

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

January 12, 2012

MINUTES

President Ian Collins 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

Ian Collins	President
Christine Allcorn	President Pro Tem
Sandra Crandall	Clerk
Jimmy Templin	Member
Judith Edwards	Member

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve the meeting agenda.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Collins 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 7:10pm.

PLEDGE OF

Girl Scout Troop 1628 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 joined Ms. Adams in recognizing six outstanding students from Tamura School. Those students recognized were: Riley Pace (K), Anabel Irwin (1st), Emma Chavez (2nd), Ryan Rodriguez (3rd), Julie Cavanaugh (4th), and Haley Wittick (5th).

RECOGNITION OF
STUDENTS FROM
TAMURA SCHOOL

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize students who display high achievement, improvement or extraordinary effort. The Board joined Mrs. Davis in recognizing seven outstanding students from Newland School. Those students recognized were: Lena Nguyen (K), Mason Speirs (1st), Madison Klasey (2nd), Kaitlyn Klasey (2nd), Cianna Curcio (3rd), Sam Anderson (4th), and Amelia Chung (5th).

RECOGNITION OF
STUDENTS FROM
NEWLAND SCHOOL

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 joined Ms. Adams and PT President Mr. Baker in recognizing and thanking Christie Araiza and Christy Bell.

RECOGNITION OF
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
FROM TAMURA SCHOOL

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RECOGNITION OF
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
FROM NEWLAND
SCHOOL

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Crandall extended her congratulations to the Newland and Tamura students and parent volunteers honored this evening. She enjoyed attending Moiola's Special Person Day as well the Rotary Most Improved Student Recognition, which included the honoring of a student from Moiola School. She was able to witness the devastation at Tamura School and noted the many families and staff working together with Maintenance to clean up. She attended the 10th annual Lunar New Year celebration at Tamura School and noted the high engagement on the student's part at this event which was well coordinated by the Tamura staff. She also attended the Community Volunteer Academy's meeting where an update on the progress of new speakers was

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discussed. She reported that in March an OCDE speaker will present on brain research. She also attended a meeting with the District auditors regarding the 2010-11 audit and was pleased to report that the audit was totally unqualified with no misstatements and those misstatements from a year ago were corrected. She enjoyed the Educational Foundation's meeting, noting that teacher grant applications are out and due back by February 1st. She also noted the numerous music concerts as a part of the Festival of the Arts during March. She attended a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee and noted that April 19th has been selected as the date for the next Student in Business Day to be held at Fountain Valley High School. She noted that the participation of our middle school has not yet been determined. She also enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce luncheon where new officers were installed for 2012 and she attended the teacher training with Dr. Kevin Feldman at the District Office.

Mr. Templin wished everyone a happy New Year and noted that he has been working through the school boundaries issue. He noted that he appreciates the emails and opinions that have been shared. He met with Mrs. Allcorn and Mr. McMahon regarding school closure and discussed new ideas on what they think is best. He also met with Dr. Ecker and has spent a great deal of time working on what hopefully is the best solution to school boundaries.

Mrs. Edwards wished everyone a happy New Year. She noted that before the holiday, she enjoyed the Fountain Valley Middle School Singers' performance as well as the Holiday Breakfast at the District Office. She met with Mr. McMahon regarding the school boundaries as well. And she noted her plans to attend Dr. Feldman's training at the District Office tomorrow.

Mrs. Allcorn met with Mr. McMahon regarding school boundaries and noted that she is anxious to hear his report tonight as well as hear from the community. She noted that it is nice to have Tamura staff and families here as it's like coming home for her. She noted that her family went to Tamura after the break-in and had the opportunity to help clean up some of the classrooms. She noted that it was good to see the staff there, but not good to see the mess. She enjoyed McTeacher night at McDonalds and noted that it was very successful. She also noted staff development at her school regarding Common Core Standards coming to school districts in 2014. She noted these new standards will be laid on top of 100% proficient students and

focus on critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation. She noted that it will be exciting as we move into this and look at these common core standards.

Mr. Collins noted that regarding Tamura, those that vandalized the site were caught and will face restitution. He noted that this was not taken lightly by the District. He noted that he recently presented to the Huntington Beach City School District Board of Trustees. He also attended Dedra Norman's retirement and enjoyed the performance of the Middle School Singers. He was a chef at the District Office Holiday Breakfast and also enjoyed Gisler's Special Person Day, a meeting of the Corporate Committee for Education Foundation, and stopped in on Dr. Feldman's training. He thanked Mr. Eldridge for meeting with Judy and him and wished everyone a happy New Year.

STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. McMahon provided the Board with a review of the proposed revisions to school boundaries. He explained that the concerns over the size of some of our schools and seeing that we are up to our maximum at some sites, like Masuda and Fulton while we still have room at others, like Talbert, have been present for many years. He noted that this is a difficult subject and one that there are many opinions about. He noted that the District wants to make sure that it does not eliminate the 18% that come to us from outside the District but also wants to keep neighborhoods together and find a solution that would last the District for a while. He noted that the District also wants to continue with school choice options for parents. He explained the four proposed options including option 1, the recommendation of the School Boundary and Closure Committee; option 2, a variation of option 1 that addresses the split of the Courreges community; option 3 which keeps whole elementary schools together and advancing to the same middle schools; and option 4 which combines the elementary boundaries of option 1 and 2 but the middle school boundaries of option 3. He also explained the enrollment by each of the options, noting some difficulties in each option including option 1 which causes over enrollment in Newland, as with option 2, but offers an exchange in some spots between Fulton and Talbert, causing over enrollment in Talbert. He explained that option 3 creates over enrollment at Talbert, the same as option 4. He noted that these are not the exact enrollments that will take place as there will be some transfer requests. He also noted that we can control to an extent the

REPORT ON PROPOSED REVISION TO SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

number of new transfers from outside the school so that we can be closer to the maximum enrollment at each site. He reviewed the current boundaries as well as the new boundaries involved in each of the proposed options. He explained that the next steps include the Board's decision, transition planning, notification of assignments to parents, an open choice period between March 1st and April 2nd that will allow those that do not like their assignment to turn in a transfer request, April notifications of those transferred, finalization of student assignments, staff reassignments in May, and movement of staff and materials over the summer. He noted that the earlier the Board makes a decision the better for the District as we try to plan for the future.

Mr. Templin questioned regarding option 4 whether this option would make Newland too large and Oka too small. Mr. McMahon explained that Oka would be okay would this be the chosen option. Mr. Templin noted that Oka would have room to grow. In looking at the boundary proposed in Option 4 compared to the current boundary, Mr. Templin suggested instead splitting the difference, only moving the boundary a quarter block, leaving half of those currently attending Newland still at Newland and taking the rest to Oka. He noted that this would change the estimated enrollments to 408 at Newland, under the maximum enrollment, and 460 at Oka, also under its maximum enrollment. This would essentially be moving less people from one school to another. Mrs. Edwards noted that this would still be moving people. Mr. Templin agreed, noting though that it would be only half as many.

Dr. Ecker noted his understanding that Mr. Templin is speaking of the wash area, with the boundary west of Bushard. Mr. Templin agreed. Dr. Ecker noted that at the current time with our current boundaries, many of these residents in this area attend Newland. He explained that Newland is a Special Education center for the district with numerous sundry programs using its rooms that could remain there or not. It is a site built originally for 800 students. But since its building, many of the rooms have been turned into labs, media centers, etc. which reduce its enrollment capacity. By reducing Newland's numbers down quite low it would reduce the ability of this board or any future board to make substantive changes if there were changes to the Special Education program there. There would be numerous empty rooms at the site if there were to be changes to the Special Education program there. He noted that considering this is a decision for the long term, the board would not want to create a boundary now that would prevent natural draws to the site in the future.

Mr. Templin noted the red number indicating an over enrollment at Newland with this option. Mrs. Allcorn explained that there is a red number or over enrollment involved in each option noting that potentially in each option there could be an issue but that the Board will just have to come up with a different solution if they choose a particular option. Mr. McMahon explained that with any of the options, the red numbers can be worked with. He explained that staff is not presenting any option to the Board that they cannot work with. He noted that the one thing that is more of a concern is that if everyone that is assigned to Talbert decides to go to Talbert, there may be some difficulty there, but there are certainly lots of options at Newland that we can work with there. Dr. Ecker explained his point that the District at this time is heavy in the north, along with having the potential to draw more students from the north. Mr. Templin noted that although the chart shows that option 4 is potentially bad for Newland, there actually is more room at Newland than noted. Dr. Ecker agreed, explaining that this is true only if the board creates boundaries that would naturally draw to Newland.

Mr. Collins noted that in this first year, it has been explained that if a student is in a school they can continue to go to that school despite the changing boundaries and so these numbers are not hard and fast. Mr. McMahon agreed, noting that these are accurate estimates although they are loose especially when considering that we are giving parents options to select alternative sites and there will be movement.

Mr. Collins noted his understanding that the largest middle school when considering acreage is Talbert, while Masuda is the smallest although, Masuda is rather crowded and uses several portables. Mr. McMahon agreed noting that there are four portables there that the district is renting and would like to see a decrease in this.

Mr. Collins asked the total number of inter-district transfers into the district. Mr. McMahon explained that there are 650 elementary students and almost 400 middle school student transfers. Mr. Collins noted that this is because we are an attractive district and without these students, we would need to close another school. Mr. McMahon agreed, noting that without the transfers it could mean needing to closing even two schools. Mr. Collins noted the importance of looking at these estimates as not absolute but more importantly to look for a solution that provides long-term viability for our district.

