

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**June 4, 2009**

**MINUTES**

President Pat Harney called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:15.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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

Not yet present:

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| Mr. Tony McCombs | President Pro Tem |
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Mr. Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** 4-0

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

Mrs. Harney 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

At 6:17pm, Mr. McCombs arrived.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:09pm

Following Closed Session, Mrs. Edwards read the following

CLOSED SESSION

announcement concerning closed session action:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the appointment of Mr. Patrick Ham as Assistant Principal in the Fountain Valley School District effective July 1, 2009. School site to be determined.”

Dr. Ecker congratulated Mr. Ham, who was present, along with his wife and twin daughters. Dr. Ecker spoke on behalf of the District to say that they are all thrilled to have Mr. Ham joining them.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Moiola School Cotsen Mentor, Heidi Sinay, and Mentor Kim Knotts updated the Board of Trustees on the second year implementation of the Cotsen Foundation grant funding at Moiola School. The Cotsen Foundation promotes “The Art of Teaching” via a mentoring model that provides teacher coaching, goal setting, teaching methods, resources and collaboration between the mentor and Cotsen fellows. It is a two-year program.

**COTSEN MENTORS**

The Fountain Valley Educational Foundation awarded over \$3,400 in teacher grants for various instructional materials. The grants were presented to 20 teacher recipients this evening by Foundation President Joanne Lew, and members of the Foundation, Susie Crandall, Paula Halsted, Jennifer Salamon, Bonnie Hansen, Rosemary Eadie and Ian Collins.

**FVEF 2009-10 GRANTS**

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Allcorn enjoyed the Classified BBQ and the opportunity to get together with all of the wonderful classified staff in FVSD. She also attended the Rotary Teacher Recognition Breakfast as well as the FVEA/FVSD hosted Teacher Retirement Luncheon. She enjoyed Open House at Tamura as well as the play at Plavan. She commended the Plavan staff and students for the wonderful job they did on putting on the play.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mrs. Edwards attended the Rotary Teacher Recognition Breakfast and also enjoyed the FVEA/FVSD hosted Teacher Retirement Luncheon. She enjoyed Open House at Cox and Plavan and noted that it is wonderful to see all that the kids do at both schools. She also enjoyed attending Dr. Ecker’s birthday luncheon at the District.

Mr. Collins attended the Rotary Teacher Recognition Breakfast and noted the pride in all of the principals as they presented these just

awards to their honored teacher. He enjoyed the FVEA/FVSD hosted Retirement Luncheon as well as Dr. Ecker’s birthday luncheon at the District. He also saw the Middle School Singers perform with the Fountain Valley High School singers. And he attended Open House at both Newland and Gisler.

Mr. McCombs enjoyed Open House at Moiola. He also attended the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation meeting.

Mrs. Harney noted that she did miss some events this month due to illness, but also that she enjoyed attending Dr. Ecker’s birthday luncheon at the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

One person was present to address the Board.  
The PTA President for Courreges School addressed the Board to communicate the importance of a group effort and a volunteer system given the current economic climate and budget crisis in our district and the state. She expressed the dedication of the Courreges PTA to supporting the Board of Trustees, our District’s teachers and staff, and families.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mr. McCombs moved to approve Resolution 2009-31: CSEA Work Year and Salary Reduction

**APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION 2009-31  
CSEA WORK YEAR AND  
SALARY REDUCTION**

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Mr. McCombs thanked CSEA for stepping forward to save jobs and for thinking more of the whole than of themselves.

Mrs. Harney agreed that all of the Board of Trustees feels the same way and that the sacrifice of CSEA should be commended.

Vote: Unanimously approved

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2009-32: Management Team Work Year and Salary Reduction

**APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION 2009-32  
MANAGEMENT TEAM  
WORK YEAR AND  
SALARY REDUCTION**

Second: Mr. Collins

Mrs. Edwards commended the management team, confidential and psychologists for their sacrifice.

Mrs. Harney agreed and noted that this is a wonderful thing that they

have done and they should be commended.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

Mr. McCombs requested to pull item 5A Minutes from the May 21, 2009 Board Meeting for a separate vote.

CONSENT  
CALENDAR/ROUTINE  
ITEMS OF BUSINESS

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of item 5A.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve item 5A

**Second:** Mr. Collins

**Vote:** Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 1 (Mr. McCombs)

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board minutes from the board meeting on May 21, 2009
- Personnel Items
- 2009-2010 Calendar
- Chapman University Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Education Program
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of Student Accident Insurance 2009-10
- Approval to Negotiate Capital Facilities Fees Charged by Orange County Sanitation District
- Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement
- Approval of District Library Plan
- Approval of 2009-2012 Education Technology Plan
- Approval of School Library Plans 2008-09
- Approval of Recovery of Lost Funding for Moiola due to Swine Flu Closure
- Approval of Settlement Agreement
- Adoption of Revision to Board Policy 5131: Conduct (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Sustainability Grant of Beckman@Science Education
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Cotsen Family Foundation and Fountain Valley School District, Cox

Elementary School: “The Art of Teaching”

- Non-Public Agency Contracts

| <u>Non-Public School/Agency</u> | <u>100% Contract Cost</u> | <u>Effective Dates</u> |
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| Children’s Learning Connection  | \$3140.00                 | 6/4/2009 to 6/30/2009  |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

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| Mrs. Allcorn | Thanked Mrs. Weiss, Courreges PTA President, for her address to the Board. She noted that this sentiment and leadership will spread throughout the District. She noted her desires through collaboration through ACE to pull resources and help train parents to help better assist in the classrooms. She noted that she would be happy and priveledged to work with Mrs. Weiss on this. She noted that it is wonderful to hear words of encouragement like this. | NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS |
| Mr. Collins  | Echoed Mrs. Allcorn’s sentiments and thanked Mrs. Weiss for her address. He noted that she is looking out for the welfare of all the kids.   |                       |
| Mrs. Harney  | Agreed and noted that it would be great to get more parents into the classrooms.   |                       |
| Dr. Ecker    | Thanked the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation for their continued role in supporting hands on science and the arts program. He noted their vital role and his hope that they grow and prosper.  |                       |
| Dr. Ecker    | Thanked Cotsen for their presentation and noted that he was touched by the program. He noted that he had the opportunity to speak at a recent Cotsen meeting and commended the program for being the best professional training. He said that he is looking forward to reviewing the questions left for the Board and to see how to extend the program to all schools and teachers.  |                       |
| Dr. Ecker    | Expressed his appreciation to CSEA and the members of the management, confidential and psychologist team for their sacrifice. He noted   |                       |

that sacrifices like these can save so much overall with jobs and helps to render further service to our students and the community that we serve. He noted his hope that the spirit of sacrifice continues.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mrs. Weiss for her comments and noted that not only was her address well stated, he noted the Districts work to move in this direction already. He noted that he and Mrs. Eadie have been working on a Volunteer Academy and will continue to do so over the summer months. He noted that the framework for training is currently being put together and that he is sure many of the trustees and teachers may be interested in participating, too.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. McCombs moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm.

**Second:** Mrs. Allcorn

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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