

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

February 18, 2010

MINUTES

President Pro Tem Judy Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:08pm. CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present: ROLL CALL

Mr. Tony McCombs	President
Mrs. Judy Edwards	President Pro Tem
Mr. Ian Collins	Clerk
Mrs. Christine Allcorn	Member
Mrs. Nicola Weiss	Member

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to approve the meeting agenda AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mrs. Weiss

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 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 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 7:07pm.

Boy Scout Troop 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 six outstanding students from each of our middle schools. From Fulton Middle School, Principal Chris Christensen honored Kaelyn Whitcomb (6th), Aimee Kim (6th), Luke Jacobsen (7th), Ari Jacobsen (7th), Kennedy Schorle (8th), and Christina Choate (8th). From Masuda Middle School, Principal Chris Mullin honored Makena Walker (6th), Charles Luna (6th), Kara Lamar (7th), Andrew Than (7th), Valerie Chang (8th), and Logan Choate (8th). And from Talbert Middle School, Principal Cara Robinson honored Kimo Gandall (6th), Angela Nguyen (6th), Matthew Raidy (7th), Rachel Evans (7th), Tommy Metzger (8th), and Nicole Hayford (8th). All three principals commended each of these students on their hard work. Family and staff members were present to honor these students.

RECOGNITION OF
STUDENTS FROM
MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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 Fulton Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Elisa Westelin and Meg Kelly. From Masuda Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Andra Johnson and Babs Dunckel. And from Talbert Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Joy Moyers and Rhona Remo.

RECOGNITION OF
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
FROM MIDDLE
SCHOOLS

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in teaching. The Board recognized Valerie Dambach, math teacher at Fulton Middle School, recently honored as a finalist for the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year 2009 award. Principal Chris Christensen presented Mrs. Dambach with a certificate from the Board and commended her on the wonderful and positive impact she has on all of her students.

RECOGNITION OF CLMS
EDUCATOR OF THE
YEAR 2009 FINALIST
VALERIE DAMBACH

The Board recognized and thanked school counselors, Sandi Logan and Allyson McFerran, for their commitment to the health and safety of our students in honor of National School Counseling Week, February 1-5, 2010.

RECOGNITION OF
COUNSELORS SANDI
LOGAN AND ALLYSON
MCFERRAN IN HONOR
OF NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING WEEK

The Fountain Valley Educational Foundation awarded nearly \$18,000 in grants for various instructional materials. The grants

PRESENTATION OF
FOUNTAIN VALLEY

were presented to eleven librarians and one speech and language specialist this evening. Foundation Board President, Carla Neeld, was joined by Joanne Lew, Jennifer Salamon, Elisa Westelin, Diane Saltzman and Cheri Jones as well as Board members Ian Collins and Nicola Weiss in honoring these recipients.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS

Following the break, Mr. McCombs read the following announcement regarding closed session action:

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

“In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the one-day suspension of an employee in the class of custodian.”

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Weiss enjoyed the Tamura play, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and also attended the 100th day celebration for Kindergarteners at Courreges. She attended the Masuda basketball tournament and was impressed with the organization of the event. She also attended the SPC meeting.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Allcorn visited Cox, Masuda, Gisler, Talbert and Moiola since the last board meeting. She noted that at Cox and Moiola there is extensive use of Thinking Maps and was pleased to see how these are used in several different subjects and across grades. She attended the Elementary School Band concert and also stopped in on the Parent Volunteer Academy training at the District with Sandra Crandall. She commended Mrs. Crandall on her work with these volunteers and thanked her for her time with them. She also attended the Lunar New Year celebration at Tamura and the Tamura school play.

Mr. Collins commended the PTA's and PTO's from each school for their generous donations to the District. He noted that the district is blessed to have so many dedicated and generous parents. He noted the wonderful article on Moiola in the *OC Register* covering their Lunar New Year celebration. He also attended the Holocaust survivor assembly at Talbert and noted how moving this presentation was and how still important the message is today. He also noted the great work of the FVHS academic decathlon team as well as the Westminster team, which he is pleased to coach.

Mrs. Edwards represented the district at both the January and February Mayor's Breakfasts. She enjoyed both presentations, noting how popular the presentation by the Orange County District Attorney was this morning. She also enjoyed the Lunar New Year celebration at Tamura.

Mr. McCombs attended the basketball tournament at Masuda and noted how wonderful Mr. Mullin did in hosting this tournament for the middle schools. He also plans to attend the Cox Lunar New Celebration tomorrow.

STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent, Paul Burkart, provided details for the Board of Trustees of the proposed State budget and its impact on the Fountain Valley School District for the next fiscal year and future years. Although he noted that nationally there are good indicators present that the economy is turning around, the State of California is still suffering from very high unemployment and school funding is therefore still effected. He explained the long term effects of our deficit spending and the need for cuts to 2010-11 district budget of about \$3M. He noted that there will be two community meetings to provide information for parents and staff as well as several study sessions for the Board to review and discuss proposed solutions in March and April. He also explained that an email will go out to district staff over the next week or so soliciting ideas for budget cuts and that he will personally read each response.

