

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**February 17, 2011**

**MINUTES**

President Pro Tem Judy Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm. CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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| Mrs. Judy Edwards      | President         |
| Mr. Ian Collins        | President Pro Tem |
| Mrs. Christine Allcorn | Clerk             |
| Sandra Crandall        | Member            |
| Jimmy Templin          | Member            |

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

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards announced that the Board would retire into Closed Session. No action was anticipated. The following would be addressed:

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- Negotiations: *Government Code 54957.6*  
Update and review of negotiations with FVEA Bargaining Unit with the Board's designated representative, Mrs. Rosemary Eadie.

- 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

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

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 from Fulton School Bryce Nozaki (6<sup>th</sup>), Madeline Domingo (6<sup>th</sup>), Christopher Meyer (7<sup>th</sup>), Leigha Williams (7<sup>th</sup>), Moises Mendoza (8<sup>th</sup>), and Kelcie Braley (8<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Christensen was joined by several Fulton teachers in congratulating these students on their wonderful achievements. From Masuda School, the Board recognized Matthew Gemeinhardt (6<sup>th</sup>), Ericka Greene (6<sup>th</sup>), Kimberly Quan (7<sup>th</sup>), Leandra Doan (7<sup>th</sup>), Sharon Tran (8<sup>th</sup>), and Reid Johns (8<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Mullin was joined by several Masuda teachers in congratulating these students on their outstanding achievements. And from Talbert School, the Board recognized Danielle Votendahl (6<sup>th</sup>), Emily Mannarelli (6<sup>th</sup>), Presten Page-Jimeniz (7<sup>th</sup>), Allyson Carrillo (7<sup>th</sup>), Tristin Ondrejik (8<sup>th</sup>), and Michelle Bui (8<sup>th</sup>). Mrs. Robinson was joined by several Talbert teachers in congratulating these students on their amazing achievements.

RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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 School, the Board recognized and thanked Annette Gilbert and Patricia Hoyt. From Masuda School, the Board recognized and thanked Rene Schwartz and Michelle Santana and from Talbert School, the Board recognized and thanked Chris Gandall and Eileen Lucas. The principals were joined by staff and PT members in thanking these outstanding parent volunteers for all that they do for their sites.

RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Each year the Elks USA sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest. The theme for this year is "Why I am Proud to be an American". The Board of Trustees was proud to join the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 in honoring the first, second and third place 8<sup>th</sup> grade winners from each of our middle schools. Each first place winner received a \$100 savings bond, second place a \$75

ELK'S STUDENT RECOGNITION – AMERICANISM ESSAY

savings bond and third place a \$50 savings bond. The 24 students recognized were (Fulton) Erin Bola, Luke Jacobsen, Kimberly Iovine, Andrew Morgan, Christian Warloe, and Hollie West, (Masuda) Calvin Bui, Kara Lamar, Ashley Lawler, Sy Pham, Derek Phillips, and Langa Tran, (Moiola) Mai-Han Do, Sabrina George, Amanda Graf, Thomas Vu Price, Hieu Tran, and Jeffrey Wright, (Talbert) Erin Ballard, Morgan Baumgartner, Shane Davis, Lindsay Frazin, Ethan Stafford, and Garrett Williams.

The purpose of the Elk’s Drug Awareness Poster Contest is to involve children, school and parents in the Drug Awareness Program. The Board of Trustees was proud to join the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 in honoring the District’s three winners of the 2011 Elk’s Drug Awareness Poster Contest: Tiffany Nguyen (5<sup>th</sup>, Courreges), Anthony Ly (5<sup>th</sup>, Cox) and Jasmine Le (5<sup>th</sup>, Oka). The first place winner was given a \$350 saving bond, second place a \$250 savings bond and third place a \$100 savings bond.

**ELK’S STUDENT  
RECOGNITION – DRUG  
AWARENESS POSTER  
CONTEST**

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in teaching. The Board recognized John Wood, science teacher at Talbert Middle School and Claudia Angelici, science teacher at Fulton Middle School, both recently honored as finalists for the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year 2010 award. The Board of Trustees also recognized Michael Brunner, Masuda Middle School science teacher, as Fountain Valley School District Teacher of the Year 2009-10.

**RECOGNITION OF FVSD  
TEACHERS JOHN  
WOOD, CLAUDIA  
ANGELICIA, AND  
MICHAEL BRUNNER**

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Templin attended two ACE meetings since the last board meeting and has enjoyed being a part of this committee. He also enjoyed the Fountain Valley Music Live concert and was impressed by the Ring Leaders. He attended the two-day CSBA new board member training and noted how much this event made him feel proud to be a board member. And he also participated in an Eagle Scout Board of Review as well as attended the OCDE New Board Member Reception.

