

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**February 16, 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:** Mr. Templin moved to approve the meeting agenda.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mrs. Edwards

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 7:11pm.

PLEDGE OF

Girl Scout Troop 431 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALLEGIANCE

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The purpose of the Elk's Drug Awareness Poster Contest is to involve children, school and parents in the Drug Awareness Program. The Board of Trustees is proud to join the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No.1959 in honoring the District's three winners of the 2012 Elk's Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Elk Club member Don Wahner joined principals Mr. Christensen and Mr. Miller and teacher Ms. Lopez in honoring three students for their poster submissions. Those students honored included Paige Davis (3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Gisler), Mercedes Zamora (2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Oka), and Brandon Krause (1<sup>st</sup> place, Courreges).

ELK'S STUDENT  
RECOGNITION – DRUG  
AWARENESS POSTER  
CONTEST

Each year the Elks USA sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest. The theme for this year is "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag". The Board of Trustees is proud to join the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 in honoring the first, second and third place 8th grade winners from each of our middle schools. Elk Lodge representative Cal Calloway was joined by principals Jennifer Perkins, Cara Robinson, Chris Mullin and Erin Bains in honoring 6 students from each school. Those students honored from Fulton included: Hayden Allcorn, Heather Carr, Robert Esson, Devin Gordon, Sarah Johns and Taylor Newton. From Masuda, those students honored included: Daniel Kim, Chelsea Lang, Katria Ly, Anh Vu Nguyen, Bryan Tran, and Natalie Varterian. Those students honored from Moiola included: Karen Le, Mikey Mawson, Elena Mosham, Connie Nguyen, Luke Oiem, and R.J. Rahimi. And from Talbert those students honored included: Chandler Brunelli, Vivian Ly, Matthew Nalty, Angela Nguyen, Madelyn Olaerts, and Jacob Singer. Katria Ly's essay from Masuda will also go onto the State level competition.

ELK'S STUDENT  
RECOGNITION –  
AMERICANISM ESSAY  
CONTEST

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize students who display high achievement, improvement or extraordinary effort. The Board recognized six outstanding students from each of our middle schools: Fulton Middle School, Masuda Middle School and Talbert Middle School.

Those Fulton students honored included: Linda Tang (6<sup>th</sup>), Dianne Bui (6<sup>th</sup>), Danielle Joly (7<sup>th</sup>), Austin Gergens (7<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Johns (8<sup>th</sup>), and Kristen Law (8<sup>th</sup>). Principal Mrs. Perkins was joined by Assistant Principal Mr. White and several members of the Fulton staff in honoring these students for their outstanding accomplishments at Fulton.

RECOGNITION OF  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS: MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
EXTRAVAGANZA

Those Masuda students honored included: Nicole Nakawatase (6<sup>th</sup>), Iain Collins (6<sup>th</sup>), Ally Lenguyen (7<sup>th</sup>), Kyle Fusco (7<sup>th</sup>), Allyson Peffers (8<sup>th</sup>), and Edward Fahman (8<sup>th</sup>). Principal Mr. Mullin and Assistant Principal Mrs. Harrison, along with several members of the Masuda staff were pleased to honor these amazing students for their hard work this year at Masuda. Those Talbert students honored included: Joe Kang (6<sup>th</sup>), Samantha Marlow (6<sup>th</sup>), Shannon Keane (7<sup>th</sup>), Cameron Scanaliato (7<sup>th</sup>), Mason Malott (8<sup>th</sup>) and Vivian Ly (8<sup>th</sup>). Principal Mrs. Robinson and Assistant Principal Mrs. Kajdasz along with several members of the Talbert staff, were honored to recognize these students for their accomplishments at Talbert this year.

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 Fulton Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Cathy Finley and Debbie Jack. Mrs Perkins and Mr. White were joined by several members of the Fulton staff and PTA in honoring these outstanding parents. From Masuda Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Julie Carr and Bev Lyall. Mr. Mullin and Mrs. Harrison were joined by several members of the Masuda staff and PTA in honoring these amazing parents. And from Talbert Middle School the Board recognized and thanked Toni Brown and Molly Houghton. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Kajdasz were joined by several members of Talbert staff and PTO in recognizing these wonderful parents.

#### RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Allcorn attended the Community Information meeting on the Transition Plan and noted that it was very well attended. She noted that there was a tremendous amount of concern and fear in the community regarding placement and so she was pleased to see that the letters from Mr. McMahon have gone out and that the tours will help to alleviate these fears as well. She noted meeting parent Carrie McCormick and her interest, along with the District, to communicate to the community regarding the Transition Plan.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed touring Courreges, Fulton, Moiola, Talbert and Masuda. She noted how impressive it is to see the learning that is going on at all of these sites and noted that the students are so engaged. She enjoyed the OCSBA/ACSA Joint Dinner and noted that Bob Wells was an excellent speaker. She also attended the Health and Wellness meeting with Mrs. Sharpe

and noted that it was an interesting meeting. And she enjoyed the computer training for the board and thanked Mrs. Hoefer for her time on this.

Mr. Templin attended several State SELPA workshops that have giving him greater understanding regarding funding and the current State budget. He noted that at the State SELPA finance workshop they discussed the Governor's State budget for 2012-13 and noted his concern over the complete elimination of home to school transportation, no COLA for Special Education, and no transitional Kindergarten. He also attended the State SELPA workshop on Assembly Bill 114. He explained that a SELPA is a group of districts throughout California organized under one Special Education office that overseas them. He noted that after last month's meeting and the concerns addressed regarding Brookhurst, he had promised to review the information provided and follow up with them. He explained that he was able to review the information provided and, while he noted that in no way does he feel that Brookhurst is safe, when looking at the numbers and taking out accidents occurring on weekends, before 6:45am and after 4:15pm, the numbers of accidents went from over 200 accidents to just 52. He also enjoyed Tamura Pajama Night.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated those students and parent volunteers from our middle schools honored this evening. She noted that celebrating learning is so important. She enjoyed tours at Courreges, Fulton, Moiola, Talbert, and Masuda and noted that so many of the schools were getting ready to do their Learning Walks, a product of the Kevin Feldman training. She also enjoyed the Tamura Lunar New Year, Cox's Boomtown and Multicultural celebration and the Fountain Valley 5K Run. She noted that the next Community Volunteer Academy presentation will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm regarding Cyber Safety and will be presented by police detectives and Fountain Valley Police staff. She explained that 4th-8th grades are the target audience. She noted that the Community Volunteer Academy is happy to have more presenters and assistance. She also attended the FVEF meeting and explained that she will be one of the readers reviewing the submitted teacher grant requests. She also enjoyed the OCSBA PAGE Meeting, attended the Twilight presentation with Ms. Silavs and enjoyed the Mayor's Breakfast as well as the Valentine's Luncheon at the Senior Center where seniors received valentines from the Fulton student body. And she also participated in the Board's computer training.

Mr. Collins enjoyed the Courreges presentation by our Chinese visitors. He also noted how wonderful it is to see such a great turn out from the principals, staff and parents present this evening. He enjoyed the OCSBA Joint Dinner, as well as the computer training and the Moiola Chinese New Year festival. He enjoyed the site tours and noted that all were welcoming and he enjoyed the 5K Run. He thanked the board for all that they do between board meetings.

## **STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. McMahon reviewed the 2012-13 proposed State budget and its impact on the Fountain Valley School District. He explained the State economy, noting the economic indicators including trends that high tech, exports, professional services are all up while housing, construction, retail sales and food services are all down compared to three years ago. Current year income for the State is flat and below budget. Indicators in the economy show more positives than negatives when comparing to one year ago, including some improvement in the employment numbers noting that we are currently at 11.1% unemployment in the State. He explained that Personal Income Tax is lower than expected, another example that the State continues to inflate estimates in the Budget, which increases the likelihood that we will end up with another deficit. He noted that while job numbers have improved, we are still one million less employed than 2007-08. He explained that most estimate that it will not be until 2016 before employment grows by one million jobs. In addition, education funding is deficated by nearly 22% or \$10 billion in addition to \$10 billion in deferrals; therefore, State income would have to grow by 25% in order to restore all of the lost funding to education. He noted that the overall budget deficit has been reduced from \$20 billion by \$5 billion in June 2012 although the structural deficit increases this deficit to \$9 billion. He noted that the State budget is sound only if the forecasts come true, something that the State has not done well in the past. He explained the Governor's tax proposal and the School and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012 that includes a sales tax increase and income tax increase. He noted that despite this, the act results in no increase in school funding and a decrease in funding deferrals by \$2 billion as each dollar going into Prop 98 as a part of this act is counteracted by cuts elsewhere. The proposed State Budget for education includes flat funding and no COLA as well as an increase in the deficit factor from 19.754% to 21.666%. It also includes categorical flexibility, CSR flexibility and a shorter school year (175 days) for two additional

