

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**December 10, 2009**

**MINUTES**

President Pro Tem Tony McCombs called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:04pm. **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. Nicola Weiss	Member

Mrs. Eadie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE  
AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**9-A. Minutes from the November 9, 2009 special meeting (corrected page 5)**

**9-C. Personnel Items**

**1.0 EMPLOYMENT FUNCTIONS:**

1.4 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF THE NEW CLASSIFICATION OF CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT ON THE CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 56.

1.5 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF THE NEW CLASSIFICATION OF AUTISM OFFICE ASSISTANT ON THE CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 41

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addendum.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** 5-0

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 not 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 Marc Ecker and legal counsel Andreas Chialtas 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 7:01pm.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was given to new board member, Nicola Weiss. Mr. Terry Harney was present to serve as the official public witness to the oath. Mrs. Weiss shall begin serving the unexpired term of Mrs. Patricia Harney through November 2010.

OATH OF OFFICE

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Weiss attended the Taste of Fountain Valley, her first function as a member of the governing board. She also attended the CSBA Conference in San Diego and enjoyed being able to attend the New Board Member Conference on Wednesday. She also attended the Fountain Valley tree lighting ceremony.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Allcorn also attended the Taste of Fountain Valley and commended the Foundation on the terrific job they did with the event. She noted that the addition of the Casino Night was a great addition. She also attended the lighting of the Fountain Valley tree and noted what a great community event this is.

Mr. Collins attended the Taste of Fountain Valley and commended Carla Neeld for her work on this event, as well as the Foundation. He noted that it is always difficult to take a risk with new things but that the addition of the Casino Night will build the foundation for an even more successful event in the future. He also attend the CSBA Conference in San Diego and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with colleagues. He visited

Tamura School and Newland School as well as the performance of the Newland Girl Scouts at Coldwater Creek.

Mrs. Edwards attended the Taste of Fountain Valley and noted that the event gets better and better every year. She also attended the CSBA Conference and the Delegate Assembly in San Diego and noted that she learned a lot. She enjoyed the Fountain Valley tree lighting and attended the SPC meeting. She also visited several schools since the last board meeting, including Newland, Tamura, Gisler, Courreges and Fulton.

Mr. McCombs enjoyed the Taste of Fountain Valley and commended the Foundation on the wonderful job they did with this event, especially the Texas Hold'em tournament. He attended the CSBA Conference and noted that this is always a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues not only in the district but also across the State. He especially enjoyed the key note speaker Daniel Pink.

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

VAPA Coordinator Bridget Gersi provided an update of the Visual and Performing Arts program for the Fountain Valley School District to the Board of Trustees. She explained that the program started with a grant from the State of California and participation in the Arts Advantage Program. Fountain Valley School District joins 14 other districts in this program and it has been noted that Fountain Valley School District is the most involved with the most teachers participating. She explained the intent of the program to provide the district with assistance to implement and improve the visual and performing arts program and provide a standards-based arts program. This is accomplished through four venues: visual arts, theatre, dance and music, with a focus on five areas: artistic perception; creative expression; historical and cultural context; aesthetic valuing; and connection, applications and relationships.

**VAPA PRESENTATION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to nominate Tony McCombs for Board President for 2010. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2010

Second: Mr. Collins

There were no other nominations.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to nominate Judy Edwards for Board President Pro Tem for 2010. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2010

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

There were no other nominations.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to nominate Ian Collins for Clerk for 2010. ELECTION OF CLERK FOR 2010

Second: Mrs. Weiss

There were no other nominations.

Vote: 5-0

Mr. McCombs opened for discussion the selection of representatives to County committees and councils and District committees. The board discussed and reached consensus on the following selections:

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTY COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

1. Representative to the Nominating Committee on School District Organization:  
*Mr. McCombs with Mrs. Edwards as alternate.*
2. Representative to the Orange County School Boards' Association Political Action Committee:  
*Mrs. Weiss with Mr. Edwards as alternate.*
3. Representative to the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation:  
*Mrs. Weiss with Mr. Collins as alternate.*
4. Representative to the Ad Hoc Committee for the City of Fountain Valley:

