

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

March 12, 2009

MINUTES

President Pat Harney called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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| Mrs. Pat Harney | President |
| Mrs. Christine Allcorn | Member |
| Mr. Ian Collins | Member |

Not yet arrived:

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| Mr. Tony McCombs | President Pro Tem |
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Absent:

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| Mrs. Judy Edwards | Clerk |
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Mrs. Harney noted the Addendum to the Closed Session agenda, requesting approval for the addition of:

- Negotiations: *Government Code 54957.6*
Update and review of negotiations with FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with the board's designated representatives, Barry Blade and Rosemary Eadie.

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the board meeting agenda.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 3-0

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

Mrs. Harney announced that the board would retire into closed session with action 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

- Public Employee Performance Evaluation: *Government Code Section 54957 & 54957.1*
The board will meet in closed session to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the superintendent
- Pupil Personnel: *Education Code 48915.1 and 49818*
Request for interdistrict transfer from individual expelled from another school district
- Property Negotiations: *Government Code 54956.8*
Real property negotiator Dr. Barry Blade will speak to the board about the negotiations concerning the properties at 9191 Pioneer and 10251 Yorktown Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA
- Negotiations: *Government Code 54957.6*
Update and review of negotiations with FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with the board’s designated representatives, Barry Blade and Rosemary Eadie.

Note: Mr. McCombs arrived at the meeting at 5:45pm

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brownie Troop 431.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following Closed Session, two announcements were made concerning closed session action:

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Allcorn said:

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action directing District staff to notify a probationary teacher, employee #2325, of release from District employment pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21.”

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Collins
Second: Mr. McCombs
Vote: Unanimously approved

Mrs. Allcorn said:

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action directing District staff to notify management employee #2181 of release from District employment pursuant to Education Code section 44951.”

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Mr. McCombs
Second: Mr. Collins
Vote: Unanimously approved

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize students who display high achievement, improvement, or extraordinary effort. Jennifer Perkins, Principal of Gisler School, was present to honor six Courreges students for their extraordinary effort, achievement or improvement. The students recognized were: Joseph Gonzalez (K), Tiana Pham (1st), Alex Vierthaler (2nd), Rachel Simurda (3rd), Ryan Cope (4th), and Cameron Row (5th). Each of the students' teachers were also present and, with Mrs. Perkins, spoke proudly about each of their students.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:
GISLER 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. Wendy Rincon, Gisler PTO President, was present to honor these parents with Mrs. Perkins. Two parent volunteers were recognized from Gisler School for their generous volunteering of time and talent. Lisa Schultz was honored. Suzanne Leslie was also honored, although not present at the meeting.

**PARENT RECOGNITION:
GISLER SCHOOL**

Following these special recognitions, Mrs. Harney called a brief recess to the meeting. The board meeting resumed at 7:50pm.

STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Blade delivered a presentation on the CA State Budget and its effect on the Fountain Valley School District. Dr. Blade explained the scope of the 2009-10 budget, which includes both 2008-09 and 2009-10. He emphasized that we are in unchartered waters and that it is likely that this budget will need significant revisions. He explained the major revenue and expenditure solutions included in the budget and the risks these involve. He explained the impact on Fountain Valley School District and included that for 2009-10, FVSD will receive 86.9 cents for each Revenue Limit dollar that it is owed. Dr. Blade also explained the categorical cuts and programs affected by these cuts, as well as the budget's transfer flexibility, including the effects on the Class Size Reduction program and textbook programs. Dr. Blade emphasized Fountain Valley School District's addressing of declining revenue and the continued efforts of the District to prepare. He emphasized that the District will stay committed to working the problem.

**STAFF REPORT ON THE
CA STATE BUDGET AND
ITS EFFECT ON FVSD**

Mr. McCombs commended Dr. Blade for his presentation and Mrs. Harney agreed.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Mrs. Allcorn reported that she attended the California Distinguished School Visitation luncheon at Fulton and enjoyed the opportunity to speak with the committee reviewers. She also attended the ACE meeting and the Every Student Succeeding breakfast. She enjoyed attending the District Art Faire as well.

Mr. Collins reported that he attended the OCSBA dinner with ACSA and commended the Fountain Valley principals that attended. He also attended the Elks Lodge dinner honoring Fountain Valley students whose essays on Americanism were chosen, and noted that he is very impressed with the work of the FVSD students. He enjoyed the District Art Faire and the Every Student Succeeding breakfast. He also attended the ACE meeting and will be going to the Sacramento Safari later this month. And he commended Dr. Ecker for his recent score on the golf course of 79, noting that he is now a “celebrity”.

Mrs. Harney attended the PTA Founders Day luncheon and was pleased that two of our students will be going onto the state level awards. She commended the 4th District for the great job that they did on this event. She also attended the Every Student Succeeding breakfast and commended Dave Osborn for his sponsorship of this event. She noted that the Osborn Foundation has given many great contributions to FVSD. She also attended the OCSBA dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Two people addressed the Board.

A man from ACT for America’s local chapter addressed the Board of Trustees regarding Islam in American classrooms. He presented a report to the Board for their review titled “Islam in America’s Classrooms: History or Propaganda?” noting that FVSD was mentioned in this report.

A parent addressed the Board of Trustees regarding fifth grade literature books taught at Newland. She noted that she had filed a formal complaint.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. McCombs moved to adopt the resolution regarding the certificated layoff of employees, exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION 2009-26:
LAYOFF OF
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES, EXHIBIT
"A"

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mrs. Harney asked to pull item 5B for separate vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn asked to approve all items on the consent calendar, with the exception of item 5B.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board minutes from the board meeting on February 19, 2009
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of 2009 Summer School Program
- Approval of 2008-09 Second Interim Report
- Approval of Update to District Plan for Providing Educational Services for Expelled Students
- Approval of Agreement with Office of Administrative Hearings

Motion: Mrs. Harney moved to table item 5B: Proposed Calendar for future meeting.

Second: Mr. McCombs

Vote: Yes: 4
No: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| Dr. Ecker | Welcomed Rina Hansen to the role of Executive Assistant. | NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS |
| Dr. Ecker | Acknowledged the artwork displayed in the Board Room from the District Art Faire. He noted that it is a visually wonderful time despite being fiscally not. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Thanked Dr. Blade for his report and noted that it is a difficult fiscal time. We all read and hear about this even when we don't want to and it is difficult. He applauded the ACE Committee and Sacramento Safari members for advocating for the District to legislators. He also thanked Dr. Blade for explaining the impact this budget has on our children and future generations, and for quantifying and explaining the problem. As Dr. Blade explained, Dr. Ecker reiterated that just because this is a 17-month budget does not mean that it won't change and it is estimated by many that further changes will mean more cuts. Although there is some uncertainty, Dr. Ecker emphasized that FVSD will try its best to build around the proposed cuts and work ahead. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Thanked Mrs. Gandall for speaking with the Board. He noted that there is a Board Policy in effect for the community and staff to voice concerns about literature. He thanked Mrs. Minnesang for her leadership of the committee reviewing the literature in concern and noted that the book in question is a Newberry Honor award winning book. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Noted that there will be two upcoming meetings scheduled for Parents and the Community to learn more about the budget and its effect on FVSD. The first will be at Plavan School on March 24 th at 7pm. There will also be a voluntary staff information session held at the District Office one week from today at 3:45pm. | |

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

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