

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**March 10, 2011**

**MINUTES**

President Pro Tem Judy Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:05pm. CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present: ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Edwards noted the addendum to the agenda with a correction to items 6-O and 6-P AGENDA APPROVAL

**6-O. RECEIPT OF CSEA, CHAPTER 358 INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR 2011-12**

Superintendent's Comments: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receives the initial contract proposals of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 358 for 2011-12.

**6-P. PRESENTATION OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INITIAL 2011-12 CONTRACT PROPOSALS TO CSEA, CHAPTER 358**

Superintendent's Comments: The District is presenting its 2011-12 initial contract proposals to the classified bargaining unit. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receive the 2011-12 contract proposals from the Fountain Valley School District to CSEA, Chapter 358.

**Motion:** Mrs. Crandall moved to approve the meeting agenda

**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:

**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.
- 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 7:05pm.

Girl Scout Troop 1628 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 seven outstanding students from Tamura School: Emma Bell (K), Hannah Bell (K), Jessica Nguyen (1<sup>st</sup>), Hannah Nguyen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Alex Wittick (3<sup>rd</sup>), Hannah Farrow (4<sup>th</sup>), and Mary Vu (5<sup>th</sup>). Ms. Jay Adams, principal at Tamura School, was joined by nearly all of the Tamura teachers and staff in celebration of these students and their great achievements.

**RECOGNITION OF TAMURA 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 Tamura School, the Board recognized and thanked Elisabeth Hassanzadeh and Laura Gilmore. Ms. Adams was joined by the Tamura staff and PT members in thanking these outstanding parent volunteers for all that they do for their sites.

**RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

In honor of their extensive participation in the National Children’s Study, the Board of Trustees recognized Newland School and Principal Mrs. Kathy Davis, Mrs. Chris Gandall and President Pro-Tem Ian Collins. Mr. Collins shared a video regarding this monumental study of the effects of environment on children from birth to age 21.

**RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPAL KATHY DAVIS, CHRIS GANDALL AND PRESIDENT PRO-TEM IAN COLLINS**

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Mr. Templin enjoyed the ACSA/OCSBA joint dinner and noted that he learned a lot about the current economy. He also attended the ACE Committee meeting and noted that he loves that this committee reaches out to our sites and provides valuable communications. He noted that the committee discussed the school boundaries and closure committee and noted his approval of the transparent process. He also was able to see a presentation by Officer Baron on the effects of pop culture on our youth.

Mrs. Allcorn also enjoyed the ACSA/OCSBA joint dinner and note that the speaker, Lucy Dunn, was very interesting. She attended the Legislative Reception hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and noted her disappointment that while schools in Fountain Valley are such an important part of our community, the discussion at the reception turned to politics and noting all that was wrong with our schools. She noted that this was a missed opportunity for our local legislators to emphasize that while there are some opportunities for improvement, we as a community are lucky to have our district. She also met with Dr. Ecker and Zafar Brooks from Hyundai and noted her optimism that this turns into a beneficial relationship for both groups.

Mr. Collins also enjoyed the Legislative Reception and was also disappointed that the schools did receive such a bashing at this event. He also was disappointed that erroneous numbers were quoted that evening. He did enjoy the Fountain Valley 5K Run with Tamura as well as the ACE Committee meeting and was pleased to report that the district will be sending several representatives to Sacramento as a part of the HUC and 4<sup>th</sup> District PTA Sacramento Safari March 21-22. He also enjoyed the HUC Founders Day Luncheon honoring Rosemary Eadie as well as the OCSBA/ACSA joint dinner. And lastly, he very much enjoyed the Courreges play, *Gold Dust or Bust*.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated the Tamura students and parents honored as well as Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Gandall and Mr. Collins for their participation in the National Children's Study. She also noted the Resolution before the Board in honor of Week of the School Administrator and noted what wonderful administrators we have in our district. She enjoyed the opening of the Girl's Fast Pitch

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and Slow Pitch as well as the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception. She also attend the OCDE State of Education presentation by Bill Habermehl and the HUC Founders Day Luncheon. She attended the Chamber of Commerce’s Education Foundation meeting as well as the OCSBA/ACSA joint dinner and the PAGE meeting which preceded it. She was pleased to report that at the FVEF meeting there was discussion over the preparations for the upcoming music concerts as well as the nominating committee for the Foundation officers. She also noted the upcoming Student in Business Day on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:15am-12pm, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce’s Education Foundation at Euro Masters. And she attended the Community Volunteer Academy meeting as well as enjoyed the CSBA webinar on the American Disability Act.

