

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**October 15, 2009**

**MINUTES**

President Pro Tem Tony McCombs called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00pm. 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

Mrs. Minnesang led the Pledge of Allegiance. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the board meeting agenda. AGENDA APPROVAL  
**Second:** Mr. Collins  
**Vote:** 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to make a provisional appointment to the board. PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF PROVISIONAL TRUSTEE  
**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

Mr. McCombs opened the floor for discussion amongst the board prior to a vote.  
Mrs. Allcorn noted that the purpose of an appointment would be to avoid the cost of an election. She asked Dr. Ecker if the District knew approximately what an election would cost.

Dr. Ecker noted that the District has not had an election since 2004. He gave the example of the 1996 election which cost roughly \$47,000. He did note that the District budgets for elections based on the size of its constituency and explained that it would most likely not be fiscally sound to hold an election.

Mrs. Edwards agrees.

Mr. Collins agreed.

Mrs. Allcorn asked what the District expected in terms of the number of applicants.

Dr. Ecker estimated that the District would receive roughly 7 applicants.

Vote: 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

<p>Dr. Ecker</p>	<p>Offered several dates that would be available for a second meeting to continue the process of appointing a provisional member of the board. The board agreed that November 9<sup>th</sup> would be the date that this special meeting would be held, beginning at 6pm.</p> <p>Mr. Collins raised some concerns over the requirements for applicants, from his understanding of Dr. Ecker’s explanation, and the ability to find a suitable candidate by the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Ecker explained that in a representative democracy such as the governing board, the board is charged to fill the vacancy on the board and had only a short timeline to do so.</p> <p>Mr. McCombs explained his understanding that the posting calling for applicants would request them to explain their qualifications and reasons for interest in applying.</p> <p>Dr. Ecker offered to supply the board with a copy of the posting.</p> <p>Mr. McCombs stated that the Board would conduct interviews on the 9<sup>th</sup> and make their decision during the regular meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Dr. Ecker noted that the meeting on November</p>	<p>NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS</p>
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12<sup>th</sup> may already be a full meeting, including the recognition of students and parents.

Mrs. Allcorn suggested starting earlier, at 5:30pm and asked if the board could deliberate before the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Ecker agreed that this would be possible.

Mrs. Allcorn asked whether or not the board needed to interview all applicants.

Dr. Ecker explained that the board did not need to conduct interviews at all but explained his recommendation for interviewing as a means to learn more about each candidate and their qualifications.

Mr. Collins agreed that he liked the open process.

Mr. McCombs agreed that he would like to leave it open for the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to start at an earlier time.

Dr. Ecker agreed that they would call the meeting to order at 6pm for now and that this could be changed after seeing the total number of applicants after the October 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for letters of interest.

Mrs. Allcorn asked if the board needs to interview all applicants.

Mr. McCombs noted that if the board were to interview one why not all of the applicants.

Dr. Ecker explained that he did not think the board needed to interview all applicants but would check with the county counsel regarding the possibility of paper screening applicants first.

Mr. McCombs asked who would conduct the paper screening and whether or not this would have to be done in public.

Dr. Ecker explained that in the past, all applicants were interviewed.

Mrs. Allcorn noted that if the board received the letters of interest in advance of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, then they could conduct a separate meeting to let Dr. Ecker know who they were interested in interviewing.

Mr. McCombs noted that Dr. Ecker was not able to poll the board.

Mrs. Allcorn explained that this would not be polling.

Dr. Ecker promised to check with county counsel to see.

Mr. McCombs confirmed with Dr. Ecker that the superintendent and district staff had direction as to

the process for provisional appointment to the board.

Dr. Ecker agreed and promised to contact the county regarding paper screening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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