

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**February 28, 2013**

**MINUTES**

President Sandra Crandall called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:01pm. **CALL TO ORDER**

The following board members were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Sandra Crandall	President
Jimmy Templin	President Pro Tem
Judith Edwards	Clerk
Jeanne Galindo	Member
Ian Collins	Member

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Second:** Mr. Collins

**Vote:** 5-0

**STUDY SESSION**

Dr. Hoefer opened the study session and introduced IT Manager Frank Pitoniak and staff Parham Sadegh and Christian Yepiz. She explained that the session this evening will discuss the FVSD Education Technology Plan update, infrastructure, students, classroom technology, FVSD employees and professional development.

**STUDY SESSION**

In reviewing the Education Technology Plan update, Dr. Hoefer noted under the Curriculum Component Criteria the current inventory of computers four-years-old or newer, iPads and Apple TVs at each of our sites.

Mr. Collins asked if part of the district's goal is equity amongst our schools. Dr. Hoefer noted that this is a real concern. Those sites with categorical funding like Title I funding are able to afford new technology in addition to those sites with PT units able to fund additions to the sites. This covers five of our ten sites. Unfortunately, we do not have general funds sufficient to

cover these additions at all sites. Mr. Collins asked if the changes in funding from the State will cause an even great discrepancy between our sites. Mr. McMahon noted that our funding will not change much.

Dr. Hoefer reviewed some of the goals set for the district in the Education Technology Plan, including review of the objectives and the district's progress to date.

Mr. Collins asked if the emphasis on Common Core Standards and the "less is more" idea will free up more time to accommodate technology. Dr. Hoefer explained that part of Common Core is digital literacy. She noted that this is woven into the Common Core and while we will not stop using books, when looking for the most current research, it will be found online. She also reviewed the goal of equitable technology for all students. She noted that where technology is taking hold, it is multiplying, with teachers going after Donors Choose grants to obtain more iPads for example. She did note however, that regarding the goal of an 8:1 student to computer ratio, we have actually regressed regarding up-to-date multimedia computers of four-years-old or newer as we are now at 18:1. She explained that at the five year mark, devices become questionable and the failure rate increases. Dr. Hoefer explained that the cost of MacBook Pros are \$1,482; PCs are \$774 and printers are \$544. She explained that for the most part, our teachers are using Macs and switching platforms would cause the loss of certain programs and challenges with the teachers needing to become acclimated to a new platform. She explained as well that the district is moving away from stationary labs given that they only serve 30 students and are not able to accommodate flexibility and group learning. Mobile labs allow for collaborative work and increased creativity. Regarding going to bid on these purchases, it was noted that the limit for the purchase of equipment is now \$75,000 while for labor the limit is \$15,000. Regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) she noted that this does require a fixed keyboard, making iPads less than ideal platforms for students to take the assessment. Mrs. Galindo asked about the battery life of each device. Dr. Hoefer explained that PCs run 5 hours while iPads run 10 hours. She explained that the devices need to be on a charger cycle for 2 hours. Mr. Templin asked if our goal of 10:1 is tied into SBAC. Dr. Hoefer noted that this is the district's goal. And when looking at getting to 1:1, it is more deciding when a student needs to be 1:1. For example, perhaps in Kindergarten it may need to be 2 or 3:1. She noted that the goal has been 1:1 and we are currently trying to see how we can get there.

Mr. Pitoniak reviewed the infrastructure and the components

required in connecting the schools to the district and the district to the county.

Dr. Hoefer explained that the district will be piloting BYOD at four of our campuses in the Spring in eight classrooms. She noted the concerns with BYOD in that until it is rolled out, it can be difficult to know what capacity is actually needed.

Given the time, the Board agreed to include a similar study session on the March agenda to continue the discussion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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CLOSED SESSION

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The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:06pm.

Mr. Templin made the following Closed Session Announcements:

CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENT

*In closed session, the governing board took action by a vote of 5 to 0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to notice 9.5 FTE teachers on temporary contract on or before March 15, 2013 of release from District employment at the conclusion of the current 2012-13 school year pursuant to Education Code section 44954(b).*

*In closed session, the governing board took action by a vote of 5 to 0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to approve a compromise and release Worker's Compensation Liability Settlement for employee #496.*

Mrs. Crandall announced that Mr. Collins was not feeling well and as such was dismissed for the remainder of the Board Meeting.

