

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

June 25, 2009

MINUTES

President Pat Harney called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:21.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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

Not yet present:

Mr. Tony McCombs	President Pro Tem
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Mrs. Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Harney noted the Addendum to the agenda, requesting the removal of item #5 under the Legislative Session:

AGENDA APPROVAL

5. NOTICE OF LAYOFF FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

The hours of service for the employees in the classification of Instructional Assistant-KCSR at Tamura School will be changed, in order to be more in line with other FVSD sites, and will result in two employees with schedule conflicts to be notified that they must choose between their two positions following receipt of the required 45 day notice.

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees takes action for the layoff of the two employees so designated on the effective date listed in the attached memo.

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

Second: Mr. Collins

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
- Negotiations: *Government Code 54957.6*
Update and review of negotiations with FVEA Bargaining Unit with the Board’s designated representatives, Barry Blade and Rosemary Eadie

At 6:24pm, Mr. McCombs arrived.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:05pm.

Following Closed Session, Mrs. Harney read the following announcements concerning closed session action:

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the appointment of Julianne Hoefler as Principal in the Fountain Valley School District and assigned to Cox Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009.”

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the appointment of Chris Mullin as Principal in the Fountain Valley School District and assigned to Masuda Middle School, effective July 1, 2009.”

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the appointment of Paul Andre “P.A.” White as Assistant Principal in the Fountain Valley School District and assigned to Fulton Middle School, effective July 1, 2009.”

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the assignment of Patrick Ham as Assistant Principal in the Fountain Valley School District at Masuda Middle School, effective July 1, 2009.”

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the reassignment of Cara Robinson as Principal in the Fountain Valley School District at Talbert Middle School, effective July 1, 2009.”

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Together, Dr. Barry Blade and Mrs. Sonia Edwards have over 68 years of service devoted to the education of children. In appreciation

**RECOGNITION OF
RETIRING**

of their dedication to the Fountain Valley School District, Mrs. Eadie and Mrs. Harney presented both Dr. Blade and Mrs. Edwards with awards on behalf of the District and the Board of Trustees honoring their commitment and celebrating each of their successful careers as they transition into retirement.

ADMINSTRATORS:
BARRY BLADE AND
SONIA EDWARDS

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the District’s 2009-10 District budget. There were no requests to address the Board and the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR
2009-10 FINAL BUDGET
AND TIER III
CATEGORICAL
PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY

STAFF REPORTS

Twelve teachers have completed the two-year BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program). The teachers participate in the BTSA program supported by an experienced teacher. A written report on these teachers’ completion of the BTSA program was presented.

TEACHER COMPLETION
OF BTSA/INDUCTION
PROGRAM (WRITTEN
ONLY)

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. McCombs attended the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation Board meeting and reported on the adoption of a new position of Executive Director. He also enjoyed both of the promotion ceremonies at Fulton and Moiola.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Collins also attended the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation Board meeting and noted the excitement of the Foundation’s new organization and new president.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed Mrs. Edwards’ retirement party and noted what a wonderful event it was. She also enjoyed the promotion ceremonies at Fulton and Moiola and noted the nice speeches given at both. She said that these events were both lovely.

Mrs. Allcorn attended the promotion ceremonies at both Talbert and Moiola. She also enjoyed the Newland Preschool End of the Year Songfest. She said it was fantastic and filled with lots of kazoos. She also attended and participated in the Fountain Valley Summer Fest and noted that it was a great community event and great for Fountain Valley. She commended the Recreation Department and the committee of volunteers that put such a fantastic event together and

noted that there may be some opportunity for one of our music programs to participate in future events.

Mrs. Harney attended the promotion ceremonies at both Moiola and Masuda as well as attended her last meeting of the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation. She is very excited about Carla Neeld taking over as the new president and noted one change to the teacher recognition program that involved all donations from this program going directly to the teacher grant program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nine people were present to address the Board. The FVEA President commended the Board on the rehiring of all Prob I and II teachers that received RIF notices last April. She commended the Board for maintaining the focus on the needs of the students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two Courreges parents and two Newland parents addressed the Board regarding the decision to go to 30:1 in 1st and 2nd grade. They implored the Board to reconsider their decision given the increase in interruptions, questions and lessened learning for each student they felt this would bring. They noted the decisions of neighboring districts and the size of the classrooms.

Three members of ACT for America addressed the Board regarding their displeasure with the presentation of Islam in textbooks.

The Courreges PTA President thanked the Board for making hard choices. She noted that the Board has received a lot of criticism but she commended them for helping parents to step up to volunteer.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to approve the 2009-10 District Budget

APPROVAL OF 2009-10 DISTRICT BUDGET

Second: Mr. McCombs

Mrs. Allcorn asked Dr. Blade if the budget would change at all because of the Federal Stimulus money.

Dr. Blade noted that yes, the budget will change based on this money.

Mrs. Allcorn reiterated the Board's interest in bringing back the Reading Program and the Class Size Reduction program in 1st and 2nd

grade once the funds are available to do so.

Mr. Collins noted that CSBA announced that cuts made this year are just the beginning. He asked Dr. Blade if he felt other districts will be forced to go to 30:1 in light of this.

Dr. Blade said that it is likely that given the actions of the legislature, 2009-10 will be worse and 2010-11 worse still. He noted that some districts may exhaust their Federal Stimulus money in one year and then will be forced to make additional cuts in 2010-11.