## **PRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET (ORAL REPORT)**

years. He noted that included in this budget is also a \$370/student reduction if the proposed tax plan does not pass in November 2012. He explained that the County is recommending that districts budget for the tax plan to fail, resulting in a \$2.3 million cut for the Fountain Valley School District. He also noted that weighted funding is proposed to replace Revenue Limit. He explained that California is now 46<sup>th</sup> in funding for education with the top 5 states including Vermont, Rhode Island, Wyoming, New Jersey and Maine, spending an average of \$16,000-\$22,000 per pupil compared to the \$6,700-\$8,700 spent per student by the bottom 5 states, including California, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada and Arizona. He noted the risks to the Governor's budget including whether or not the tax proposal will pass as well as if the State projections are accurate. He noted that the challenges to the budget also include planning for a shorter school year, whether or not a weighted funding formula will be implemented and how much longer the district can continue to spend its reserves. He explained the budget adoption plan and calendar, noting that the preliminary budget will be put together in May/June with budget adoption at the June 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Edwards thanked Mr. McMahon for his presentation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The Board discussed and reached consensus on the following eight nominees: Dana Black, Tammie Bullard, Meg Cutuli, Judy Franco, Susan Henry, Kathy Moffat, Jo-Ann Purcell and Sharon Wallin.

2012 CSBA  
DELEGATE  
ASSEMBLY  
ELECTION – REGION  
15

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election – Region 15

**Second:** Mrs. Allcorn

**Vote:** 5-0

Dr. Ecker explained that although funding is going away for school to home transportation, the District is required to provide transportation for Special Education students, another encroachment into the General Fund. He explained that guidelines provided by the Department of Education have been

BOARD POLICY  
3541.2:  
TRANSPORTATION  
FOR STUDENTS  
WITH DISABILITIES

incorporated into the revised policy. Mrs. Crandall noted that from her conversation with Ms. Bickford regarding this policy, the language suggested by the Department of Education is to our advantage to include in the board policy, as it tightens up our IEPs and when transportation should be provided. Mr. Templin noted that although the policies do state that transportation must be provided, it does not mean that all students will necessarily have to take advantage of this.

(FIRST READING)

**Motion:** Mr. Templin moved to approve Item 6: Board Policy 3541.2: Transportation for Students with Disabilities for first reading.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approve Item 8: Declaration of Need.

DECLARATION OF  
NEED

Second: Mrs. Allcorn

Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Crandall requested that Item 9B: Minutes from the January 31<sup>st</sup> special board meeting and Item 9Q: Memorandum of Understanding for the Twilight Education Project be pulled for separate vote.

CONSENT  
CALENDAR/  
ROUTINE ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 9B and 9Q.

Second: Mrs. Edwards

Vote: 5-0

Regarding Item 9B: Minutes from the January 31<sup>st</sup> special board meeting and the question directed to her by Mrs. Edwards regarding the payment for crossing guards, Mrs. Crandall noted that the minutes are correct but that she would like to correct her previous statement. She explained that the City of Fountain Valley and the City of Huntington Beach pay for the crossing guards. She explained that they did at one time come to the district and ask for a contribution that was done for one year. Although, aside from this, she explained that the cities have continued to fund the crossing guards. She noted that the City of

Fountain Valley provides crossing guards at an annual cost of \$122,000 and includes areas within the Ocean View, Garden Grove Unified and Fountain Valley School Districts, with the Fountain Valley School District consuming 85% of the crossing guard budget, resulting in a benefit to our district of \$103,700. She noted that in Huntington Beach, the crossing guards fall under the Police Department's budget and they were not able to provide a dollar amount in time for this evening. Although neither city has any obligation under the law to provide these services to the school district, this support from them speaks volumes to their support of the youth in our cities and the relationship that the district has with them. She noted that it is a great benefit to us.