Boy Scout Troop 792 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF  
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 recognized six outstanding students from each of our middle schools. From Fulton Middle School, the Board recognized Lexie MacDonald (6<sup>th</sup>), Jacquelyn Truong (6<sup>th</sup>), Rebekah Pinkham (7<sup>th</sup>), Ethan Mack (7<sup>th</sup>), Madeline Domingo (8<sup>th</sup>), and Michael Saffell (8<sup>th</sup>). From Talbert Middle School, the Board recognized Cody Grudt (6<sup>th</sup>), Jessica Oatis (6<sup>th</sup>), Rene Garcia (7<sup>th</sup>), Auzeen Rahgoshay (7<sup>th</sup>), Rebecca Hogan (8<sup>th</sup>), and Deborah "Journey" Freels (8<sup>th</sup>). From Masuda Middle School, the Board recognized Nicholas Damschen (6<sup>th</sup>), Amanda Hay (6<sup>th</sup>), Nathan Wilson (7<sup>th</sup>), Emma Hall (7<sup>th</sup>), Jakob Didio (8<sup>th</sup>), and Khoa Phan (8<sup>th</sup>). Principals Jennifer Perkins, Cara Robinson and Chris Mullin were joined by staff and family members in honoring these students for their amazing accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

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 Michelle Eichinger and Melinda Lynch. From Masuda Middle School, the Board recognized and thanked Marty Cope, Rachel Arnold and Julie Barie. And from Talbert Middle School the Board recognized and thanked Lisa Schultz and Nicola Weiss.

RECOGNITION OF  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT VOLUNTEERS

### **BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Templin participated in a Fresno County SELPA noting the Fresno County Mental health presentation showing the connection between improved social behavior and test scores. He enjoyed Science Night at Courreges as well as the ACE meeting

BOARD REPORTS AND  
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where Sacramento Safari, the Governor's budget, school safety and traffic and the Fountain Valley music program were discussed. He also met with a parent group regarding students with special needs in our district and Huntington Beach regarding transitions. He noted that he misses being in the classroom and working with parents at that level. He noted that being at the meeting allowed him to be at that level again, hearing from parents.

Mrs. Galindo visited Gisler School and was able to see the Kindergarten students in the ST Math Lab for the first time. She also visited Newland and Talbert, noting a rap song to teach students about velocity was presented. She enjoyed Masuda including a visit to their Veteran's Memorial garden. She learned about Learning Walks and she attended the SPC meeting, noting that Mr. Fountain Valley is coming up. She attended a Talbert parent session on bullying as well as the ACSA/OCSBA Joint Dinner for a summary of Common Core Curriculum and a presentation on eBooks.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed visits to Gisler, Cox, Talbert and Masuda. She noted that it is always a highlight to see the wonderful things teachers are doing. She attended with Cara Robinson the State Department of Education's Teacher of the Year event in Sacramento honoring John Woods. And she enjoyed the new members reception for CSBA, in addition to the ACSA/OCSBA Joint Dinner. She enjoyed Tamura's Jump Rope for Heart Health and noted that tomorrow she will be going with other board members to Fulton.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated Mr. Miller and the Oka staff for their ranking by the *OC Register* as 9 of 379 public schools. She also congratulated Mrs. Adams and Tamura for their silver ranking and Newland and Plavan Schools, both ranked bronze by the *OC Register*. She visited Talbert, Masuda and Cox Schools. She attended the Rotary Most Improved Student recognition as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade speech exhibition. She attended the new board member reception at OCSBA, as well as the PAGE meeting and ACSA/OCSBA Joint Dinner. She attended the Talbert parent meeting with Team Truth followed by an OCDE presentation on cyber bullying. She enjoyed the HUC Founders' Day luncheon as well as Dr. Seuss Day at Courreges with Scott Sussman reading one of his books. She attended the Mayor's Breakfast, noting the city's decreased funding. She enjoyed the Tamura Chinese Delegation address and performance in addition to the Chamber of Commerce Awards luncheon. She attended the ACE