Mr. Collins noted that as difficult as it is to eliminate CSR, it is just one of the decisions that had to be made. He noted that the other grades do not have the luxury of CSR and he empathizes with those parents with students in 1st and 2nd grade. He wants these parents to know that if the Board had the money, they would bring back the Literacy Program and CSR in 1st and 2nd grades. He also refuted the comment by one speaker that the Board does not care about the kids. He emphasized the difficulty of making these decisions.

Mr. McCombs noted that this is the most difficult budget that the Board has seen in 14 years. He noted that he was on the Board when they adopted CSR. But, he also noted that the Board has a fiscal responsibility to the children and parents of the community. He explained that we cannot follow suit with neighboring districts as not all districts receive the same funding and Fountain Valley School District is the lowest funded in Orange County. He noted the Board's hopes and prayers that the State comes through with a better budget so that they can bring these programs back and that although he was unable to be at the April 21st Board meeting when the decision was made to go to 30:1, he said that he does support this decision.

Mrs. Harney noted that you do not become a Board member to cut programs and that this is a difficult decision to make. She noted the need to keep the needs of whole district in mind and hopes that by some measure this can be brought back. She noted that this is not the first time they have had to cut programs and she hopes they will be able to bring them back.

Vote: Unanimously approved

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

CONSENT
CALENDAR/ROUTINE
ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board minutes from the board meeting on June 4, 2009
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of renewal of Superintendent’s 2009-10 ACSA Membership in the amount of \$1746.00
- Approval of renewal of District’s 2009-10 California School Board Association Membership in the amount of \$9734.00\
- Approval of renewal of Board of Trustees’ 2009-10 OCSBA Membership in the amount of \$125.00
- Approval of renewal of District’s 2009-10 Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development Membership in the amount of \$264.00
- Adoption of Resolution 2010-01: SCR Annual Membership
- Approval of retainer agreement for legal services with Margaret A. Chidester and Associates
- Approval of legal services provided by Best, Best and Krieger, Attorneys at Law
- Approval of legal services provided by Law Office of Caroline A. Zuk
- Approval of legal services provided by Rutan & Tucker, Attorneys at Law
- Approval of reimbursement for special education services
- Approval of authorization to participate in Consolidated Categorical Aid programs (part I)
- Approval of English Language Acquisition Program application for funding 2009-10
- Adoption of Resolution 2010-07: Authorization of Signature for State Preschool Program
- Non-Public Agency Contracts

<u>Non-Public School/Agency</u>	<u>100% Contract Cost</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Therapeutic Education Centers	\$1,435.00	6/22/2009 to 6/30/2009
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$1,750.00	3/1/2009 to 6/30/2009
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$500.00	7/1/2008 to 6/30/2009
Cornerstone Therapies	\$75.00	3/1/2009 to 4/15/2009
Newport Beach Dev. Optometry Group	\$900.00	5/11/2009 to 6/30/2009
Milhou School, Inc.	\$49,650.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Speech & Language Development Center	\$44,461.50	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Therapeutic Education Centers	\$42,845.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
SKY Pediatric Therapy	\$4,260.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Newport Beach Dev. Optometry Group	\$1,440.00	7/1/2009 to 8/28/2009
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$2,500.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Children’s Learning Connection, Inc.	\$44,350.50	7/1/2009 to 5/31/2010
Cornerstone Therapies	\$2,300.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$2,500.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Cornerstone Therapies	\$2,185.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Pediatric Therapy Services of OC, Inc.	\$255.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010
Cornerstone Therapies	\$2,100.00	7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| Mr. Collins | Noted the spending required from the General Fund outside of the District for Special Education. He emphasized that if a child needs the services that they should have them, but noted the expense in this economy. | NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS |
| Mrs. Harney | Suggested looking into measure of cutting costs regarding the CSBA conference. She asked Dr. Ecker to develop some options regarding the Board's attendance. Mr. Collins agreed that it would be a good idea and noted the benefit of the conference. Mrs. Edwards noted the importance of continuing to be fiscally responsible. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Recognized the "budding administrators" present at the Board meeting and introduced the CSUF students of the Department of Educational Administration present. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Noted that it is always difficult to hear comments when you know they are not accurate and that he knows how much the Board does care about providing a sound education to our students. He noted the need to be concerned about all students and that with 5 days until the deadline for the State to determine a final budget, there is still no budget. He explained that the current FVSD budget is based on approximately \$5,373 per student and that we are now hearing that the amount may be reduced to \$5000 per student, resulting in an additional \$1.3 million in cuts. The Board was forced to make \$2.3 million in cuts now and \$1.5 million in cuts a year ago. He noted the difficulty of these decisions and commended the Board for their courage to act in a fiscally sound and wise manner, making a model that the State and other districts should follow. | |
| Dr. Ecker | Noted that this is Dr. Blade's last Board meeting. On behalf of the Board, he expressed his deep appreciation of Dr. Blade's dedication, analysis and hard work and explanation. He said that | |

although the decision is not easy to make, Dr. Blade put together a greater understanding of what the Board was facing. He wished Dr. Blade a wonderful retirement.

Dr. Ecker Noted that he knows it must be difficult to leave her love of Special Education but that Fountain Valley School District will greatly miss Mrs. Edwards, her smiles and her cups of coffee. He noted that the parents are very much going to miss her as well. He congratulated her and wished her a lovely retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

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