

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

January 9, 2014

MINUTES

President Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members were present:

ROLL CALL

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Edwards announced that the Board would retire into Closed Session. Action was not anticipated. The following would be addressed:

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- Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation: *Government Code Section 54956.9* Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 1 case. Attorney Margaret Chidester will join Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, Cathie Abdel in updating the Board of Trustees.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:05pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Crandall led the 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 Gisler School. Principal Erin Bains was joined by family and staff members in celebrating Hope Duzey (K), Mia Bivens (1st), Tatum Kap (2nd), Hunter Bartley (3rd), Sydney Zimolzak (4th), and Jacob Matsumoto (5th).

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM GISLER SCHOOL

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 Plavan School. Principal Julie Ballesteros was joined by family and staff in honoring Athena Phan (K), Sophia Wells (1st), Kim Nguyen (2nd), Brian Trujillo (3rd), Elysse Lai (4th), and Connor Dang Vu (5th).

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM PLAVAN 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 Gisler School, the Board recognized and thanked Christie Collins and Toni Simurda. Ms. Bains was joined by staff and members of the PTO in thanking Ms. Collins and Ms. Simurda for all that they do for Gisler School.

RECOGNITION OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM GISLER 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 Plavan School, the Board recognized and thanked Debby Falcon and Theresa Payne. Mrs. Ballesteros was joined by staff and members of the PTO in thanking Ms. Falcon and Ms. Payne for all that they do for Plavan School.

RECOGNITION OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM PLAVAN SCHOOL

STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Director, Fiscal Services, Scott Martin presented and reviewed with the Board of Trustees the salary savings realized by the District from two key administrator positions during the 2013-14 school year. He noted 2013-14 salary savings from the superintendent's position of \$132,887 and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services' position of \$59,764, totaling \$192,681. Ideas were discussed amongst the board for the use of this money including updating teacher computers and staff development. Mrs. Edwards explained that the plan for teacher computer replacement would be for full schools at a time, allowing us to replace almost half with these funds. Dr. Hoefer shared that MacBook Airs, the recommended replacement product, would cost approximately \$164,000 for six schools (133 units), noting that the schools have been prioritized based on current access to technology. She explained that 95% of our teacher computers are over at least 4 years old, most over 6 years old. Regarding the remaining funds, she noted that there is also a need for printers at our sites. Currently sites use PT funds and other means for printing needs but networkable printers in the cores would allow teachers to share more efficiently. She also noted appleTVs as another option more likely to improve the instructional capabilities of our current technology. There was agreement reached based on the recommendations and direction given to staff for an action items next month.

**STAFF REPORT AND
SALARY EXPENSE
SAVINGS (WRITTEN
AND ORAL)**

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Collins wished everyone a happy New Year. He attended Mr. McMahon's retirement, welcomed Christine Fullerton to the meeting this evening, attended the holiday breakfast at the District Office and reminded the audience of the upcoming Taste of Fountain Valley on February 8th and the importance of joining the Foundation.

**BOARD REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Galindo attended the FVEF meeting where the upcoming Taste was discussed and reminded the audience to purchase their tickets. She also listened to two of the general session webcasts from the CSBA Annual Conference.

Mr. Templin noted that in the last four weeks he has received more questions about our district, leading him to think that they are thinking about our district more, inspired by our Facebook page and the community presentations. He noted that this is a good thing and it is great to see us raising our profile.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated everyone for attending the Marilyn

Friend, Vicki Gibson, and Jennifer Burrell trainings, all occurring this week and all valuable trainings. She attended Gisler’s Special Persons’ Day, Talbert’s string holiday concert, retirement celebrations for Mr. McMahon and Mr. Pitoniak, the district holiday breakfast, the Fountain Valley Historical Society’s Christmas in the Gazebo, and listened to the three CSBA Annual Conference general session webinars. She also accepted an invitation to participate in a video interview regarding how the Assistance League supports our teachers, students and our community in general.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed Grandparents Day at Masuda, Talbert’s holiday concert, Mr. McMahon’s retirement celebration, the district holiday breakfast, the cabinet meeting for tonight’s agenda, and the OCSBA planning meeting for remainder of 2014. She noted a reminder of the Fiscal Update on January 22nd at County offices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two requests to address the Board. The Fountain Valley Educational Foundation president addressed the Board regarding the Foundation and Clifford Moss’ work with the organization. The FVEA president also addressed the Board regarding technology.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Second: Mrs. Crandall

Vote: 5-0

**CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS**

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from the December 12th annual organizational meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Adjustments
- Adoption of Resolution 2014-19: Reduced days of Operation or Attendance due to emergency Conditions

(State Preschool Program)

- Approval of Williams Quarterly Report for Second Quarter 2013-14
- Non-Public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Cornerstone Therapies	960.00	12/11/2013 to 6/30/2014
Cornerstone Therapies	3,200.00	11/22/2013 to 6/30/2014

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS/NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker Welcomed Christine Fullerton to the meeting this evening, noting that we are looking forward to her starting on Monday.

Dr. Ecker Noted the recent community presentations including last night’s meeting where most of the room was filled, including attendance by Fountain Valley Chief of Police Dan Llorens. He noted the importance of needing our community’s assistance including joining the Foundation, attending the Taste, volunteering and participating on committees. He noted as well today’s presentation to the Kiwanis Club which also went well.

Dr. Ecker Noted as well the recent *HB Independent* article celebrating our three Distinguished School nominees.

Dr. Ecker Noted his current 59 Twitter followers (a vast improvement from his original three) noting that his posts celebrating the wonderful events of our district are increasing.

Dr. Ecker Thanked FVEF President Nicola Weiss for her work in this transitional year for the Foundation.

Dr. Ecker Thanked our Maintenance and Grounds staff for their work just prior to the winter break at Oka regarding the water line break and their expert handling of the situation.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: Unanimously approved

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