Regarding Item 9Q: Memorandum of Understanding for the Twilight Education Project, Ms. Silavs explained the program, noting that the program began 8 years ago, originally a partnership with Huntington Beach City School District and the Boys and Girls Club. The program targets parents and students that are not native English speakers and provides instructions from parents in English as well as homework help for school-aged children, including school readiness support and childcare. It is housed on the campus of Golden West College and transportation is provided by donations from the Orange County Transportation Authority. She noted that the program is receiving additional transportation funds from the OCTA and there is a desire to expand the program into the Fountain Valley School District area with Cox, Masuda, Plavan and Tamura as possible targets for interested families. She explained that the parking lots at these sites would be used as a part of the program, with participated families being picked up from the sites around 5:30pm and returned to the sites after the program at 8pm. Mrs. Crandall noted that she attended the Twilight presentation meeting with Ms. Silavs and noted that she would love to attend the quarterly meetings held by the organizers on behalf of the district. It was agreed upon by the Board that Mrs. Crandall should attend these meetings on behalf of the district.

**Motion:** Mrs. Allcorn moved to approve Item 9B: Minutes from the January 31<sup>st</sup> special board meeting and Item 9Q: Memorandum of Understanding with Twilight Education Program.

**Second:** Mrs. Edwards

**Vote:** 5-0



The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 31<sup>st</sup> special board meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Transfers
- Approval of Authorization of Signatures (Bank of America)
- Approval of Verizon Business Network Services as Service Provider Under E-Rate
- Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement
- Approval of School Loop as Service Provider Under E-Rate
- Approval of 2012-13 Budget Calendar
- Approval of Agreement with Orange County Department of Education for District Participating in the Effective Reading Intervention Academy (ERIA)
- Adoption of Resolution 2012-13: Authorization of Signatures on Replacement Warrants
- Adoption of Resolution 2012-14: Authorization of Approval of Vendor Claims/Orders
- Adoption of Resolution 2012-15: Authorization of Signatures
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Twilight Education Project
- Approval of Agreement Regarding the Imposition and Payment of Capital Facilities Capacity Charges
- Approval of Receipt of CSEA, Chapter 358's Initial Contract Proposal for 2012-13
- Approval of Presentation of Fountain Valley School District's 2012-13 Contract Proposal to CSEA, Chapter 358

## **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Dr. Ecker                Noted that it is exciting to see the honoring of our middle school students this evening and noted that it is wonderful to see not only the students and their families here this evening but also the numerous staff here to honor these students. He commended Ms. Silavs for

coordinating this wonderful event.

- Dr. Ecker      Noted that the letters have gone out to families regarding the new boundaries in the district for 2012-13. He thanked Mr. McMahon for his efforts as well as those of the staff involved. He noted the numerous trainings for staff that have been held and expressed his hope that everyone is able to see the tours of our sites as well. He thanked Mrs. Lucchese for developing ads that will run in the *OC Register* this coming Friday through Sunday encouraging our community to visit our sites through the scheduled tours. He noted that several of the principals have arranged times to visit Moiola and address the students there as well.
- Dr. Ecker      Noted that the 5K Run was a very enjoyable event and one that was well attended. He noted that all 11 sites registered and will benefit from this wonderful event.
- Dr. Ecker      Extended his plea for support of his participation in the Mr. Fountain Valley competition on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Ecker      Noted the gift from the Tamura Chinese visitors and noted that he very much enjoyed their visit.
- Dr. Ecker      Noted that on March 8<sup>th</sup> the Board will have a study session on the 2012-13 proposed goals. He suggested that the Board meet at 5pm this evening in order to give enough time to discuss. The board agreed on this starting time.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Motion:**      Mr. Templin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.
- Second:**      Mrs. Allcorn
- Vote:**        Unanimously approved

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