

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

November 6, 2008

MINUTES

President Allcorn called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Christine Allcorn	President
Mrs. Joanne Lew	President Pro Tem
Mrs. Judy Edwards	Member
Mrs. Pat Harney	Member

Absent due to illness:

Mr. Tony McCombs	Clerk
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Dr. Ecker presented an addendum to the board agenda to Item 8-B (Personnel Items), number 1.5.

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the agenda as amended.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mrs. Lew

Vote: 4-0

There were no requests to address the board prior to closed session.

Mrs. Allcorn announced that the board would retire into closed session with action anticipated. The following would be addressed:

CLOSED SESSION

- Pupil Personnel: Education Code 48912(b) and 48918(c)
Student Expulsion or other disciplinary matters
- Personnel Matters: *Government Code 54957 and 54957.1*
Appointment/Assignment/Promotion of employees; employee discipline/
dismissal/release; evaluation of employee performance; complaints/charges
against an employee; other personnel matters
- *Negotiations: Government Code 54957.6*
Update and review of negotiations with FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with
the board's designated representatives Dr. Barry Blade & Mrs. Rosemary Eadie

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Cub Scout Pack 400, Den 3 from Cox School. The leaders are Mrs. TJ Breshnaham and Evelyn Morley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

In honor of Mrs. Joanne Lew, who was serving her final board meeting as a trustee after three terms of office, Mrs. Allcorn presented a Proclamation of Appreciation and some gifts to Mrs. Lew. City Council members Carrozzo and Crandall were in attendance to honor Mrs. Lew and Mr. Carrozzo presented a Certificate of Recognition to her. School principals and some district retirees were also present. Mrs. Lew introduced members of her family and said some words to her colleagues on the board.

HONORING JOANNE LEW AT FINAL BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Joanne Lew and other members of the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation Board accepted a donation from Mrs. Jeri Wilson of the Orange County Philharmonic Society. Mrs. White and representative Cheryl White said some words on behalf of the Philharmonic Society.

DONATION BY ORANGE COUNTY PHILHARMONIC

Mrs. Marilyn Davis, President of the Huntington Beach Chapter of the Assistance League, was in attendance to accept a Certificate of Appreciation from Mrs. Eadie. the Huntington Beach Assistance League recently awarded \$25,000 in grant funding to 55 Fountain Valley School District teachers at our eight elementary schools. Mrs. Eadie expressed thanks on behalf of those teachers, and said the funding had been spent on such things as books, technology, literacy materials, book bags, a DVD player, writing activities and a professional library.

THANKS TO HUNTINGTON BEACH ASSISTANCE LEAGUE

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize students who demonstrate high achievement, improvement or extraordinary effort. Students from Cox and Oka Schools were presented to the Board of Trustees this evening. From Cox School the honored students were Carter Higon (K); Blake Anderson (1st); Jayna Meyer (2nd); Jun Hyuk Ahn (3rd); Erik Van Der Goes (4th); and Sean Finneran (5th). From Oka School, the students were Nelson Boyack (K); Natalie Scanaliato (1st); Brighton Pauli (2nd); Chris Murguia (3rd); Eden McCraney (4th); and Vivian Ly (5th).

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS: COX AND OKA SCHOOLS

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize parent volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. Cox principal Dr. Alicia Queen and Oka principal Ms. Brandi Loyd announced their parent volunteers being presented to the Board of Trustees. From Cox School were Evelyn Colon-Morley and Dawn Hull. From Oka School, Melissa Scanaliato and Joan Trimmer.

**RECOGNITION OF
PARENT VOLUNTEERS:
COX AND OKA**

Following these special presentations, Board President Allcorn called a recess to the board meeting.

Following the recess, the following announcements were made concerning board action taken in closed session:

Motion by Mrs. Edwards: "I move that the Board of Trustees accept a letter of resignation submitted by certificated employee #2661 effective November 6, 2008."

