

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**September 11, 2008**

**MINUTES**

President Allcorn called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Christine Allcorn	President
Mrs. Joanne Lew	President Pro Tem
Mr. Tony McCombs	Clerk
Mrs. Judy Edwards	Member
Mrs. Pat Harney	Member

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the agenda.

AGENDA APPROVAL

**Second:** Mrs. Lew

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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;*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Allcorn. To commemorate Patriot's Day, in memory of those who lost their lives in the attack on America seven years ago, Mrs. Allcorn called for a moment of silence and also read a poem entitled "We Became One."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND/DEVELOPER FEES**

Mrs. Allcorn opened the public hearing regarding the Capital Facilities Fund and Developer Fees. There were no requests to address the board and the public hearing was closed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Mrs. Rosemary Eadie presented a Powerpoint report on the District's STAR test results from spring 2008 where she reported that our students performed exceptionally well. Only two parents requested testing waivers. Our students in grades 2-8 were tested in English/Language Arts, Math, Writing (grades 4 and 7), Science (grades 5 and 8) and History/Social Studies (grade 8). Mrs. Eadie reminded the board that by the year 2014, California has declared that all students shall score at "proficient or advanced" in ELA and Math. In the Fountain Valley School District, all of our students increased in those performance levels in English-Language Arts with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, which decreased two percentage points. Mrs. Eadie attributed these exceptional gains to our reading specialists, spotlight teachers and the district's remediation programs. In math, percentages of our students at the proficient or advanced levels increased in all grades. The District's API growth was exceptional this year, with the District and all schools experiencing a rising API score over the past two years with the exception of Newland, which showed no growth. Dr. Ecker pointed out that Cox School, which has a high number of Hispanic, English learner and disadvantaged sub-groups, showed exceptional growth within those sub-groups. Mrs. Eadie also commended our students and teachers on our excellent scores in writing with 65% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 93% of 7<sup>th</sup> graders scoring a "5" or higher. The Fountain Valley School District demonstrated higher achievement than California and Orange County in every grade level and in all areas of the STAR and CAT/6 tests. Mrs. Eadie indicated her pride in our students and teachers.

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Lew said she had recently hosted a dinner at her home for members of the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation board and PT leaders and was delighted to have gained some new members to the Foundation. Mrs. Lew shared a packet of information including a Foundation membership flyer and a flyer advertising the 2008 "Taste of Fountain Valley." Said that she and Dr. Ecker would soon be visiting some corporate sponsors to share the 7-minute video about the Foundation and inquire about future donations. Said that channel 3 has agreed to show the video and to include advertising for "Taste of Fountain Valley."

Mrs. Harney said she had attended the dinner at Mrs. Lew's home and thanked her for hosting such a lovely event.

Mrs. Allcorn said she had greeted the District's new teachers at an orientation and enjoyed welcoming them to the District's family. Mrs. Allcorn visited Oka and Newland to view their new "peanut free" lunch tables and said the tables are designated and well maintained.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. McCombs moved to approve the latest revision and adopt Policy 5141.27, "Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs."	POLICY 5141.27- "FOOD
<b>Second:</b>	Mrs. Lew	ALLERGIES / DIETARY NEEDS"
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimously approved	
<b>Motion:</b>	Mrs. Edwards moved that the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business be approved in one action.	CONSENT CALENDAR/ ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS
<b>Second:</b>	Mrs. Lew	

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board meeting minutes from the regular board meeting of August 21, 2008
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order listing
- Budget Transfers and Resolutions
- Membership renewal in Fountain Valley Rotary Club in the amount of \$600.00
- Membership renewal in CLMS for Fulton, Masuda & Talbert for \$295.00 each
- Adoption of the changes to Board Bylaw 9322, "Agenda/Meeting Materials"
- Approval of the Bilingual Tester Administrative Waiver
- Approval of the 2008-09 Outdoor Science Education Study Trips
- Approval of the Unaudited Actuals for Fiscal Year 2007-08
- Approval of the Report on the Use of Capital Facilities Fund / Developer Fees
- Approval of the Service Agreement with Decision Insite
- Receipt and review of the District Investment Policy
- Adoption of Resolution 2009-06: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limitation
- Adoption of Resolution 2009-07: Authorization of Signatures
- Adoption of Resolution 2009-08: Authorization of Approval of Vendor Claims / Orders
- Adoption of Resolution 2009-09: authorization of Signatures on Replacement Warrants
- Adoption of Resolution 2009-10: Appointment of Custodian of the Revolving Cash Fund
- Approval of a delegation of CBO's and the Orange County Superintendent to negotiate a tentative agreement on the District's behalf regarding calculation of facility fees by Orange County Sanitation District
- Approval of a continued contract with "Blackboard Direct" for the District's communication messaging service, formerly known as "Notification Technologies, Inc."
- Approval of the MOU with OCDE for students requiring intensive educational services
- Approval of non-public agency contracts for special education services :Cornerstone Therapies: \$2,012.50, \$3,050.00, \$5,300.00, \$3,360.00, \$1,360.00, \$2,300.00, \$4,890.00);

Candise Woo, MA (\$10,400.00); Behavior Solutions, Inc. (\$2,500.00); Center for Autism & Related Disorders (\$3,084.00)

Vote: Unanimously approved

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

## **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Mrs. Allcorn: Spoke about the Board Interest to create a manual of District “Standard Operating Procedures” and explained to board members that at the next board meeting, the board would engage in a study session to discuss a list of protocols. Asked her colleagues on the board to familiarize themselves with the protocol worksheet and be prepared to address each one on October 16.

Dr. Ecker: Said if board members felt some of the protocols were an important operational procedure that should be addressed in the future manual, they should be so listed. The focus of the manual will be to help future board members as they come on the Board to know more about the District. Dr. Ecker also explained that this would be a “living” document which will be updated as procedures evolve over the coming years.

Mrs. Lew: Pointed out the beautifully framed artwork that is now hanging in the District Office hallways and also in the Board Conference Room. There is one piece of art from each school.

Dr. Ecker: Thanked Mrs. Eadie for her STAR report and the good news it contained, but warned that the State’s rising bar will present increased challenges in the years ahead. Said the 2008 STAR test results again place Fountain Valley School District as the highest achieving elementary district in Orange County, and 3<sup>rd</sup> District overall of the 29 Orange County school districts. Commended our teachers for working hard to analyze data and learning how to use that data throughout the year in instruction that is data-driven.

Dr. Ecker: Said it appears the District has been selected for another Golden Bell Award for its preschool program at Newland School.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. McCombs moved to adjourn the board meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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