

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

July 22, 2010

MINUTES

President Tony McCombs called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:05pm. **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

Ms. Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE
AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the meeting agenda

Second: Mrs. Weiss

Vote: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 the FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with the Board's designated representative, Mrs. Rosemary Eadie.
- Property Negotiations: *Government Code 54956.8*
Real property negotiator Mr. Paul Burkart will speak to the board

about the negotiations concerning the properties at 10055 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley and 9191 Pioneer and 10251 Yorktown Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:03pm.

STUDY SESSION

Mr. McCombs opened the Study Session on Board Interests for the 2010-11 year by reviewing the Board Interests for the previous, 2009-10 year. Beginning with the first interest regarding the Board's support of the Foundation, Mrs. Edwards noted that this is something that she would still like to see kept on the list. Mrs. Weiss agreed. Mr. McCombs agreed that he would definitely like to see support of the Foundation included, especially given their support of our educational programs. Dr. Ecker noted their support of programs especially those that the district was forced to stop funding because of the budget cuts. He noted the dependency now on the Foundation for these programs. Mr. Collins agreed keeping this on the list.

STUDY SESSION ON BOARD INTERESTS FOR 2010-11

Regarding the second interest, the Board's support of ACE, SPC, Community Volunteer Academy and school/community groups, Mrs. Weiss noted that the Board still needs to support these. Mrs. Allcorn agreed. Mr. Collins explained that ACE is a politically activated group and that it is important for the district to let legislators know through ACE the concerns for public education. He agreed that these are great organization deserving support. Mr. McCombs noted the great number of volunteers that have stepped up in the community to help the district and how fortunate the district is to have these community members involved. Dr. Ecker noted that each year this is an interest of the board and clearly one that the board supports. He asked if the board would like to consider this interest institutionalized at this point, especially if there were other areas of interest that the board may want to support. Mr. McCombs noted that the board did broaden this interest to include additional groups. He agreed to see what new items of interest the board may have. Dr. Ecker agreed and noted that as the board does not generally like to have more than 6 interests, if there is a need, something can possibly be moved.

Regarding the third interest, the development of a governance handbook, Mrs. Allcorn noted that each board member does have a copy of the handbook and the requested updates had been made. Mr. Collins noted that as a new board member, he realized that he was not aware of all of the board's protocols. Having been able

to reference the text at the time, he noted that the goal of the handbook had been accomplished. Mrs. Allcorn agreed and noted that it would be a living document to be updated as needed. She agreed that this interest could be taken off the list as completed.

Regarding interest #4 and the exploration of all-day Kindergarten program in the District, Mrs. Edwards expressed her interest in keeping this on the list for 2010-11. Mrs. Allcorn agreed, noting that neighboring districts are doing this and so it is important to see if this district can as well. Dr. Ecker agreed and noted that both he and Mrs. Eadie are strong advocates and this item is also included as a District proposed goal for the year. Mr. McCombs agreed that this item should be kept as a placeholder for the moment until the Board finalizes the district's goals for the year.

Regarding interest #5 regarding more efficient operation of the district's educational programs and exploration of possible magnet programs, Mr. McCombs noted the two-year timeframe of this interest and the need to keep this interest included for the year due to the importance of attracting additional students to our schools. Mr. Collins noted the need to have a good discussion regarding this interest and what is feasible to do. Mr. McCombs agreed, noting the need to discuss how best to effectively deliver instruction as well. Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Allcorn and Mrs. Weiss agreed.

Regarding the sixth interest and the transition from paper to electronic agendas, Mr. McCombs noted the presentation on this transition in the evening's agenda and noted that if the board did not yet transition to electronic agendas over the next two meetings, the board could add this interest back for the year.

Mrs. Edwards expressed her desire to see an interest added regarding more financially affordable health insurance for employees. She noted the district's annual facing of higher and higher costs. Mrs. Allcorn asked if there are other brokers aside from Keenan that might be looked into. Mrs. Eadie explained that there are and that initial conversations had been started. Dr. Ecker noted that this is an important topic and prevalent now. He explained that adding this as a board interest would reinforce the board's support. Mr. Collins agreed noting the importance for staff to see the board's support. Dr. Ecker agreed to put together the language for this interest for the board's review prior to adoption in September.

Dr. Ecker explained that with now 5 interests, including one

placeholder, the board will have another study session at the August meeting to discuss the District goals for the year.

