

Fountain Valley School District
Superintendent's Office

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10055 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

August 14, 2014

MINUTES

President Edwards called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:05 pm.

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 addendums to the agenda with the addition of item 1A6 and the correction of item 7M on the agenda:

AGENDA APPROVAL

1A. PRESENTATION BY ZIGGEDY.COM

Ziggedy.com will be making a monetary presentation to the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation. Judy Edwards, currently President of the Board of Trustees, serves also as the President of the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation. Ziggedy.com is a service by which supplies are ordered and delivered with a rebate back to a recipient organization.

7-M. CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COMMON CORE MATH STANDARDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent's Comments: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the contract between Orange County Department of Education and the Fountain Valley School District for Common Core Math Standards professional development for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

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. No action was anticipated. The following was 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.
- Pupil Personnel: *Education Code 35146*
- Negotiations: Government Code 54957.6
Update and review of negotiations with the FVEA and CSEA Bargaining Units with the Board’s designated representative, Cathie Abdel.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:12 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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BOARD DISCUSSION AND STAFF REPORTS

The Board of Trustees discussed and reviewed its’ 2014-15 board interests.

BOARD INTERESTS FOR 2014-15

Mrs. Edwards noted that we did Board Interests a year ago and since we did not renew the Goals this year because most of the Instructional goals were folded into the LCAP. The Board reviewed the existing Board Interests.

Dr. Ecker stated last year the Board identified four Board Interests that were adopted and addressed by the staff. The Board was given a report on the four Board Interests which stated what was accomplished on each one. Dr. Ecker questioned if the Board would like to dismiss any interests, continue working on any specific ones or add any interests.

Mrs. Edwards stated the first Board Interest is advancing twenty first century learning and the interest mentions using a one time savings from the Superintendent's salary to purchase teacher laptop computers for six of our sites and how we are using bring your own device days. Mrs. Edwards open this up for discussion.

Mrs. Crandall stated we should continue with this interest. We have been funding this interest through alternate revenue sources in very creative ways. One of the ways is through leased income. Mrs. Crandall mentioned the lack of an elevator in our Crossroads building and thought that may be considered as a Board goal.

The Board reached a consensus on the twenty first century learning interest.

Mrs. Edwards stated the next goal was raising the District's profile through increasing media presence and community involvement. The District entered into a consulting contract with Clifford Moss, which has been very instrumental in helping us. We have received a lot of media attention. Mrs. Edwards' commented it is wonderful to see that type of interest in our District. The community is seeing in the media what the District is doing and how we are doing it.

Mr. Templin and Mr. Collins agreed we should continue with this goal.

Mrs. Crandall stated concern of the cost of a consulting firm. She felt we should continue this interest but with an end date and time. Mrs. Crandall mentioned an end date of six months from now. She stated that at this point in time she felt the District could obtain this in house.

Mrs. Galindo stated broadening the District's media profile should be accomplished in house. Mrs. Galindo agreed to setting a six month end date.

Mrs. Edwards stated the next Board Interest was Saturday school which senior staff reviewed and reported that our District is not a

very good match for it. We do not have the kind of absenteeism that requires Saturday school.

The Board reached a consensus on the twenty first century learning interest.

Mrs. Edwards stated the next interest was having PLCs.

The Board reached a consensus on the PLC interest that it would be on an as needed basis.

Mrs. Edwards asked if there were any new suggestions or ideas.

Mr. Templin commented on air conditioning in our schools. He stated we have heard about this from the community. Mr. Templin stated we need to look into this matter and advise the community on our findings.

The Board reached a consensus on exploring the subject of air conditioning.

Mr. Collins commented we need to strongly continue obtaining community support and involvement in our schools. Mr. Collins noted that he would like to see the District being competitive with classified, teaching and management salaries and health and welfare benefits with other districts in the county.

Mrs. Crandall stated that the District should consider presenting certificates to organizations at ribbon cutting ceremonies as recognition for their efforts. She commented that the District should start studying teacher and principal evaluations to revamp them to include multiple measures. She also stated with our new SBAC coming out there is going to be the need to clearly inform the parents what this is about, how this looks, what the differences are and compare and contrast. Ms. Silavs stated that in our LCAP one of the strategies is to provide parent education on the common core and smarter balance. The District will be covering common core and smarter balance throughout the year. Mrs. Crandall spoke about school budgets and if there was a clear way to present the budget to the public.

Mr. Ecker stated that there were three major interests and two eliminations. The first major interest is twenty first learning, the second one is raising the District's profile (which had some provisions), and the third one was air conditioning. The Board eliminated two interests: Saturday school and PLC activities.

Dr. Ecker made mention Mrs. Crandall's statement that there was a lack of an elevator in our Crossroads building. Mrs. Fullerton is looking into that in the current interest. Dr. Ecker stated that Mrs. Crandall may want to see maximizing leasing as a highlighted area. The ribbon cutting and presenting certificates is a great idea which would fall into raising the District profile interest. The evaluation of teachers and principals has been an interest and is included in Mrs. Abdel's goals. Dr. Ecker agreed with Mrs. Crandall's comment regarding the school budget. He stated this may be an item for Mrs. Fullerton's goals.

Mrs. Edwards stated that there are no existing goals in this new year in Business and Human Resources and would the Board be interested in seeing goals in these departments. There are certain ones folded into the LCAP.

The Board reached a consensus on seeing goals from Business and Human Resources.

The staff provided an overview and analysis of the study and recommendations made by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team.

