

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

October 13, 2011

MINUTES

President Judy Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:32pm.

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

Mrs. Edwards noted there was an addendum to the Closed Session agenda with the addition of the following item:

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Pupil Personnel: *Education Code 48912(b) and 48918(c)*
Student Expulsion or other disciplinary matters

Motion: Mr. Templin moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

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. 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.
- Pupil Personnel: *Education Code 48912(b) and 48918(c)*
Student Expulsion or other disciplinary matters

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:11pm.

Mr. Templin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE
CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mrs. Crandall made 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 #9060799421 be expelled from the Fountain Valley School District through the 2nd trimester of the 2011-12 school year.”

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Crandall 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, I move to suspend the expulsion of Student #9060799421. I further move that the student be transferred to another district school through the 3rd trimester of the 2011-12 school year.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Marc Ecker was joined by President Judy Edwards in acknowledging the generous contributions to the District and its arts programs by Salamon Art. In addition to providing all of the framing for the artwork on display at the District Office since the beginning of the program, Salamon Art continues to display support of the District’s numerous Visual and Performing Arts Programs through numerous sponsorships and donations. Guy and Jennifer Salamon were joined by their three

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
SALAMON ART**

sons in accepting this recognition from the District.

Assistant Superintendent Anne Silavs acknowledged the recent generous grant funding to each of the K-5/8 schools in the Fountain Valley School District. These grants totaling nearly \$100,000 over the last three years were presented via the Assistance League’s philanthropic program called “Links to Learning.” Grant Coordinator for “Links to Learning”, Maryann Boryszewski and her committee, were present to accept this recognition.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF GRANT
PRESENTATIONS BY
THE HUNTINGTON
BEACH ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing for the purpose of receiving input on the District’s certification provisions of standards-aligned instructional materials. Public input was welcomed. There were no requests to address the Board and the hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
CERTIFICATION OF
PROVISIONS OF
STANDARDS-ALIGNED
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Templin enjoyed Back to School Night at Newland and Courreges, and was very impressed with both schools and their campuses. He also was able to attend Back To School Night for Talbert and was very impressed with all that he saw there. He noted the School Loop discussions and that this was the first time he was able to see the teachers discuss this with parents. He noted his hope that parents are enjoying this site as it is an amazing thing to help parents. He attended the first ACE meeting and noted that he has enjoyed being a part of this committee. He met with Ed Eldridge and Cheryl Loukides with FVEA and noted that he continues to receive emails regarding school closure and he is taking the time to read and get back to as many as he can.

**BOARD REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Allcorn enjoyed Back To School Night at Fulton noting that it was packed with all of the scouts there. She noted that the presentations were terrific and that the year is starting off great and it is exciting to be there. She also met with Ed Eldridge and Cheryl Loukides from FVEA and was pleased for the opportunity to hear their point of view. She noted that the middle school choir has started and the program is at 105 students and growing. She met with the Fulton PTA board, noting that the big fundraiser at the school is down 20% and this is a huge thing. She

explained that as the Board is looking at our budgets, the school budgets are tight as well. She noted that the Governor signed several pieces of legislation including AB 1156, bully legislation, and noted that although it is not in effect until 2012-13 it will be interesting to see the programs that schools need to do in response to bullying. She noted that she is looking forward to this.

Mr. Collins noted that for this first month there is not much to report regarding the school district. He enjoyed a two week family reunion in England and two weeks in Italy with his daughter. He is glad to be back.

Mrs. Crandall enjoyed Back To School Night at Gisler and Moiola, noting that she loved seeing all the attentive focusing on children and their programs. She also enjoyed the 9/11 ceremony at Courreges, noting that it was a solemn but age appropriate ceremony by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She enjoyed the Tamura fundraiser for RtI efforts and Talbert Middle School's dedication to Jill Miller, noting that it was a coordinated effort and outcome suiting a tribute to her. She attended the Most Improved Student recognition by the Fountain Valley Rotary, and noted that it was interesting to see the turnaround in academics and efforts visible in these students. She attended the September and October FVEF meetings, noting that fundraising activities were reviewed and the January 28th FV Music Live has been taken off the calendar. She noted that the first opportunity to support the FVEF will be on Nov 4th 5th at the Chocolate Festival and she explained that 25% of the price of chocolate covered caramel will go back to the FVEF. She accepted on behalf of the Board and the PTA/Os the Annie's Angel award from the Southwest Community Center. And she attended the CSBA webinars on the budget and education legislation being considered and common core standards adopted by California.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed Back To School Night at Oka and Plavan as well as Masuda Middle School. She also attended the CSBA special event for new Executive Director, Vernon Bill. She noted the new direction for CSBA and that it will be interesting to hear more of this at the upcoming annual convention. She enjoyed the first SPC meeting and noted that it was fun to see the new PT presidents and their enthusiasm, noting that it is a tough time to raise money.

STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent, Stephen McMahon, presented the recommendations of the School Boundaries and Closure Committee to the Board of Trustees. He reviewed the process by which members of the committee were selected, the format of committee meetings, the plan for the committee's work, the committee's ranking criteria and the resulting recommendation of the committee that as a means of more efficiently operating District schools and reducing costs, the Board should consider closing a school. He explained that based upon the measurable criteria selected by the committee for closure, Moiola School is recommended for closure.

Mr. Templin noted his understanding that this can be a frustrating part of the process and explained that the Board is here to listen to what those public speakers here this evening have to say but noted that it is not necessarily the platform for the Board to respond. He asked Mr. McMahon when the decision was being looked at as to whether or not to close a school, was it also looked at as to whether or not there are other alternative solutions. Mr. McMahon noted that the committee did discuss alternatives. He explained that there was suggestions brought up and they did discuss those. But, in general it was the focus to close a school. He noted that as a staff, the District has been through so many layoffs and has trimmed so much wherever we can already. He explained that it is not as black and white, but that he feels that the committee did bring up some things that were discussed, for example, suggestions were brought up about the property and maintenance. Those that asked questions were answered but the committee did not come up with a laundry list of suggestions.

Dr. Ecker noted that a little historical perspective is important as well, explaining that the committee was formed by the Board based upon an interest that had existed for the last 5-6 years. During this period of time, school districts, ours included, experienced a drop in revenue by the State, our own district cutting \$7 million from our budget over three years. During this time, the District and Board looked at every facet of our budget, and several chief business officials suggested closing schools. He explained that this is not something that any board or staff would want to jump at. He explained that the committee was not necessarily tasked to come up with alternatives as this had been done already 5 years prior to the committee being started. Instead the committee was asked, based on upon facts warranted by data, if this district should operate with fewer sites. He explained that we all have experienced the alternatives ways that the District has attempted to avoid this.

Mr. Collins noted that 3 years ago, the board went through painful decisions in cutting programs that effect kids, combined with an

SCHOOL BOUNDARIES
AND CLOSURE
COMMITTEE REPORT
(WRITTEN AND ORAL)

economic downturn. He noted that we have to look at all of the alternatives to be sure that we are running this district as fiscally as we can. He noted that if we closed a school, we must consider whether or not the amount saved would be appropriate. He noted that the programs that we cut affected students with special needs in the district, including cutting the reading specialists and 20:1 class sizes, and as an educator, it is extremely difficult to do. He explained that in talking to former CBOs in the district, they have also said that we cannot afford the luxury of too many schools. He noted that the saying that we can “do more with less” is not true.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 17 requests to address the Board regarding the possible closure of Moiola School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from September 8th regular meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of renewal of membership in the Orange County District Superintendents’ Organization in the amount of \$250
- Approval of Renewal of the District’s membership in the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$321
- Adoption of Resolution 2012-06: Certification of Provisions of Standards-aligned Instructional Materials
- Approval of Proclamation of Appreciation to the Huntington Beach Assistance League
- Approval of Acceptance of 2011-2012 Memo of

Understanding between the Orange County Department of Education and the Fountain Valley School District for the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment System (BTSA)/Induction Program Consortium – Agreement Number: 37335

- Transportation Services through OCDE (MOU)
- Williams Quarterly Report for First Quarter 2011-12
- ATEC Service Agreement for 2011-12
- 2011-12 Outdoor Science Education Study Trips
- Non-public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Cornerstone Therapies	\$2,550	7/1/11-6/30/12
Cornerstone Therapies	\$70	7/1/11-6/30/12
Therapeutic Education Centers	\$47,025	7/1/11-6/30/12
Cornerstone Therapies	\$7,820	7/1/11-6/30/12
Sage Behavior Services, Inc.	\$2,840	8/1/11-9/06/11
Cornerstone Therapies	\$700	7/1/11-8/31/11
Devereux Florida	\$1,804	5/20/11-6/30/11
Cornerstone Therapies	\$191.25	11/1/10-6/30/11
Cornerstone Therapies	\$50	7/1/10-6/30/11
Devereux Florida	\$9,030	5/20/11-6/30/11
Devereux Florida	\$78,475	7/1/11-6/30/12
Devereux Florida	\$35,250	7/1/11-6/30/12
Speech & Lang. Dev. Center	\$36,941	9/6/11-6/30/12

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mrs. Edwards Discussed the dates for a public hearing regarding the recommendations of the School Boundaries and Closure Committee. After discussion, the Board reached consensus on having a public hearing on Tuesday, November 8th at 7pm.

Dr. Ecker Thanked those speakers that addressed the Board this evening. He noted that at the public hearing on November 8th there will be another opportunity for the public to share their feedback with the Board. He noted that it is not easy to address the Board and commended those that did this evening.

Dr. Ecker Thanked the School Boundaries and Closure Committee. He wished to extend his appreciation to each member for coming this evening and for their diligent work.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Mr. McMahon for the marvelous job

he has done with the committee.

Dr. Ecker Thanked Marc Tanti for the comments that he made this evening in addressing the Board on the role of the committee.

Dr. Ecker Noted the ESEA Reauthorization effects currently going on and thanked CSBA and the work that they did to formulate these recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm.

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: Unanimously approved

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