meeting and thanked Mr. Collins for allowing her to attend. And she participated in a meeting with the presidents of the five surrounding school districts. She attended the SPC meeting as well as cabinet and a district-wide Kindergarten parent information meeting with 248 in attendance. She also attended the “Having Hard Conversations” presentation to management and a tour and preview of eBooks by Teacher Created Materials. She also attended the 5K Fun Run through the Fountain Valley Community Foundation and thanked all the board members for their service this last month.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to address the Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mrs. Galindo moved to approve the 2013 CSBA Delegate Assembly nominees.

2013 CSBA  
DELEGATE  
ASSEMBLY  
ELECTION – REGION  
15

Second: Mr. Templin

Both Mr. Templin and Mr. Collins expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Edwards’ service as a Delegate.

Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Collins

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to approved Revisions to Board Policy 3550: Food Service/Child Nutrition for first reading.

REVISIONS TO  
BOARD POLICY 3550:  
FOOD  
SERVICE/CHILD  
NUTRITION (FIRST  
READING)

Second: Mr. Templin

Mrs. Crandall noted her question to Mrs. Sharpe regarding push from anyone for increased protein in student meals. She noted that Mrs. Sharpe indicated that there is a threshold number that she goes over and above and therefore has not heard from anyone feeling there is a deficiency in protein.

Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Collins

**Motion:** Mr. Templin moved to adopt Resolution 2013-19: Week of the School Administrator.

RESOLUTION 2013-19  
WEEK OF THE  
SCHOOL

Second: Mrs. Galindo

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Templin thanked all of the district administrators.

Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Collins

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

CONSENT  
CALENDAR/  
ROUTINE ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Collins

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Adjustments
- Revisions to Board Policy 3100: Budget (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revisions to Board Policy 5116.1: Intradistrict Open Enrollment (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revisions to Board Policy 7214: General Obligation Bonds (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Agreement between the Assistant League of Huntington Beach and the Fountain Valley School District
- Consolidated application for funding categorical Programs (Winter 2012 Data Collections)
- Sunesys Contract: Wide Area Network License Agreement
- 2011-2012 Program Effectiveness Results
- Non-Public Agency Contracts (Board Members Only)

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Cornerstone Therapies	650	1/23/2013-6/30/2013
Sylvia Mende, Psy.D.	12,000	2/13/13-6/30/13
Sylvia Mende, Psy.D.	3,500	1/31/13-6/30/13
The Institute for Child and Family Dev.	3,225	1/11/13-6/30/13

## NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker                      Congratulated Cara Robinson on her recognition from ACSA Region 17 as Middle

School Administrator of the Year. She will be recognized at a county-wide dinner in the future. We are hopeful that she can become the State Middle School Administrator of the Year. He noted that he is proud of her achievement on many fronts.

- Dr. Ecker            Thanked Mr. Collins and Mrs. Crandall for their attendance at the HUC Founders' Day Luncheon. He also wanted to congratulate Sean Weiss for his achievements, noting it is nice to see the Weiss family recognized.
- Dr. Ecker            Thanked the technology team for their preparation of our technology study session. He noted that we made good progress and he feels that the board enjoyed the process. He noted that in March we will continue this discussion.
- Dr. Ecker            Thanked Ms. Silavs for coordinating, along with Dr. Hoefer, the "Having Hard Conversations" in-service. He noted this is timely material and it is important that we support our administrators.
- Dr. Ecker            Noted that the Kindergarten information night was a tremendous success and he thanked Ms. Silavs for her hard work.
- Dr. Ecker            Noted that the seven superintendents in the CORE districts in California are hoping this week that their application for a waiver from ESEA/No Child Left Behind is approved. He explained that other states have been waived out although, California has not yet. He noted that these CORE districts represent more than 85% of the State's student population, and if granted a waiver, individual districts could be granted waivers as well, allowing them to move in a direction consistent with Common Core Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessments.

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## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mrs. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.

**Second:** Mr. Templin

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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