

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

April 7, 2011

MINUTES

President Pro Tem Judy Edwards 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

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

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The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:21pm.

Mrs. Crandall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE
CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Allcorn read the following closed session announcement:

“Based upon the Board’s review and acceptance of the Administrative Hearing Panel’s findings of facts and recommendation for expulsion, I move that Student #1062301083 be expelled from the Masuda Middle School through the 3rd trimester of the 2010-2011 school year. I further move that the student be transferred to Fulton Middle School through the 3rd trimester of the 2010-11 school year.”

Second: Mrs. Crandall

Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Allcorn made the following second closed session announcement:

“Based upon the Board’s review and acceptance of the Administrative Hearing Panel’s findings of facts and recommendation for expulsion, Mr. Collins moved that Student #9045829091 be expelled from Masuda Middle School through the 3rd trimester of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Collins further moved that the student be transferred to Moiola School through the 3rd trimester of the 2010-11 school year.”

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Action Committee for Education (ACE) is a broad-based school community legislative action group which addresses current issues and sponsors annual projects to promote and benefit not only the Fountain Valley School District but public education in general. Representatives made a presentation to the Board of Trustees on ACE’s recent participation in the Sacramento Safari. Presenting this evening were Alan Gandall, Jim Frederisy, Crystal Abbott, Laura Gilmore, Ian Collins and Lisa Schultz.

**PRESENTATION BY
ACTION COMMITTEE
FOR EDUCATION (ACE)
ON SACRAMENTO
SAFARI**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Templin enjoyed the ACE meeting as well as Open House at Masuda and Fulton. He participated in a webinar for school districts regarding law enforcement and inter-government committee relations. He also participated in the meeting of the Fountain Valley Triathlon Committee. He enjoyed the Festival of the Arts and noted that it was a great opportunity to see music and arts in the District. He also noted that the School Boundary and Closure Committee had their first meeting and that minutes from this meeting were available on the District web site.

**BOARD REPORTS AND
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Mrs. Allcorn enjoyed the Middle School Choir’s performance as a part of the Festival of the Arts as well as the Orchestra Night. She commended the Foundation for their execution of these wonderful events. She also enjoyed Open House at Fulton as well as the induction ceremony for the Tamura Jr. National Honor Society. She joined Mrs. Edwards in meeting with Assemblyman Mansoor. And she commended Mrs. Sharpe for her receptiveness in response to feedback on the district’s food service program. And she also attended the parent information night for the District’s Preppy K and All Day Kindergarten pilot programs and was pleased to report that 157 parents attended this meeting with interest. She also noted that Kindergarten Round Up at Tamura earlier today went well.

Mr. Collins enjoyed 4 days in the Masters in Governance training and noted how amazing it is what information is learned through this program. He attended the SPC meeting as well as the Sacramento Safari with ACE and noted that this trip was enjoyable as usual. He enjoyed

Open House at Talbert as well as the Middle School Choir's performance. He noted that it would be heartbreaking if this were ever cut. He also enjoyed the Jr. National Honor Society induction ceremony at Tamura and noted how well the ceremony was performed.

Mrs. Crandall thanked each of the ACE representatives that attended the Sacramento Safari for representing the District so well. She also congratulated Mrs. Edwards on her reelection to the Delegate Assembly. She enjoyed the opening of the Pony League baseball as well as a tour of the alternative high school at Harbor and Lilac. She presented a Parent Academy Training on 1st and 2nd grade math and attended the Kindergarten options parent information meeting. She commended Rosemary on her presentation. She also enjoyed the Mayor's Breakfast with a presentation by the Orange County Property Tax Assessor's Office. She enjoyed tours of the Maintenance and Operations facilities as well as ESP and a practice of the Fountain Valley Middle School Singers. She also enjoyed the induction ceremony at Tamura for their Jr. National Honors Society as well as the Rotary Every Student Succeeding Breakfast and the Festival of the Arts concerts. She enjoyed Open House at Talbert and Masuda as well as the St. Patrick's Day luncheon and Spring Breakfast at the District Office and the FVEF meeting in addition to the Fountain Valley Chamber's Educational Committee meeting. She was pleased to report that the planning was going well for the upcoming Student in Business Day. And lastly, she participated in webinars hosted by CSBA on the Open Enrollment Act and children's wellbeing.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed the induction ceremony for the Jr. National Honor Society at Tamura School as well as the Every Student Succeeding breakfast hosted by Rotary at the District Office. She joined Mrs. Allcorn in visiting Assemblyman Mansoor and noted that the visit was very interesting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were three requests to address the board. Three Moiola parents addressed the board on their concerns that Moiola may be closed. They urged the board not to close Moiola School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mrs. Crandall requested that items 2M English Learners Master Plan—March 2011 and 2P 2010-11 Program Effectiveness Results be pulled for separate vote.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS**

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar/Routine Items of Business with the exception of items 2M and 2P.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Crandall moved to approve item 2M English Learners Master Plan—March 2011.