Mrs. Edwards also enjoyed the OCDE State of Education presentation by Bill Habermehl as well as the HUC Founders Day Luncheon honoring Mrs. Eadie. She also very much enjoyed the Tamura play, noting that it was wonderful. And she joined Dr. Ecker in meeting with Assemblyman Mansoor urging him to let his constituents make a decision regarding the tax extension measures.

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Director, Support Services, Cathie Abdel, provide details for the Board of Trustees of the District’s Special Education program. She explained in detail the makeup of the District’s 618 special education K-8 students and 100 special education preschool students and the numerous programs offered to these students by the District. She answered questions from the board regarding autism and its increase in our District, noting that while there has not been rapid increase, it is steady.

**PRESENTATION ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
(ORAL REPORT)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Crandall moved to adopt Resolution 2011-27:  
Week of the School Administrator

**RESOLUTION 2011-  
27: WEEK OF THE  
SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATOR**

**Second:** Mr. Templin

Mr. Collins echoed Mrs. Crandall’s earlier remarks regarding our administrators noting that a site level principal is the heart and soul of the district and we all support their success. He noted that he is very proud of all of the staff at our sites.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to approve the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business

CONSENT  
CALENDAR/  
ROUTINE ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from February 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Renewal of membership in the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$290
- Adoption of Travel Expenses Board Policy and Administrative Regulations
- Approval of 2010-11 Second Interim Report
- Approval of 2011 Special Education Extended School Year Program and August Program
- Approval of EISS Grant Application – Gisler
- Approval of EISS Grant Application – Newland
- Approval of Agreement for Educationally-Related Mental Health Services between FVSD and OCHCA
- Approval of Use of OCDE Interdistrict Transfer Agreement
- Approval of Receipt of CSEA, Chapter 358 Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-12
- Approval of Presentation of Fountain Valley School District’s Initial 2011-12 Contract Proposals to CSEA Chapter 358

**NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Mrs. Crandall Requested that the members of the Fountain

Valley Music Live committee be recognized by the Board at the next meeting. Mrs. Edwards and the rest of the board agreed.

Dr. Ecker Noted the comments made on the budget at the ACSA/OCSBA joint dinner and the presentations by Lucy Dunn and Mike Kilborn. He noted the upcoming Legislative Action Day and that he was sure those attending would emphasize to our legislators the effects of an all cuts budget on education and our district. He noted that principal Cara Robinson is busy planning several activities for the group attending and that he would report back to the Board upon his return. He noted as well the important difference between spending and investing with regards to education and the importance of approaching our State's deficit in this same manner.

Dr. Ecker Noted that several representatives from the District will be attending the upcoming Sacramento Safari and while we are not the largest district participating, we do have the greatest percentage of attendance.

Dr. Ecker Noted the various new additions to the district's web site including a special link to updates on the progress of the study by the School Boundaries and Closure committee, included in the spirit of access and transparency for the public. He noted that this as well as information regarding the developing of the budget will continue to be updated.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. McMahon for his presentation to staff today regarding the State budget and its effect on the district. He noted that the presentation was well received and as more information is available, may be presented to sites and parents as well.

Dr. Ecker Congratulated Mrs. Eadie for her honor at the HUC Founders Day Luncheon.

Dr. Ecker Noted how proud he is of the presentation done

by Mrs. Abdel. He noted that many struggle to balance what we know is right for children who learn differently and the cost of special education programs and what we should be getting from the Federal government. He noted that the staff does an amazing job of providing many services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

**Second:** Mr. Templin

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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