**BOARD REPORTS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Allcorn attended numerous FVML meetings and was pleased to report that the concert was a great success raising more than \$40,000. She also attended the Mayor’s Breakfast as well as two SPC meetings. She very much enjoyed the Lunar New Year celebrations at both Cox and

Tamura. And she enjoyed seeing the presentation of All Day Kindergarten at Perry Elementary as well as the Festival of the Arts here at the District Office. And lastly she enjoyed the OCDE New Board Member reception.

Mr. Collins enjoyed visits to Fulton, Gisler, Plavan, Talbert and Moiola. He also enjoyed the HUC meeting and the presentation by Mike Kilbourn on the budget. He noted his optimism that the cup is still half full and that all will be okay. He very much enjoyed the Fountain Valley Music Live concert and noted that it was exceptional. He also enjoyed the ACE meeting, SPC meeting and PTA meeting at Talbert. And he was honored along with Newland School and Principal Kathy Davis and Chris Gandall for their involvement with the National Children's Study at the recognition breakfast. He explained that the study examined the effects of environment on the health and development of children from birth to age 21.

Mrs. Crandall attended two Mayor's Breakfasts since the last board meeting, as well as the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation meeting, the 5K Run and the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon. She also attended the Fountain Valley Senior luncheon where valentines handmade by Fulton students were delivered. And she attended the Summerfest volunteer committee meeting as well as the District Art Exhibit and the Foundation meeting. She greatly enjoyed the FVML concert and noted that the principals did a wonderful job. She also attended the Moiola and Tamura Lunar New Year celebrations. She was pleased to note that the Parent Volunteer Academy set up dates for parent trainings. And she also enjoyed visits to Gisler, Moiola, Talbert, Cox, Fulton, and Courreges, completing her first round of tours of each site and noted that at each campus she saw respectful, actively engaged students. She also attended the Audit Committee meeting as well as the OCDE new board member reception. She enjoyed the 2-day training for new board members hosted by CSBA and enjoyed the tour of All Day Kindergarten and Preppy K at Perry Elementary as well as the Parent Information Night on these programs.

Mrs. Edwards noted that she enjoyed many of the same events as the other Board members with the addition of the Health and Wellness meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Assistant Superintendent, Stephen McMahon, provided details for the Board of Trustees of the 2011-12 proposed State budget and its impact on the Fountain Valley School District. He noted that this is the first year that the Legislators will only need a majority vote to pass the budget. He also explained that some economic trends, including an increase in new residential building permits and state revenues and personal incomes taxes above estimates are showing some positive changes regarding the State's economy. He also explained that in previous years, the State's expenses have far exceeded the State's revenues and this is something we are still trying to make up for. He noted that the Governor's proposed budget includes \$26.7 billion in cuts carried out through a three-sided approach including cuts, realignment and taxes. He explained that CA spending per pupil lags the nation by \$2580, placing CA around 47<sup>th</sup> or 48<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states in spending per pupil. He explained that if the tax measure passes, the District will still lose \$17.63/pupil or a total \$109,165 loss. If the tax measure does not pass, he explained that the District will lose \$17.63 + \$330/pupil or a total \$2,153,568 loss. He noted that the District must build its 2011-12 budget on the worst case scenario as the District budget must be built prior to the June ballot, noting the June 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for the budget to be completed and approved by the Board.

**PRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET (ORAL REPORT)**

Deputy Superintendent, Rosemary Eadie, provided the Board with additional information regarding the proposed pilot Preppy K and All Day Kindergarten programs for the 2011-12 school year. She explained that the district currently has two state preschools which are state funded for low income families within the district, in addition to two fee-based childcare centers for 3-4 years-old students as well as the Fountain Valley Child Center, a highly qualified early education inclusion program for 3-4 years-old which includes 10 fee-based students and 5 high function Aspergers students. She explained her proposal to add a Preppy K program for students with birthdays between June 2, 2006 and December 2, 2006 where students would have access to Kindergarten standards over a two-year period and would be able to develop pre-reading and math skills through interactive learning experiences. Also, she proposed the addition of an All Day Kindergarten that would include early reading and math in addition to social studies and science. She explained that both programs would have one class each at both Newland and Tamura sties and would be on a first come, first serve enrollment basis

**PREPPY K AND ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN**

with parents needing to provide their own transportation. She noted that if approved by the Board, she will host a Parent Information night on both programs in March.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Pilot Program for 2011-12 School Year—Preppy K and All Day Kindergarten

**PILOT PROGRAM  
FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL  
YEAR—PREPPY K  
AND ALL DAY  
KINDERGARTEN**

Second: Mrs. Crandall

Mrs. Crandall noted that she remembered six years ago when she was still teaching and the initial discussions for both programs were beginning and noted that she was pleased to see this added as a Board Interest and now a District Goal. She noted that based on the new law regarding the birth date for children starting Kindergarten, she feels that these programs would meet the needs for a transitional Kindergarten. She asked whether or not the District would expand these programs in the future if they are successful. Mrs. Eadie explained that they would.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to for first reading the Travel Expenses Board Policy and Administrative Regulations.

