

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

October 1, 2009

MINUTES

President Pro Tem Tony McCombs called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm. **CALL TO ORDER**

The following board members were present: **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Tony McCombs	President Pro Tem
Mrs. Judy Edwards	Clerk
Mrs. Christine Allcorn	Member
Mr. Ian Collins	Member

Mr. McCombs noted the addendum to the closed session agenda, requesting the addition of : **AGENDA APPROVAL**

6-B. Personnel Items

5.0 CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

5.2	Name	Attending	Location	Cost	Budget	Date
	MILLETT, Greg	Energy Ed Seminar	Atlanta, GA	\$856.89	01-283-93920-5210	10/18-20/09

6-N. 2009-2010 TIER III CATEGORICAL PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY

Superintendent's Comments: Following the Public Hearing held this evening, it is recommended that the Board of Trustee approve the attached educational uses of funds for Tier III programs, and it is further recommended that the Board approve the use of funds to meet certificated salaries, classified salaries and instructional supplies and materials.

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addendum.

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 4-0

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

Mr. McCombs announced that the Board would retire into closed session. No action was anticipated. The following would be addressed: **CLOSED SESSION**

- 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 Bargaining Unit with the Board’s designated representative, Dr. Marc Ecker.
- Liability Claim: *Government Code 54956.95*
After discussion with Assistant Superintendent, Paul Burkart, the board shall give direction concerning a Workers’ Compensation liability claim

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:07pm.

Brownie Troop 458 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence for Mrs. Harney was observed.

Mr. McCombs expressed the deep sadness of the Board for the loss of Mrs. Harney. He explained the great impact that she had on the Fountain Valley School District and expressed that it was an honor to know and work with her. He explained that she will be greatly missed.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF SILENCE
IN HONOR OF PAT
HARNEY

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize students who display high achievement, improvement or extraordinary effort. The Board recognized five outstanding students from Courreges School: Skylar Volz (1st), Jan Le (2nd), Hailey Owens (3rd), Jessica Janoski (4th), Thiago Costa (5th). Mrs Buehler, their principal, commended each of these students for their hard work and achievement. Several Courreges teachers were also present to honor these students.

RECOGNITION OF
STUDENTS FROM
COURREGES SCHOOL

Mr. McCombs thanked the parents and teachers for helping make these students so great. He commended their efforts in helping these students be successful.

Mr. Collins also commended those teachers that came to honor these students and thanked them for being there.

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize outstanding parent volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to our schools. From Courreges School, the Board recognized and thanked Kelly Barrios and Carolyn Wang. Although Mrs. Barrios and Mrs. Wang could not be present tonight, Mrs. Buehler thanked them for their contributions to Courreges School.

RECOGNITION OF
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
FROM COURREGES
SCHOOL

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustee held a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed 2009-10 use of new funds in the Tier III programs. There were no requests to address the Board and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2009-10 USE OF FUNDS IN TIER III PROGRAMS

The Board of Trustee held a public hearing for the purpose of determining as to whether each pupil in each school in the Fountain Valley School District has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials. There were no requests to address the Board and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Collins attended the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation meeting and noted the great planning well under way for the upcoming Taste of Fountain Valley on November 13th. He noted that the evening will be a very exciting night with a casino theme and Texas Hold'em tournament. He noted the great amount of volunteering and commended the Foundation Board members for their efforts. He also enjoyed Back to School Night at Gisler and thanked them for the great welcome.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Allcorn enjoyed Back to School Night at both Tamura and Fulton and noted that it was very well attended with lots of parents. She commended both schools for the night and noted that the classes looked great.

Mr. McCombs attend Back to School Night at Cox and Moiola and noted that it was exciting and interesting to see the difference between the two schools and how they present their classrooms. He noted that it is nice to see how the classes start and to see them blossom with activities. He also enjoyed Back to School Night at Fulton. He attended the Foundation meeting as well and recommended signing up for the Taste as soon as possible as it will be a great night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A teacher from Courreges School addressed the Board regarding the effects of budget cuts on those classrooms now with 30 students and the difficulties and frustrations the changes due to budget cuts have brought about.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to adopt the 2009-10 Board Interests.

ADOPTION OF 2009-10 BOARD INTERESTS

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Mrs. Allcorn noted that she had read the revised interests and felt that they accurately reflect the changes requested.

Vote: 4-0

Mrs. Edwards requested that Item 6-A: Minutes from the September 10th Board meeting be pulled for a separate vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 6-A.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 4-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listings
- Budget Transfers
- Adoption of Resolution 2010-18: Compensation for President Pat Harney for missed meeting September 10, 2009 due to illness
- Approval of Williams Quarterly Report for the 1st Quarter of 2009-10
- Acceptance of the Contract Extension of the Early Childhood Education School Readiness Initiative Grant
- Approval of Continuation in K-3 Class Size Reduction Program for 2009-10
- Adoption of Resolution 2010-20: Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Fountain Valley School District and Huntington Beach City School District for the 2009-10 School Year
- Approval of Non-Public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
• Speech & Lang. Pathology Svcs.	\$8140.00	9/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
- Approval of Tier III Categorical Program Flexibility

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| Mrs. Allcorn | Thanked Mr. McCombs for his kind words in remembrance of Mrs. Harney. | NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS |
| Mrs. Allcorn | Noted interest in discussing at a future Board meeting a potential percentage cut from the stipend received by the Board to show support for the sacrifice made by two other groups in Fountain Valley, classified employees and management and confidential. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Noted that if there was consensus on this, this could be agendized for a future meeting and in the mean time, he would check with counsel for advice regarding this percentage cut. | |
| Mrs. Edwards | Agreed that she would like to hear the information regarding this option. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Agreed to bring this to a future meeting and share with the Board. | |
| Mr. Collins | Noted that he received an email regarding homework help for middle schools, provided by high school students receiving credit for assisting. He commended this program as a win-win for all children in the districts. | |
| Mr. McCombs | Noted, with reluctance, that according to Ed Code, the Board must decide how to replace Mrs. Harney. He said that although he did feel it was too early to begin such discussion, because of the statutes in place, the Board's hands are tied. He explained the option for a district-wide election or appointment by the Board. He requested that Dr. Ecker put together information regarding this process for a possible meeting on October 15 th for the Board to discuss and decide how they would like to fill the seat. | |
| Mr. Collins | Agreed with this idea. | |

Dr. Ecker Noted that meeting on October 15th would give the Board two meetings prior to close of the 60 day limit required to fill the seat and would allow the Board to follow statute in filling the position. He agreed to gather the information and make it available to the Board in the next mailout.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. McCombs for his kind words regarding Mrs. Harney. He noted that having known Mrs. Harney on a personal basis, at Talbert School, as a colleague and as she became an exceptional trustee, this is especially difficult. He noted his previous visit with Mr. Harney and the conversation they had including sharing the many wonderful things said about Mrs. Harney. He explained that the District was putting together all of the articles written on Mrs. Harney as well as those cards that have come to the District for the Harney family. He noted that he would be attending the internment on behalf of the Board and District and that there will also be a service and celebration of life for Mrs. Harney on Saturday, October 3rd.

Mr. Collins Noted that many of the trustees had known Mrs. Harney for many more years than he had but that he still admired her and noted that it was an honor to work with her, especially given all that she did for the children and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

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