STAFF REPORTS AND NOTICES

Deputy Superintendent, Rosemary Eadie, presented to the Board of Trustees her proposal regarding changes to the District’s Personal Growth and Development Program. She explained that due to the cost of nurse time to facilitate the program at nine schools, she suggested allowing parents to bring their students to the parent preview night in order for them to see the program. The time for the preview night is already contracted and would allow the district to save the screening nurse time. The program would only be shown at the district for parents and students, one night for boys and another for girls. Mr. Collins asked whether this would affect kids seeing the program. Mrs. Eadie explained that parent attendance at the preview night has not been very good in the past, although, if parents knew this was the only opportunity for their children to see the program, it may increase. The district is not legally obligated to show the program and although it is an opt-out program, it has been well received. Mrs. Allcorn and Mr. McCombs asked about the forecasted attendance. Mrs. Eadie explained that it should be good given the number of active parents in the district. Mr. McCombs agreed that given the fiscal strain of the district, Mrs. Eadie should go forward with her proposal and see what the results are.

PROPOSED CHANGES
TO PERSONAL GROWTH
AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM (WRITTEN
AND ORAL)

Executive Assistant, Rina Hansen, provided an update for the Board of Trustees as to the transition from paper to electronic agendas for the Fountain Valley School District. As the board was pleased with the proposed transition, a training for district staff will be held on July 30th and again on August 20th. The board will discuss dates for a study session to allow the board to become more familiar with the paperless format, either before or after the August 19th meeting.

PAPERLESS AGENDAS
(WRITTEN AND ORAL)

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Edwards very much enjoyed a tour of summer school at Newland. She noted the delightful group of young teachers and noted how difficult it was to leave given all the fun they were having. She commended Mrs. Abdel and the staff for the wonderful job they were doing with the students.

BOARD REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Collins met three of the district’s new hire teachers and welcomed them on the part of the district. He noted his excitement for these new hires.

Mrs. Allcorn also enjoyed a tour of summer school at Newland and noted that her son is currently working there this summer. She commended the program and the teachers and staff there. She also attended the first meeting of the planning committee for the district benefit concert, to be held in the winter of 2011.

Mrs. Weiss attended the Foundation planning meeting for the Taste of Fountain Valley and announced that October 8th is the official date of the 2010 Taste at Mile Square Park. She also attended the planning meeting for the benefit concert and enjoyed the Fountain Valley summer reading program kick-off at the library. She noted that how great it is to see the older kids involved in this as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 20 requests to address the Board of Trustees regarding the resolution and supplemental curriculum submitted to the board by the community regarding the teaching of Islam in 7th grade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following the public comments, the Board took a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 7:58pm.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Weiss moved to approve the Declaration of Need.

DECLARATION OF NEED

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Weiss requested that item 5-X Resolution 2011-12 in Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 6 (Simitian) be pulled for a separate vote.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS**

Mr. McCombs requested that item 5-Q Resolution 2011-11: Resolution in Support of Robles-Wong v. California, Litigation Challenging the State’s School Finance System be pulled for a separate vote.

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to approve the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business with the exception of items 5-Q and 5-X.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from June 29th meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrant Registers
- Purchase Order Listing
- Renewal of the District's annual membership dues for the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$309.
- Williams Quarterly Report For Fourth Quarter 2009-10
- Year End Budget Transfers
- Temporary Loan from Fund 40
- Resolution 2011-10: Authorization of Signatures
- Resolution 2011-09: Authorization of Approval of Vendor Claims/Orders
- Resolution 2011-08: Appointment of the Custodian of the Revolving Cash Fund
- Resolution 2011-07: Authorization of Signatures on Replacement Warrants
- Report from DELAC to Board of Trustees
- Revision to Board Policy 6171: Title I Programs (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Surplus Personal Property
- Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding with Cotsen Family Foundation and Fountain Valley School District, Gisler and Plavan Elementary Schools: "The Art of Teaching"
- Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015
- Record of eight Grade Promotion, June 10, 2010
- Rejection of Claim 434133
- Amendment No. 1 to COURIER Services Joint Powers Authority Agreement
- New Software for Food Services
- Support Services Contract Agreement
- Legal Services Provided by Best Best & Krieger LLP, Attorneys at Law

