

Fountain Valley School District  
Superintendent's Office

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

10055 Slater Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**May 15, 2014**

**MINUTES**

President Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm.

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

Mrs. Edwards noted the following addendum to the agenda with corrections to the support for item 7-B on the agenda:

AGENDA APPROVAL

**7-B. ADDITION OF ITEM 1.6 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, PERSONNEL REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE PROMOTION OF PRINCIPAL CARA ROBINSON TO DIRECTOR, SUPPORT SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.**

Superintendent's Comments: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the revised personnel item.

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

**Second:** Mr. Jimmy Templin

**Vote:** 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop 2827 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Edwards made the following Closed Session announcements:

CLOSED SESSION READOUT

“In Closed Session the Board took action to authorize the Superintendent designee to approve a Worker’s Compensation Liability Settlement with a future medical for employee #0394 by a stipulation in the amount of \$19,696.93 of permanent disability. This was made in a 5-0 vote.”

“Also in closed session the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel would like to announce that the position of Principal Cara Robinson as of July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the new Director of Support Services.”

**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 Cox and Newland Schools. From Cox School, the Board honored Michael Guzman (K), Chanel Lee (1<sup>st</sup>), Diego Chavarria (2<sup>nd</sup>), Evelyn Pham (3<sup>rd</sup>), Alisha Sinha (4<sup>th</sup>), Ellen Johnson (5<sup>th</sup>). From Newland School, the Board honored Hanna Ritter (K), Hayden Durell (1<sup>st</sup>), Emma Harriman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kayse Laird (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kaia Seck (4<sup>th</sup>), Katie Schutt (5<sup>th</sup>). The Board was joined by family members and staff in congratulating these students for their outstanding achievements.

RECOGNITION OF COX AND NEWLAND SCHOOLS STUDENTS

It is an interest of the Board of Trustees to recognize outstanding volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to our schools. From Cox School, the Board recognized and thanked Iona Bresnahan and Melissa Garcia. From Newland School, the Board recognized and thanked Elaine Bonner and Stacy Ferris.

RECOGNITION OF COX AND NEWLAND SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS

The California Distinguished Schools Program honors some of the state’s most exemplary and inspiring public schools. The schools which were selected for the Distinguished School Award demonstrated educational excellence for all students and significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap. Roch Courreges, Robert Gisler, and William T. Newland Schools have been selected for this prestigious recognition.

2014 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Annually the Association of California School Administrators celebrates outstanding performance and achievements in 21 job-alike categories through their Administrators of the Year awards. The Board of Trustees is honored to celebrate Cathie Abdel’s recognition as the 2014 ACSA Personnel/HR Administrator of the Year.

RECOGNITION OF ACSA PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR CATHIE ABDEL

The Action Committee for Education (ACE) is a broad-based school community legislative action group which addresses current issues and sponsors annual projects to promote and benefit not only the Fountain Valley School District but public education in general. Representatives made a presentation to the Board of Trustees on ACE’s recent participation in the Sacramento Safari.

PRESENTATION BY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ACE) ON SACRAMENTO SAFARI

**STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The Board of Trustees received notification of the upcoming

ANNOUNCEMENT OF

Public Hearing on the Personnel Commission's proposed budget for 2014-15. The Public Hearing shall be held on June 26, 2014 at 4:30 pm. Public input will be welcomed.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
PERSONNEL  
COMMISSION BUDGET  
(WRITTEN ONLY)**

**BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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Mrs. Crandall attended both community briefings, OCSBA Annual Meeting, the open houses at Newland and Plavan, the Mayor's Breakfast, FV Planning Commission, and the Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast. She also toured Gisler, Courreges, Tamura, Newland, Fulton and Plavan, attended Newland's carnival, Special Education Recognition Awards, community outreach, and ACSA Region XVII Celebration of Excellence.

Mr. Templin attended the volleyball tournament at Fulton. He thanked Mr. Collins and Mrs. Galindo for attending the SPC meeting. He also attended the open house at Courreges, and ACSA Region XVII Celebration of Excellence.

Mr. Collins attended SPC meeting, Newland's carnival, OCSBA Annual Meeting, Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast, ACSA Region XVII Celebration of Excellence and The Children's Needs Task Force.

Mrs. Galindo attended the FVEF meeting, California Schools Board Association Dinner and visited Tamura. She also attended the ACSA Region XVII Celebration of Excellence.

Mrs. Edwards attended the reception honoring Greg Franklin as 2014 Superintendent of the Year, open house at Tamura, Plavan visitation, Health and Wellness meeting, and ACSA Region XVII Celebration of Excellence. She will be attending the final Delegate Assembly for the California School Boards Association tomorrow.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were six requests to address the Board. Teachers, parents and students addressed the Board regarding VAPA strategic plan, music education, speech language pathologists, LCFF, LCAP, FVEA, and air conditioning.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

There were two addendum items to the consent calendar one of which was discussed in the closed session. The other one was the announcement of Mrs. Robinson.

**Motion:** Mr. Templin 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 April 3rd regular meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Donations
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Adjustments
- Approval of Master Plan for English Learners
- Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement April 22, 2014
- Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement May 6, 2014
- Approval of Revised Strategic Arts Education Plan for 2014-2019
- Approval of Talbert Middle School Seventh Grade Stem Trip to the Ocean Institute at Dana Point
- Approval of Financial Advisory Service Agreement with Governmental Financial Strategies, Inc.
- Approval of Student Accident Insurance 2014/2015
- Approval of Layoff for Classified Positions-Elimination of Positions
- Received Fountain Valley Education Association Initial Proposal for 2014/2015
- Approval of 2014/2015 initial contract proposals of the

Fountain Valley Education Association

- Non-Public Agency Contracts

Non-Public School/Agency	100% Contract Cost	Effective Dates
Therapeutic Education Cntrs	\$2,300.00	7/1/2013-6/30/2014
Dr. Chris Davidson	\$4,500.00	7/1/2013-6/30/2014
Abby Rozenberg	\$1,870.00	7/1/2013-6/30/2014

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS/NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- Dr. Ecker            Thanked the Action Committee for Education for their representation at the Sacramento Safari.
- Dr. Ecker            Congratulated Cathy Abdel on her receipt of the ACSA Region XVII award.
- Dr. Ecker            Thanked Anne Silavs, Christine Fullerton, Cathie Abdel and Julianne Hoefer and LCAP Development Team for the efforts on the LCAP report.
- Dr. Ecker            Noted that in reference to the SBAC testing that Sacramento consider to expand the transition period from two years to three years.
- Dr. Ecker            Thanked teachers for their efforts during the hot weather conditions.
- Dr. Ecker            Announced his retirement as Superintendent effective December 31, 2014.
- Mrs. Edwards        Announced a new item of business that the Board will be holding a special meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to interview candidates for proposal for search firms to look for new superintendents.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Templin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm.

**Second:** Mr. Collins

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

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