PRESENTATION ON THE
GOVERNOR'S
PROPOSED 2010-11
BUDGET (ORAL
REPORT)

Mr. McCombs thanked Mr. Burkart for his very informative presentation. He noted that Mr. Burkart always puts together a great presentation.

Mr. Collins asked Mr. Burkart about Federal funding of Special Education and the potential for increase. Mr. Burkart explained that this has not been supported by the State Senate yet and the commitment put out the Governor has never been met.

Dr. Ecker thanked Mr. Burkart for his presentation and explained that this allows us to see the problem. He noted that the district will keep the Board apprised of the progress of the budget committee and in March will present proposed solutions. He noted the idea to schedule a study session for the board in April and also in March.

Mr. Burkart and Dr. Ecker explained that at the March 11th board meeting, dates for the two community meetings will be discussed hopefully having one in the second half of March or the first half of April. Once the dates have been set, they will be communicated to the sites through SPC and on the district web site.

In its continuing goal to maintain a set of current board policies, it is necessary that the Fountain Valley School District update certain regulations due to changes in Education

REPORT ON REVISION
TO ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION 6142.7:

Code or statute. AR 6142.7 Physical Education was revised to bring the District into compliance with Education Code 51210. Deputy Superintendent, Rosemary Eadie, provided an explanation of the revised language for the Board.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
(WRITTEN ONLY)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve Board Policy 4040: Employee Use of Technology for first reading.

BOARD POLICY 4040:
EMPLOYEE USE OF
TECHNOLOGY (FIRST
READING)

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to approve Board Policy 6162.6: Use of Copyrighted Materials for first reading.

BOARD POLICY 6162.6:
USE OF COPYRIGHTED
MATERIALS (FIRST
READING)

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve Board Policy 6162.7: Use of Technology in Instruction for first reading.

BOARD POLICY 6162.7:
USE OF TECHNOLOGY
IN INSTRUCTION (FIRST
READING)

Second: Mrs. Weiss

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Weiss moved to approve Board Policy 6163.4: Student Use of Technology/Acceptable Use Policy for first reading.

BOARD POLICY 6163.4:
STUDENT USE OF
TECHNOLOGY/ACCEPT
ABLE USE POLICY
(FIRST READING)

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved that the Board select up to nine nominees for the 2010 CSBA Delegate

2010 CSBA DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY ELECTION –

Assembly election – Region 15.

REGION 15

Second: Mr. Collins

Mrs. Edwards, as a current Delegate, suggested that the Board select the nine incumbents in the 2010 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election. There was board consensus. These nine nominees are: Tammie Bullard, Shirley Carey, Meg Cutuli, Judith Franco, Susan Henry, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Moffat, Esther Wallace and Sharon Wallin.

Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Allcorn requested that item 13-B Minutes from the January 14th board meeting be pulled for a separate vote.

CONSENT
CALENDAR/ROUTINE
ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business with the exception of item #13-B

Second: Mrs. Weiss

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from January 8th special meeting
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 29th special meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Second Amendment to the February 19, 2009 Employment Contract of the Superintendent
- Resolution 2010-12: Resolution in Appreciation to Counselors Sandi Logan and Allyson McFerran in Recognition of National School Counseling Week
- Program Effectiveness Results for English Learner Program 2008-09
- Approval of Attendance of Students from Bear Valley Unified School District
- Special Education Settlement Agreement
- Non-public Agency Contracts (Board Members Only)

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Cornerstone Therapies	\$6520.00	9/1/09 to 6/30/10
Therapeutic Education Centers	\$26,445.00	12/7/09 to 6/30/10
Cornerstone Therapies	\$4225.00	2/16/10 to 6/30/10

Motion: Mrs. Weiss moved to approve item 13-B Minutes

from the January 14th board meeting

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 4-0
Abstain: 1 (Mrs. Allcorn)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the board.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. McCombs Commended Dr. Ecker for his leadership in sacrificing five days and the equivalent pay for the 2010-11 year. He noted that every bit helps and that this effort by Dr. Ecker is commendable.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. Burkart for his presentation. He noted that this clearly defines the problem that the district faces financially and that it will take a joint effort to build a solution. He noted that we all hope that things are better down the line but that for the moment he appreciates the clarity that Mr. Burkart provided.

Dr. Ecker Thanked the principals and assistant principals on their presentations and noted the great amount of enthusiasm and excitement at all of our middle schools. He noted that all three schools have such wonderful things going on.

Dr. Ecker Echoed Mrs. Allcorn’s appreciation for Mrs. Crandall and the work that she has done in training our parent volunteer academy members. He noted that all of the parents are so appreciative of the skills passed on by a master teacher like Mrs. Crandall. Mrs. Eadie noted that Mrs. Crandall has trained over 200 parents in the academy.

Dr. Ecker Noted that even amidst a financial crisis the district has managed to raise funds for Haiti. He noted his amazement at the success of the district’s fundraising efforts and the number of Shelter Boxes that will be sent to Haiti. He

noted that on March 9th, the district, along with representatives from each site, will be presenting a check to the Fountain Valley Rotary Club for the purchase of Shelter Boxes to send to Haiti.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: Unanimously approved

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