

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**November 12, 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 to Staff Reports and Presentations: **AGENDA APPROVAL**

**7. BUDGET PRESENTATION UPDATE**

Assistant Superintendent Paul Burkart will present information on the State budget, the District budget and the use of the Federal Stimulus funds.

**Motion:** Mr. Collins 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. 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, Mrs. Rosemary Eadie.

- Property Negotiations: *Government Code 54956.8*  
Real property negotiator Paul Burkart will speak to the board about the negotiations concerning the properties at 9191 Pioneer and 10251 Yorktown Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:04pm.

Tiger Cubs pack 567 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**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 nine outstanding students from Moiola School: Bryan Nguyen (K), Jay Allen (1<sup>st</sup>), Diana Naughton (2<sup>nd</sup>), Zach Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nam Do (4<sup>th</sup>), Caitlynn Evans (5<sup>th</sup>), Evan Anguiano (6<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Meskal (7<sup>th</sup>), Katie Miller (8<sup>th</sup>). Ms. Bains, their principal, commended each of these students for their hard work and achievement. Several Moiola teachers were also present to honor these students.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM MOIOLA SCHOOL

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 Moiola School, the Board recognized and thanked Shannon Arne and Jennifer Jackson. Mrs. Bains thanked them for their contributions to Moiola School.

RECOGNITION OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM MOIOLA SCHOOL

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to support innovative projects at all of our schools. Mr. Wood, a science teacher at Talbert Middle School, recently completed an expedition to Antarctica. He presented an update of his trip and the innovative ways that he was able to involve his students to the Board of Trustees.

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION UPDATE

At 8:07pm, Mr. McCombs opened a meeting of School Assets Management, Inc. (SAM). The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Assistant Superintendent Paul Burkart presented information to the board on the State budget, the District budget and the use of the Federal Stimulus funds. He explained the current 18.5% deficit and that the deficit factor will likely increase in 2010-11. He explained that historically, it has taken 2-3 years for a return to prerecession level from a recession. Going forward, either further reductions must be found or deficit spending will

BUDGET UPDATE PRESENTATION

continue. He noted that the Second Interim report will be available at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. He explained that in December, the district will begin to develop the budget for 2010-11 and in January a more detailed calendar will be available. His presentation emphasized that while 2009-10 is a difficult year, 2010-11 will prove to be even harder.

Following the presentation, Mrs. Allcorn read the following announcement regarding closed session action:

**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to terminate an employee in the classification of bus driver.”*

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Allcorn attended the ACE Committee meeting where they discussed the budget and more tough days ahead. She commended the good parent team and their commitment to the community and keeping the integrity of the district going. She enjoyed the reception for Larry Aceves and noted that he looks like an interesting candidate for State Superintendent. She also commended Fresh and Easy and their many nights out for schools. She noted they are a new but great supporter of our schools and have become a great partner.

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COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Collins attended the ACE Committee meeting and noted the delightful people that are a part of the committee this year. He noted that the Sacramento Safari will be great and that Fountain Valley will be well represented as always. He enjoyed the Masuda Veteran’s Day remembrance and commended the work of the students and Mrs. Heather Harrison. He noted that the event was moving and that the students were very respectful. He also enjoyed the Teacher of the Year event honoring Mrs. Jane DeSota from Talbert Middle School. He attended the Foundation meeting as well. And he recognized Mr. McCombs for acting in such an able manner.

Mrs. Edwards visited Newland School and noted that it is always a pleasure to visit the schools and noted what an amazing school Newland is with always such wonderful projects. She also enjoyed the Masuda Veteran’s Day celebration and noted that this event truly celebrated what our servicemen do for us and have sacrificed. She noted that the young people involved were so amazingly respectful and very well behaved.

Mr. McCombs enjoyed the Teacher of the Year dinner honoring Jane DeSota and noted that the event is always a plus for him;

with 60 teachers from around the county recognized it is quite an extravaganza. He also attended the Foundation meeting and reminded the audience of the upcoming Taste of Fountain Valley, sure to be a great event for all.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board.

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**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the notice of layoff for classified positions.

NOTICE OF LAYOFF FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 4-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to nominate Mrs. Nicola Weiss for appointment to the Board of Trustees

VOTING ON PROVISIONAL BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Mr. Collins noted that he has known Mrs. Weiss for a while and she has served in so many capacities in the district. He explained that she is not just a mom, but also PTA president at Courreges School, a member of SPC, ACE, the Sacramento Safari, and the 4<sup>th</sup> District Council. He explained that he sees Mrs. Weiss as a fine person and one that would represent the district in a fair and open manner.