- Reimbursement for Special Education Services
- Transportation Services through OCDE (MOU)
- Recommendation to Award Bid #11-01, Talbert Roofing
- Notice of Layoff for Classified Positions
- Non-Public Agency Contracts (Board Members Only)

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Children’s Learning Connection, Inc.	\$10,025	7/1/10 to 6/30/11
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$250	7/1/09 to 6/30/10
Children’s Learning Connection, Inc.	\$0	7/1/09 to 6/30/10
Behavior Solutions, Inc.	\$250	7/1/09 to 6/30/10
SKY Pediatric Group	\$960	7/1/09 to 6/30/10

Mr. McCombs read Resolution 2011-11a part of item #5-Q:
Resolution 2011-11: Resolution in Support of Robles-Wong v. California, Litigation Challenging the State’s School Finance System.

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn

Second: Mrs. Weiss

Mr. Collins noted that with education again receiving the largest cuts in the State budget, if we are concerned with our children’s future, we must have stable funding. As most would agree with this, he noted his strong support of the resolution.

Vote: 5-0

Mr. McCombs read Resolution 2011-12 part of item #5-X:
Resolution 2011-12 in Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 6 (Simitian).

Motion: Mr. Collins

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Weiss noted that while CSBA and PTA fully support this amendment and she fully supports local control of the budget, she felt that this admendment would ask the district to fix something that need to be addressed in Sacramento. Mrs. Allcorn asked how many other states require a 2/3 vote. Dr. Ecker explained that CA is one of only 3 states that require a 2/3 vote to pass the budget and is the only state that requires a 2/3 vote to pass a parcel tax.

Vote: 4-1 (Mrs. Weiss)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 2 requests to address the board. A member of the community addressed the board regarding SCA 6 (Simitian). In addition, a member of the community addressed the board regarding the agenda format.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. McCombs	Noted that a resolution related to the adoption of supplemental curriculum had been submitted to the board. He inquired as to whether there was interest in placing the item on a future agenda for action, information or consent.	Resolution related to the adoption of a supplemental curriculum
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Mrs. Edwards	Noted that while she believed that all of the speakers this evening addressing the board had wonderful things to say, she did not feel as a trustee, educator and parent that the item was something for the board to decide. She noted her understanding that the group had already taken the item to Sacramento but also explained that if the district were to accept supplemental materials like this for one textbook, they would then need to accept them for all textbooks. She was not interested in placing the item on a future agenda.
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Mr. Collins	Noted his understanding of what the speakers this evening had to say and while he personally agreed with some of what was said, he note the process in the district and in the State for textbook adoption. He also expressed his strong objection to those speakers who questioned the board’s love of their country. He explained that he chose to live here and chose this county. He explained that he too wants to protect the freedoms of all people and when speakers are rude they must be disregarded. He explained that when presented with intelligent dialogue, people are more willing to listen and make their own decisions as an individual. He was not interested in placing the item on a future agenda.
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Mrs. Allcorn	Thanked the speakers for sharing their views
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and noted that she shared Mrs. Edwards opinion that this needed to be done at a state-level. She was not interested in placing the item on a future agenda.

Mrs. Weiss Agreed with her colleagues and noted that like Mr. Collins, she, too, moved to this country to raise her five children. She noted the process in place and that this is what makes this country great. She explained that she had read all that was given and as an elected official, she is required to follow the procedures in place and in order to do so, must recommend that this be taken to another level, not the board. She was not interested in placing the item on a future agenda.

Mr. McCombs Explained that the Board does not have mechanisms or ability in the district to adopt curriculum and that the State has these adoption rights. He explained that to error in a manner like this would be a mistake at the local level and this right is one reserved for the State and the adoption committee. He explained that it is not for the board to adopt curriculum not reviewed. He was not interested in placing the item on a future agenda.

Dr. Ecker Applauded the Board and expressed his hope that the group with supplemental curriculum follows through with the curriculum committee in Sacramento. He noted that the board is the wrong venue to raise this issue and noted that the textbook in question is used by 70% of districts. He explained that there are many points of view in society and if the board were to take one point of view and adopt this as the rule of law, they would run into conflicts with other viewpoints as well. He noted the process for curriculum is open and clear.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mrs. Eadie for her presentation this evening and commended her on her presentation on personal development.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Ms. Hansen for her presentation this

evening and noted that he would send out dates for the scheduling of a meeting prior to September 20th for a study session for the paperless agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: Unanimously approved

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