Mrs. Crandall noted that she too met with Mr. McMahon and noted her concern of meeting the long-term goals for the district. She noted that based on her calculations, we will have 769 8th graders promoting to high school this year. This number is

folded into our current enrollment. She also looked at those going from 7th to 8th, 6th to 7th and even further, considering if we were able to hold onto our entire Kindergarten enrollment, where we would be at nine years from now. She noted there is a significant difference, speaking to the fact that these numbers are not firm and also to the fact that these plans will allow us room to accommodate these students. She noted this because with the 769 8th graders promoting, we only have 526 Kindergarteners, due to a number of reasons including birth rate decreases, the economy, etc. She noted that these plans do accommodate for the long-term, despite the numbers not being hard and fast. She further explained that the number of 5th graders going to 6th is only 647, a difference of 100 or so from the 8th graders promoting this year. These plans also allow long-term accommodation our inter-district transfers, which generates ADA funds for the district. She noted that she has attempted to look at these plans in both the long-, short- and mid-term for the district.

Mr. Collins noted his understanding that Mr. McMahon has spent countless hours on the development of these options and noted that the parents of the district appreciate his taking the time to look at what works best for the majority while keeping in mind the long-term goals of the District. He thanked Mr. McMahon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5 members of the community addressed the Board of Trustees on the proposed school boundary revisions. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Collins noted that originally the Board was considering taking action this evening regarding school boundaries. He polled the board to see if they would agree that given that option 4 was a late addition for their consideration to postpone action on this item until a special board meeting on January 31st. The Board was in agreement to postpone this.

**SETTING OF NEW
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
BOUNDARIES**

Motion: Mrs. Crandall moved to postpone action on Item 6: Setting of New School Attendance Boundaries until a special board meeting January 31, 2012.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. Edwards moved to approve Item 7:

RESOLUTION OF

Resolution of Appreciation to Counselors Sandi Logan and Allyson McFerran in Recognition of National School Counseling Week: February 6-10, 2012.

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

Mr. Collins noted that we previously had counselors at each site, and it is criminal that we no longer can afford to have this but, he noted that the two that we do have are outstanding and do a wonderful job.

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

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 5-0

APPRECIATION TO
COUNSELORS SANDI
LOGAN AND
ALLYSON
MCFERRAN IN
RECOGNITION OF
NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING WEEK:
FEBRUARY 6-10, 2012

CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from December 8th annual organizational meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of Williams Quarterly Report for Second Quarter 2011-12
- Approval of Rejection of Claim 457869
- Approval of Addendum to District Local Education Agency Plan
- Adoption of Resolution 2012-11: Authorization for Teacher Credentials 2011-12 School Year
- Approval of Pivot Learning Partners: Principals Collaborative Program
- Approval of Receipt of Fountain Valley School's District Initial Contract Proposals for 2012-13
- Approval of Receipt of Fountain Valley Education Association's Initial Contract Proposals for 2012-13
- Approval of Financial Audit 2010-11

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Mrs. Allcorn Noted that there will be a screening of *Race to Nowhere* on January 26th at the Huntington Beach Union High School. She noted although she had not yet seen it, those who have seen it have noted that there is a powerful message there.
- Mr. Collins Noted that there is a 5K Run sponsored by the Fountain Valley Community Foundation on Saturday, February 11th. 100% of the money raised goes directly back to the schools that participate.
- Dr. Ecker Congratulated Mr. Collins on successfully leading his first meeting as president.
- Dr. Ecker Noted regarding Tamura and the comments made this evening that he too spent much of the weekend at Tamura watching the great number of heroic people helping to clean up. He thanked Joe Hastie and his staff as well as the teachers and staff that came out to help. He also thanked Eddie Baker, the PT President, and the police department for their work and investigation. He thanked Mr. McMahon for his work with our insurance. He noted the tremendous amount of work done to clean-up and that it was very much a team effort. He also thanked the HBUHSD and FVHS, noting that both Superintendent Plutko and Principal Herzfeld contacted his office to let us know that their ASB is working on putting something together for Tamura to show that not all high school students are bad ones.
- Dr. Ecker Noted that he too attended Dr. Feldman's workshop and that it was great to see such a vibrant and practical presenter. He noted that the teachers are excited and we will see results from this training. He noted that he is looking to see many more teachers here tomorrow.
- Dr. Ecker Thanked the Board for taking on the issue of school closure and boundaries and noted that for the long-term benefit of the district, it is

important to take this opportunity to balance enrollment at our sites and develop viable boundaries. He thanked the School Boundaries and Closure Committee who worked so diligently on behalf of the district and noted their recommendation is the result of many hours and has allowed the development of additional options. He noted that postponing action tonight allows the Board additional time to review and consider all of the options.

Mr. Collins Thanked the parents present this evening for attending and for their input.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Allcorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm.

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: Unanimously approved

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