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Second: Mrs. Harney

Vote: Approved 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Harney: "Based on this board's review and acceptance of the Administrative Hearing Panel's findings of act and recommendation for expulsion, I move that Student #993100168 be expelled from all schools in the Fountain Valley School District through March 13, 2009 and I further move that the expulsion be suspended and the student transferred to another school within the Fountain Valley School District for the duration of the expulsion."

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: Approved 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Edwards: "Based on this board's review of the recommendation for expulsion established on July 23, 2008, I move that the expulsions of Students #273161 and #993700153 be lifted effective December 5, 2008 and the students shall be re-enrolled in the Fountain valley School District."

Second: Mrs. Lew

Vote: Approved 4-0

STAFF REPORTS

The Board of Trustees received and accepted the written annual report of the Personnel Commission. This report reflected Commission activities over the 2007-08 year.

**PERSONNEL
COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Harney said she has completed the “Masters In Governance” program, a rigorous educational program offered to trustees by the California School Boards Association. Mrs. Harney said she attended the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation’s Board meeting, and enjoyed meeting recently with her colleagues on the board with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mr. Jack O’Connell, who visited the District.

Mrs. Edwards said she also enjoyed the recent meeting with Mr. Jack O’Connell. Mrs. Edwards said she attended the Red Ribbon activities held last month at the City of Fountain Valley. Mrs. Edwards said she enjoyed two visits this week to Plavan and Courreges Schools and on November 7 would visit Newland School as well as attend Masuda’s annual Veterans’ Day event.

Mrs. Allcorn said she had attended the Red Ribbon event at the City of Fountain Valley, and hosted recently with Dr. Ecker a visitation by some Weebelo Scouts from Courreges School who came to learn more about the District and the duties of the board. Mrs. Allcorn enjoyed the visit with Mr. Jack O’Connell. Mrs. Allcorn also shared a note of thanks from the Tiger Den of Cub Scouts who led last month’s Flag Salute at the board meeting.

Mrs. Lew said she has been busily working on the final plans for this year’s Taste of Fountain Valley fundraiser for the Educational Foundation, and she thanked everyone who has sponsored this event. Thanked Mrs. Pat Harney and Mrs. Susie Crandall for their help. Mrs. Lew said she enjoyed the visit with Mr. O’Connell. Lastly, she thanked everyone this evening for what they had done to make her final board meeting so special.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One person addressed the board.

- Community member Jeannie Stavale thanked Joanne Lew for all her years of service to the district and its children during her 12 years of serving on the Board.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Lew moved to approve the District’s continued participation in the Class Size Reduction program and Certification for 2008-09.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 4-0

CONTINUATION IN
CLASS SIZE
REDUCTION PROGRAM
IN 2008-09

Motion: Mrs. Harney moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business in one action. **CONSENT CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS**
Second: Mrs. Lew

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on October 16, 2008
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order listing
- Budget Transfers and Resolutions
- Notice of Layoff for Classified positions
- Revisions to Policy 5131 (Conduct) for second reading and adoption
- Revisions to Board Bylaw 9320 (Meetings and Notices) for second reading and adoption
- Revisions to Board Bylaw 9323 (Meeting Conduct) for second reading and adoption
- Selection of December 11, 2008 as the date of the Annual Organizational meeting
- Acceptance of Benchmark Testing and Support Agreement between Action Learning Systems, Inc. and the Fountain Valley School District
- Recommendation to Award Bid 09-01, "Tenant Improvement:" to GTA Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$188,000.00
- Special Education Settlement Agreement to reimburse the parents in an amount not to exceed \$11,000
- Non-public School addenda for special education services (*Speech and Language Development Center* for \$5,837.87 & *Center for Autism and Related Disorders* for \$516.00)

Vote: 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker: Said that realizing this was Mrs. Lew's final meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees was indeed bittersweet, since for the past 12 years, he has been accustomed to seeing Mrs. Lew at the board dais. Thanked her for her contributions as a trustee and for her acts of friendship over the many years. Said that people like Mrs. Lew who give tremendously for the benefit of the children make him extremely grateful. On behalf of the board and staff of the Fountain Valley School District and the entire Ecker family, he thanked Joanne Lew for all she has given.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Harney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 4-0

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