resources for the 21st Century to develop the required revisions to Board policies related to student promotion/acceleration and retention.

4b. SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 1260 (EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS)

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees accept Board Policy 1260 (Education Foundations), as revised.

4c. SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 5116 (INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS)

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees accept Board Policy 5116 (Intradistrict Transfers), as corrected.

4d. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MATHEMATICS TEACHER INSTRUCTION GRANT

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of an application for Mathematics Teacher Instruction Grant.

4e. APPROVE SECOND INTERIM REPORT FOR 1998/99

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Kim Guth that the Board of Trustees approve a "Positive Certification" for the Second Interim reporting period of the District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent years.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CAPITAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

Due to technical problems, the organizational meeting of the Capital Facilities Corporation was deferred to the March 23, 1999 Board Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cooper expressed his congratulations to the new mentor teachers and stated that he especially appreciated the focus in reading.

Superintendent Cooper commented on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing and clarified that the Fullerton School District did not participate.

Superintendent Cooper stated that he visited Raymond, Richman, and Orangethorpe

Schools to read to the students on Read Across America day, and thanked the teachers at these schools for the tremendous amount of preparation and the wonderful job they did.

Superintendent Cooper and Konnie Gault met with a small group of PTA presidents last week relative to the issue of fundraising. The subject was also discussed at a recent principals' meeting

Superintendent Cooper also attended the Chamber of Commerce Education Meeting and noted it was one of the best he has attended. Proposition 227, English Only, was the topic of discussion.

Superintendent Cooper asked Lauralyn Eschner, Coordinator of Fine Arts to say a few words about the Muckenthaler event.

Lauralyn stated that there were 3,500 to 4,000 people in attendance at the event, and over 200 children performed. Four thousand pieces of artwork will be on display in the galleries until March 27. Nearly \$6,500 was raised for the Arts Program.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Fisler participated in the Read Across America day and also attended the Muckenthaler event and enjoyed both very much.

Trustee Fisler reported he also attended Open House at Hermosa Drive and was surprised at the number attending even though it was held during the day. It gave visitors an opportunity to see the teachers teach because it was a regular day of school.

Trustee Fisler also attended the Academic Olympic Awards at Rolling Hills.

Trustee Guth asked everyone to keep Marie in their prayers and thoughts.

Trustee Guth voiced her concern with the Read Across America Event. She stated that what the District is trying to accomplish is teaching children to read for themselves and that's what she would like to emphasize in our school district.

Trustee Ballard stated she also participated in the Read Across America day and loved every minute of it. She cited a recent Time magazine issue that focused on successful students. The article listed two common denominators that helped a child's reading skills as family support and being read to.

It was moved by Trustee Sugarman, seconded by President Pogue and carried unanimously that the Board Meeting be extended to no later than 11:00 p.m .

Trustee Sugarman commented that she participated in the Read Across America program by reading Edgar Allen Poe to two sixth grade classes.

Trustee Sugarman also attended an event at which Assemblyman Dick Ackerman spoke.

Trustee Sugarman attended the Academic Olympic Awards at Rolling Hills and said it was a wonderful event. She appreciated the fact that Marj, Bob and she were asked to present the

awards to the children.

President Pogue stated she attended the Chamber of Commerce Education Meeting where the focus was on 227.

President Pogue visited Maple preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades. She said if the students know their alphabet and sounds, they get their picture up outside the door. Twenty-nine out of thirty-three kindergartners have already passed the test.

President Pogue also visited Laguna Road and was very impressed with the second grade where they sang the state song and knew all the words.

President Pogue was at Fern Drive School and listened to representatives working on the Peer Assistance Learning program.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

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

Board members noted their preferences for Delegate Assembly candidates. After discussion, Board consensus was to cast its votes for: Ann Albertson (Tustin USD); Bonnie P. Castrey (Huntington Beach Union HSD); Mary C. Fuhrman (Buena Park SD); Mary C. Fuhrman (Buena Park SD); Kim Ann Guth (Fullerton SD); Craig T. Olson (Placentia-Yorba Linda USD); Marjorie Pogue (Fullerton SD); and Susie Sokol (Brea Olinda USD).

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events from March 10 through March 23, 1999. One change was noted. Richman Parent Involvement Night will be held March 25, 1999 at 6:30 p.m., instead of March 11.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Guth thought it would be a good idea to draft a resolution in support of the federal government funding the costs for special education legislative mandates. Congress promised state and local governments it would fund forty percent of the costs of special education.

President Pogue reminded Board members that Terry Brick, representing Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, had asked for a resolution from the Fullerton School District declaring the week of April 11-17 Fullerton School District's Record-A-Thon Week.

Trustee Fisler requested from staff a quarterly report on utility bills.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pogue adjourned the meeting on March 9, 1999 at 10:45 p.m.

Ellen Ballard, Clerk

Board of Trustees