

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**September 8, 2011**

**MINUTES**

President Judy Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

**Second:** Mr. Collins

**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.
- Negotiations: *Government Code 54957.6*  
Update and review of negotiations with the FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with the Board's designated representative, Mrs. Cathie Abdel.

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

Mr. Templin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Assistant Superintendent Anne Silavs presented the 2011 STAR Tests Results for the Fountain Valley School District to the Board of Trustees. She noted that the District's API score dropped one point from 893 in 2010 to 892 in 2011. She explained that 6 schools showed gains in 2011 ranging from 3-34 points while 4 showed a decrease in scores ranging from 14-29 points and 1 school's score remained unchanged. She noted that all sites met the State goal of 800 and regarding our district goal of 900, almost all sites met this goal. She noted the 2011 AYP targets of 67.6% proficient or advanced in ELA and 68.5% proficient or advanced in math and explained the district's 2011 results. She noted a slight drop in ELA from 78.3% in 2010 to 77.4% in 2011, still well above the Federal target. And noted that in math the district saw a slight increase from 76.7% in 2010 77.7% in 2011. She noted that the district continues to exceed both State and County averages in both ELA and math. She explained that some of our subgroups did not make their targets for 2011 including the Hispanic subgroup in ELA and math, the Socio Economically Disadvantage subgroup in ELA and the Special Education subgroup in ELA and math. She noted that the achievement gap is apparent, with a double digit gap in most subgroups in ELA and math. She explained that the district has been labeled as a Program Improvement (PI) district, a district with schools that receive Title I funds that have missed targets in ELA and math for two consecutive years in any subgroup. She noted that 20 of 28 districts are identified as PI this year, versus 13 last year. She explained the next steps for the district including a focus on the 9 essential program components, State instructional frameworks, Response to Instructions/Intervention, PLCs, data driven instruction, and professional development. Mrs. Crandall asked for clarification on the guidance documents required and their deadlines. Ms. Silavs explained that the district does have some time to complete these with the LEA Plan being due March 1<sup>st</sup> and the addendum requiring Board approval in February. She explained that they will use all of the tools to guide the addendum to the LEA plan. She also explained that notification regarding the district's PI status also went out to parents. Mrs. Allcorn asked regarding the 10% of Title 1 funds if this money comes out of what has already been spent for aides. Ms. Silavs explained that the amount is taken off of the top so the sites will get a little less. Mrs. Allcorn asked if the pacing guides are scripted lessons.

STAR TEST RESULTS  
2011 (ORAL AND  
WRITTEN)

Ms. Silavs explained that these outline specific standards that need to be taught. Dr. Ecker noted that this is the first time that the District has been designated as PI and although there has been a lot of discussion of the flawed bill, ESEA 2001, he noted that we can see now that 82% of districts will be labeled PI in one program or another. Knowing this, he noted that what we saw last Thursday and Friday at the sites is the sense of urgency and recognition that we need. He noted that if we are going to be successful for all students then need to close the achievement gap. He noted the sense of mission at all of our sites and amongst our staff, noting that it is exciting to see. He thanked Ms. Silavs for bringing this to the forefront. Mrs. Edwards agreed that it was great to see the presentations last week.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Templin enjoyed several webinars and trainings regarding the GATE program and noted that this has been a great learning experience. He noted learning about AYP and API and pacing guides aligned with curriculum but not necessarily standards. He noted as well that he has continued to receive emails regarding school closures and that he will do his best to look into those concerns shared.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Allcorn noted that she has been enjoying the start of the school year in her current position and that she is looking forward to a great year in both her work district and the Fountain Valley School District.

Mr. Collins enjoyed participating in several school orientations and noted his amazement at the number of volunteers at each school working all day. He noted the anxious and excited students as well as the dedication of the teachers in this district as seen at orientation. He also enjoyed the Management Retreat BBQ at the Eckers'.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated all of the district personnel for a splendid and exciting first day of school. She enjoyed a tour of the Crossroads office building in Orange and noted that she is looking forward to increased occupancy. She enjoyed the staff development presentations and noted that all sessions were right on the money in dealing with effectiveness in delivering instruction to students. She noted that Engaging Students had a powerful aspect in that the presenters were our own principals and assistant principals. She commended Ms. Silavs and Mr. McMahan in putting these presentations together. She attended

both Fulton and Masuda’s orientations as a representative of the FVEF and noted that in an effort to increase FVEF membership, the Foundation is offering \$100 off the \$300 band fee if a \$50 family donation is made to FVEF. She held a Community Volunteer Academy training for Kindergarten parents noting that 10% of our incoming Kindergarten parents attended. And she enjoyed the Festival of Children presentation as well as the chance to cheer on the FVLA at the Kelly Osbourn Memorial Foundation event.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed a tour of the Crossroads building and noted that it is a pleasure to see the building looking so much better than it had at her previous visit. She attended the professional development workshop and was impressed with the enthusiasm of the presenters noting that it seemed that all who participated in the event had a great time. And she joined Mr. Collins in attending the Management Retreat BBQ at the Eckers’.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board.

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**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Crandall moved to approve adoption of the Board Interest for the 2011-12 school year.

**ADOPTION OF BOARD INTERESTS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Second:** Mr. Templin

**Vote:** 5-0

**Motion:** Mr. Collins moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT CALENDAR/ ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Second:** Mr. Templin

**Vote:** 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers

- Approval of CISI Membership for Assistant Superintendent, Anne Silavs, in the amount of \$300
- Approval of Unaudited Actuals for Fiscal Year Ending 2010-11
- Approval of Board Agreement with OCC/SLPA Program
- Approval of Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. Agreement for 2011-2012

## NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Templin      Noted that nominations for supervisorial districts are now open. He explained that all current members are choosing to run for reelection and that we are one of 28 districts that are going to be voting. He explained that the deadline for nominations is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mrs. Edwards      Thanked Ms. Silavs for her presentation this evening.
- Dr. Ecker      Noted that school opened yesterday and that the opening of school brings a sense of hope that it will be a great year despite the financial challenges that we face and noted that miracles do happen. He explained that 22 new teachers joined the district with great enthusiasm as well as several new principals at some of our schools. He noted that it is an opening of hope with the promise of miracles and good things to happen.
- Dr. Ecker      Thanked Mrs. Crandall for her Kindergarten presentations and the teaching that happened there. He noted that it is such a great program and it is our hope to expand this and see our faculty volunteers increased so that we can grow this program with retired teachers as well, those who will bring to the academy so many great skills.
- Dr. Ecker      Thanked Mrs. Crandall for mentioning the Kelly Osborn Memorial Foundation. He noted that the Fountain Valley School District and the FVLA took out a \$300 sponsorship and had a wonderful team participate in the event. He noted that we had great observers present and

our banner up at the event. He noted that this is a wonderful charity that funds our Every Student Succeeding awards with \$500 for each of 11 students honored in addition to other events. And he noted that tomorrow Dave Osborn will be honored at a Rotary District awards event.

Dr. Ecker            Thanked Ms. Silavs for an excellent report and for focusing us on the numbers and the subgroup results.

Dr. Ecker            Thanked Mr. McMahon for watching the budget and our numbers.

Dr. Ecker            Thanked Mrs. Abdel for keeping her arm around our new teachers and guiding them through an excellent start to the new year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**            Mr. Templin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

**Second:**            Mr. Collins

**Vote:**                Unanimously approved

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