*Mrs. McCombs with Mrs. Allcorn as alternate.*

- 5. Representative to the Quarterly Meeting with the City of Huntington Beach:  
*Mrs. Edwards with Mr. Collins as alternate.*
- 6. Representative to the ACE Committee:  
*Mr. Collins with Mrs. Edwards as alternate.*
- 7. Representative to the District Audit Committee:  
*Mr. McCombs with Mrs. Weiss as alternate.*
- 8. Representative to the Superintendent-Parent Council:  
*Mrs. Allcorn with Mrs. Weiss as alternate.*
- 9. Representative to the Outstanding Service Award Committee:  
*Mrs. Edwards with Mrs. Allcorn serving as a non-voting alternate.*

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to approve the selection of representatives to County committees and councils and District committees.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approved the proposed board meeting calendar for 2010.

SELECTION OF BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Weiss moved to approve the selection of nominations for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Mrs. Edwards explained that the number of delegates is based upon ADA for a district and because ADA is decreasing for many districts, some are losing their delegates, appointed and elected. Also, 2-3 districts have opted not to rejoin CSBA, and have therefore forfeited their delegates. She explained that she does not know of any open seats in the immediate area and that she did not know of any individuals interested in applying from another district. She explained that in light of the situation, the board

should not nominate anyone. In February, there will be a list of candidates for the Board to vote on.

The board agreed and no action was taken.

Mr. McCombs requested that Items 9-A Minutes from the November 9, 2009 special meeting and 9-B Minutes from the November 12, 2009 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 Items 9-A and 9-B.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve Items 9-A and 9-B.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 4-0  
1 Abstain: Mrs. Weiss

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from the November 9, 2009 special meeting
  - Board Meeting Minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting
  - Personnel Items
  - Donations
  - Warrant Registers
  - Purchase Order Listings
  - Budget Transfers
  - Approval of Membership in the Fountain Valley Rotary Club for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009-10 in the amount of \$150.00
  - Approval of the 2009-10 First Interim Report
  - Adoption of Resolution 2010-22: Amendment to Child Development Contract
  - Approval of Reimbursement for Special Education Services
  - Approval of Reimbursement for Special Education Services
  - Approval of Non-Public Agency Contracts
- | Non-Public School/Agency             | 100% Contract Cost | Effective Dates    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Cornerstone Therapies              | \$600.00           | 7/1/09 to 6/30/10  |
| • San Diego Cntr. for Children Acad. | \$4,000.00         | 9/15/09 to 6/30/10 |
| • Therapeutic Education Centers      | \$12,540.00        | 7/1/09 to 6/30/10  |

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Mrs. Edwards	Welcomed Mrs. Weiss to the board and explained that she hopes Mrs. Weiss enjoys her tenure as much as Mrs. Edwards has enjoyed hers.	NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS
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Mr. Collins	Congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Weiss to the board. He also wished Mrs. Loukides and all of the Fountain Valley School District teachers happy holidays.
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Mrs. Weiss	Thanked the board and Dr. Ecker for the warm welcome and explained that she is looking forward to working with them.
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Mr. McCombs	Welcomed Mrs. Weiss. He noted that it is great to have her on the board. He wished the teachers and Fountain Valley School District staff happy holidays and increased success in the New Year.
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Dr. Ecker	Welcomed Mrs. Weiss and noted that she will be a fantastic addition and with the wealth of experience of the board, will have a great opportunity to learn.
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Dr. Ecker	Thanked Mr. Harney for being here. He noted that the board and everyone at the district continues to think of Pat and him often. He welcomed Mr. Harney.
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Dr. Ecker	Noted that for the second year in a row, the Fountain Valley School District has been selected as an Outstanding Work Place by the Orange County Register. He noted that it is a great place to work and it is wonderful to see that the staff agrees.
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Dr. Ecker	Thanked Mrs. Gersi for her presentation and noted the importance of right brain thinking and its connection to cognitive thought.
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Dr. Ecker	Noted the upcoming concerts in the district. He
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mentioned the Vocal Music concert on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Church and the concert at Masuda Middle School on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Ecker           Noted that as we turn the corner to 2010, the Board will be increasingly challenged with a year that looks like it will be more challenging than this year. He noted that until this time, he extends warm holiday wishes to the Board, staff, students, parents, our constituents, and the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**       Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

**Second:**       Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:**           Unanimously approved

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