**TRAVEL EXPENSES  
BOARD POLICY AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGULATIONS  
(FIRST READING)**

Second: Mr. Collins

Mrs. Crandall noted that staff was very accessible when she had questions regarding this item. She also noted that this policy is a very proactive stance.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to approve Approval to Form Committee to Review School Boundaries/Closure

**APPROVAL TO FORM  
COMMITTEE TO  
REVIEW SCHOOL  
BOUNDARIES/  
CLOSURE**

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Mr. Templin noted that this is a good idea given the importance

of doing this with a lot of thought and community input. Mrs. Edwards agreed noting that this is the purpose of the committee. Mrs. Crandall noted that after touring several campuses and noting the number of empty classrooms, it is important in times of budgetary concerns to have efficient school sites.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved the adopt Resolution 2011-26: Resolution in Support of Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot

RESOLUTION 2011-26: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLACING A REVENUE EXTENSION MEASURE ON THE BALLOT

Second: Mr. Templin

Mrs. Allcorn explained that she does not love taxes and that we do already pay a lot. She noted a list of just some of the items that have been cut from the budget already including: school days, teacher salaries, reading specialists, PE teachers, counselors, nurses, computer aides, school site funds, classified staff, grounds, maintenance and operations. She noted the district has done so much with so much less. She explained that while she does not like taxes, she does not want to have to cut \$500 per student.

Mr. Templin explained that he has not had to cut anything yet as a board member, but he has worked in education and is currently an administrator; and, while he echoes the sentiment that no one likes taxes, he explained that when thinking of the students and teachers and all that they have had to do, he would be willing to pay more to help.

Mr. Collins explained that while public education is only 40% of the State budget, we have taken on 60% of the cuts and that it is unreal to ask teachers to maintain the current quality of education in the district with further cuts. He noted that this should not be a partisan issue at all but instead about education and the future of California. He noted that a measure on the June ballot would allow the people of California to speak on this matter. He noted that the district has had a lot of things because of the help of parents including hands on science and music. He further explained that he enthusiastically supports the resolution and noted that we would be remise if we did not allow the people of California the opportunity to vote on this matter.

Mrs. Crandall explained that she loves children as apparent from her 39 year in the District. And she loves the democratic process. She noted that the CSBA resolution asks for conceptual support of a June ballot initiative. She noted that the three prong approach of the tax initiative would be to extend the personal

income tax, extend the vehicle license tax and extend the sales tax. She explained that no language for the initiative has been set yet and that the personal income tax already sunset in December 2010. She explained that this would then be an increase while the other two areas would be extensions. She noted her reservations regarding the language of the resolution and the possible tax initiative.

Vote: 4-1 (Crandall)

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election – Region 15

2011 CSBA  
DELEGATE  
ASSEMBLY  
ELECTION – REGION  
15

Second: Mr. Collins

There was board discussed and reached consensus on the following nine nominees: Dana Black, Bonnie Castrey, Judy Edwards, Karen M. Freeman, Celia Jaffe, Sue Kuwabara, Jose F. Moreno, Robert A. Singer, and Suzie R. Swartz.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business

CONSENT  
CALENDAR/  
ROUTINE ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of Budget Calendar
- Review and Approval of Financial Audit 2009-10
- Approval of Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II)
- Approval of Settlement Agreement
- Adoption of Resolution 2011-25: Authorization for Teaching Credentials 2010-11 School Year
- Approval of Energy Sales Agreement with Shell Energy North America for Purchase of Electricity and Designation of Authorized Signatory



- | Non-Public School/Agency                | 100% Contract Cost | Effective Dates |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sandra Shigetomi-Toyama,<br>MS, CCC-SLP | \$1,250            | 9/15/10-6/30/11 |
| Cornerstone Therapies                   | \$4,760            | 11/1/10-6/30/11 |
| Cornerstone Therapies                   | \$2,680            | 11/1/10-6/30/11 |

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins Requested permission from the Board to make a short presentation on the National Children’s Study at the next Board meeting. He explained that Mrs. Kathy Davis and Mrs. Chris Gandall were recently honored with awards for their work in addition to Newland School. Mrs. Edwards asked Dr. Ecker to include this in the next agenda.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mrs. Eadie and the Board for their support and enduring perseverance in seeing the Preppy K and All Day Kindergarten programs coming to two sites.

Dr. Ecker Thanked the Board for taking action to approve Resolution 2011-26. He noted that this initiative links closely with what the Board is all about and does give the people the chance to vote on the measure. He noted the importance of prioritizing education and that the discussed tax initiative attempts to solve the State budget deficit in a balanced fashion while protecting public education. He noted what a critical step it is that the board took with their action.

Dr. Ecker Noted what a great event Fountain Valley Music Live turned out to be. He noted that he joins many others in celebrating the success of this event.

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## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28pm.

**Second:** Mr. Templin

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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