Second: Mr. Templin

Mrs. Crandall noted her feeling that this item is worth pulling for a separate vote as the report is very well done. She noted her appreciation that the report was completed early, given the upcoming retirement of Mrs. Minnesang. She noted that the percentage of English Learner students served is up but that reclassification of these students is also up. She also noted that 80% are working in mainstream classrooms. Both points are notable and the results of proper assessment and proper remedy. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Edwards also noted that this is the result of good teaching.

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve item 2P 2010-11 Program Effectiveness Results

Second: Mr. Collins

Mrs. Crandall noted that she also thought this report merited a separate vote and that the district is outpacing the State and County by 6% as indicated in this report. She also noted that the number of students not making redesignation is down, the right way for this number to go. She also noted the positive evaluation of the Title I reading specialists at Oka and Cox and the 70% and 60% satisfaction with training at these sites respectively. She noted that this is a salute to the leadership at the top and the

teaching.

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from March 10th regular meeting
- Personnel Items
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of Receipt of Fountain Valley Education Association’s Initial Contract Proposals for 2011-12
- Approval of Receipt of Fountain Valley School District Initial Contract
- Approval of Williams Quarterly Report for Third Quarter 2010-11
- Approval of EISS Grant Application – Tamura
- Approval of Settlement Agreement/Reimbursement
- Approval of Retainer Agreement for Legal Services with Margaret A. Chidester & Associates
- Approval of English Learner Master Plan—March 2011
- Adoption of Resolution 2011-28 Public Entity Resolution and Contract for Deposit of Moneys with Union Bank
- Approval of Altaware, Inc.
- Approval of 2009-10 Program Effectiveness Results
- Approval of Settlement Agreement
- Approval of Settlement Agreement
- Approval of 6-8 Grade Teacher Training in Holt Core English Language Arts
- Non-Public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Cornerstone Therapies	\$2,350	2/1/11-6/30/11

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. Collins Noted his desire to see a change in how the Board conducts the discussion of their Board Interests and District Goals explaining that he would prefer to see this begin in the Spring in order to tie into the Budget development process. He explained that in the current climate, it is difficult to develop a goal or interest if there is not the money for it. He

noted the need to tie our budget discussions to the Board Interests and District Goals discussions.

- Mrs. Allcorn Noted that she liked the idea of a public meeting where the Board can discuss these. She noted that the difference between the interests and the goals is that the interests are the chance for the Board to put a broad idea out there and once these become district goals then it is important to make sure the budget is there for them. She noted that she does like the idea of a public meeting to discuss these.
- Mr. Collins Noted that there are major issues facing the Board and that they have not yet had the chance to have that sort of open discussion. He noted that while he does not want to create an unnecessary meeting, that if he does feel it would be productive time.
- Dr. Ecker Agreed that this sort of meeting would be productive and that given the difference between the Board Interests and District Goals, perhaps the Board Interests can be repositioned on the calendar prior to the current July, possibly before the district adopts its budget, so that Board can drive interests toward the budget.
- Mrs. Edwards Noted that Board Interests do not need to be discussed at the same time as the District Goals.
- Mr. Collins Noted his desire to keep the process transparent and that the public has interest in the discussion.
- Mrs. Crandall Noted the three study sessions held each year and that she is looking forward to the process taking place.
- Dr. Ecker Thanked the ACE representatives for their presentation and noted his delight in having such great advocates for what the district does.
- Dr. Ecker Enjoyed the Festival of the Arts and noted the

link between high performing districts and performing arts programs. He noted that the performing arts touch the common core of education.

Dr. Ecker Thanked the Moiola parents who came forward to address the Board tonight. He noted that he speaks for the Board in saying that the study is a very difficult part but that it is something that has been done in this district for quite some time, having originally had 18 schools and now having only 11. He noted that the district has been able to stay away from closure in the past but that now it is more important than ever to consider expenses and the importance of operating efficiently. He noted the committee is driven in the process not by ease but by the responsibility to maintain a well balanced school district. He noted that the meetings are open and very much a transparent process and if there are any ideas as to how the meetings or information can be more accessible, the district is open to hearing them. He noted that the recommendation is scheduled to come to the Board in the Fall and that there will be public hearings and deliberation. If it is recommended to close a school or schools, then this would not be in effect until 2012, a year from September. He noted that public input is welcome.

Mrs. Edwards Thanked those Moiola parents who addressed the Board, noting that they are always welcome to address the Board.

Mrs. Edwards Thanked those ACE committee members who attended the Sacramento Safari on behalf of the District and for their presentation this evening.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

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