Mrs. Edwards agreed that Mrs. Weiss would bring strength to the board, especially given that she has a business background that the board currently does not seem to have.

Mrs. Allcorn noted that it is a complement to the district that ten candidates answered the call when needed. She explained that the role is not for pay and not easy, but an important one. She noted that one of Mrs. Weiss' assets is that she is a parent. She explained that sometimes it is not easy to walk on campus and have to eliminate 20:1, but noted what credibility being a parent also has when others know that your children are directly impacted by decisions. She said that it would be terrific to have someone there on the front line with this experience.

Mr. McCombs noted those outstanding candidates and their

experience in the district and love for education. He noted that these candidates are advocates for the public education of all children and have the skills to be effective and noted that Mrs. Weiss is one of these candidates, are Mrs. Crandall and Dr. Sussman. He stated that he could support all three. He explained that this is a difficult decision.  
Mr. McCombs called for a vote from the board.

Vote: 4-0

Mr. McCombs requested that Item 6-C 4.5: Approval of Additional Duty Requests: McCombs, Heather (Moiola) 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-C 4.5.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 4-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve Item 6-C 4.5.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 3-0  
1 Abstain: Mr. McCombs

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from the October 1, 2009 meeting
- Board Meeting Minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listings
- Budget Transfers
- Adoption of Resolution 2010-21: Authorization for Teaching Credentials 2009-10 School Year
- Approval of Agreement with SchoolsFirst FCU regarding 403(b) plans
- Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement
- Approval of Selection of Date of Annual Organizational Meeting
- Approval of IRS Required Restatement of PARS-ARS Plan and Modification of the PARS-ARS Retirement Plan Agreement and Terms
- Approval of Non-Public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
• Children’s Learning Connection	\$2,002.75	6/4/09 to 6/30/09
• Footprints Behavioral Interventions	\$15,000.00	9/3/09 to 12/31/09
• Cornerstone Therapies	\$3,900.00	9/1/09 to 6/30/09
• San Diego Center for Children Academy	\$28,456.50	9/15/09 to 6/30/10

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Dr. Ecker                      Congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Weiss to the board. He noted that it was a difficult decision for the board with ten offering their services. He thanked those that came forward.                      NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. Collins                      Echoed the sentiments of Dr. Ecker and noted that it is a rarity that ten people apply for an interim position that will only last a year and yet, all that applied wanted to serve. He commended them.

Mrs. Allcorn                      Welcomed Mrs. Weiss to the board and congratulated her. She noted that her appointment was based on her qualifications.

Mrs. Allcorn                      Noted that in the district where she is subbing, a budget bulletin is put out to the parents. She said that she is not sure if the district needs to send more paper home with students, but that this is interesting and maybe as the district trudges through this it is something to consider in the future.

Mr. McCombs                      Congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Weiss. He noted that it is great having a parent with children in the district, in addition to Mrs. Allcorn. He also noted the difficulty in doing something in front of the community, like interviewing, which is normally done in private in private enterprise.

Dr. Ecker                      Again congratulated Mrs. Weiss and stated that he was reminded of all that she has contributed including not only attending the public hearings on the budget this year, but also being

instrumental in planning and providing the idea for the sessions. In light of the 20:1 program reduction, Mrs. Weiss was instrumental in setting the groundwork for the Parent Community Volunteer Academy.

- Dr. Ecker Thanked all of the individuals that applied. He joined the board in their deep appreciation and commendation of these individuals. He noted that he was pleasantly surprised to have ten candidates. And that these ten applied not because of they have personal agendas, but because they have an interest in serving 6,000 plus students and that this is commendable and a tribute to the district. He urged those individuals not appointed to stay involved as there are many opportunities in the future.
- Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. Burkart for his presentation on the budget and noted that this underscores that as much as 2009-10 has been hard, as the district comes into less money in the budget, 2010-2011 will be even harder. It will take more in the future to preserve the reserve fund and he noted the need more and more to ask individuals for assistance. He noted his hope to begin seeing a turn around and good news in the future.
- Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. Wood for his presentation and noted that it is teachers like Mr. Wood that do what they do because they love it. He noted that the presentation was just amazing. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wood and commended him.
- Dr. Ecker Thanked Mrs. Heather Harrison for coordinating the Masuda Veteran's Day celebration. He noted that it was wonderful that this event reminded young students who do not remember the "Greatest Generation" of true service and sacrifice.
- Dr. Ecker Reminded the audience of the upcoming Taste of Fountain Valley. He noted that this is a great way to support the district and to contribute. He commended the entire Foundation board that has worked so hard to put together the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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