FCMAT SPECIAL
EDUCATION STUDY
AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Martin stated that during the 2013-2014 school year the Financial Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) conducted a study of our special education program. This report will summarize some of the key findings and recommendations from that study. Federal and State special education funding is significantly less than what it should be. As a result, districts are making a local contribution or moving money from their General Fund to cover the shortfall in funding for special education. This is called a local contribution, and Fountain Valley's local contribution for special education is consistently above that of the Orange County average for elementary districts. Fountain Valley's local contribution, as a percentage of total special education costs, was the highest in the County during 2011-12 and 2012-13. FCMAT provided the District with recommendations to increase efficiency and to reduce costs. The FCMAT report had four central themes: communication, procedures, staffing, and training. The communication recommendation involves Support Services, Business and Human Resources meeting several times throughout the year to discuss the special education budget; to discuss and monitor staffing and to make appropriate adjustments; align staffing information maintained in several data bases across multiple departments; and modify existing transportation requests to ensure that

transportation is aware of students no longer needing transportation services. Mr. Martin moved on to the second recommendation which was procedures. The recommendation here was to monitor annual Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The MOE ensures that the district spends what was spent in the previous year on special education. Mr. Martin stated that we are looking to contain cost since the District's expenditures are large, and we need to reduce that MOE. There are four conditions that exist which would allow us to reduce that MOE and contain costs further. The first condition would be the departure by retirement of experienced staff that is replaced by a qualified but lower salary staff. The second condition is a decrease in enrollment of children with disabilities. The third condition is if a student with significant needs, that are exceptionally costly, is removed from the program or no longer receives services. Lastly, the termination of costly expenditures for long-term purchases is a condition under which the MOE can be reduced. Mrs. Robinson continued on with the recommendations on procedures. She stated that the District will continually review our mental health funding, reviewing how we track students in non-public placements and include a plan for returning students to the district programs where appropriate, further refining our criteria utilized to make decisions regarding transportation, and develop policies, procedures, and guidelines for assigning one on one instructional aides in our District. Mrs. Robinson reviewed the recommendation to align staffing with the Educational Code requirements and School Services of California Guidelines. Finally, the last recommendation was to train staff on new policies, procedures and guidelines for assigning one on one instructional aides, ongoing training in writing and conducting IEPs and ongoing training in the implementation of a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. Mr. Martin stated the cost containment for 2014-15 is \$491,200 and for 2015-16 is \$32,400. As we implement additional FCMAT study recommendations, we know that there will be future savings.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Galindo was on vacation and was unable to attend any events.

Mr. Collins thanked Anne Silavs for her staff development schedule and ongoing support for principals and teachers which in turn benefits our students. Mr. Collins also thanked Cathie Abdel for all her hard work interviewing candidates. He also

thanked Christine Fullerton and Scott Martin for all their work on the budget and also thanked Julianne Hoefer. Mr. Collins attended the Fountain Valley Education Foundation meeting and the Management Retreat BBQ.

Mr. Templin had received questions from parents regarding differentiated instruction which he was delighted to answer. Mr. Templin went on a trip with a group of high school students who were all graduates of the Fountain Valley School District. These students had all positive comments regarding the Fountain Valley School District.

Mrs. Crandall congratulated Cathie Abdel and her staff for a very rigorous summer of screening, interviewing and selecting staff. Mrs. Crandall attended Management Retreat Breakfast and BBQ.

Mrs. Edwards attended the Management Retreat Breakfast and BBQ.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comment for the Capital Facilities Account Fund/Developer Fees. Public input was welcomed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CAPITAL FACILITIES
ACCOUNT FUND /
DEVELOPER FEES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Crandall moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 4020 School Plans/Site Councils second reading and adoption, with necessary changes as indicated by the Board of Trustees.

REVISION TO BOARD
POLICY 4020:
SCHOOL PLANS/SITE
COUNCILS (SECOND
READING AND
ADOPTION)

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mr. Templin moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 6162.6 Use of Copyrighted Materials for first reading, with necessary changes as indicated by the Board of Trustees.

REVISION TO BOARD
POLICY 6162.6 USE
OF COPYRIGHTED
MATERIALS (FIRST
READING)

Second: Mrs. Galindo

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mr. Collins moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures (second reading).

REVISION TO BOARD
POLICY 1312.3
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES
(SECOND READING)

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

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

CONSENT
CALENDAR/
ROUTINE ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

Second: Mr. Templin

Vote: 5-0

The Consent Calendar included:

- Board Meeting Minutes from June 16th special meeting and July 24th regular meeting
- Personnel Items (Employment Functions, Workshops/Conferences, and Consultants)
- Warrants
- Purchase Order Listing
- Budget Adjustments
- Capital Facilities Fund/Developer Fees
- Agreement for Professional Services with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
- Approval of Lease Addendums for Modular Classrooms
- Mandate Block Grant
- Special Education Settlement Agreement
- Approval of the contract with NAI Capital, Inc. for Broker Services in the Leasing of the Former Moiola School Site
- District Field Trip List 2014-2015
- Contract for Services Between Orange County Department of Education and the Fountain Valley School District for Common Core Math Standards Professional Development

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS/NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker The Board received a letter on July 24th from Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools, which informed us that we met the

statutory criteria for the approval of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and commended us on our effort. Dr. Ecker stated that the District utilized a comprehensive and inclusive engagement process and expanded stakeholder groups to broaden input and broaden involvement. The senior staff noted a particular area that arose during the LCAP outreach effort and due to insufficient resources were unable to satisfactorily respond. The particular area, as the Board noted in its' interests, is the air quality and climate of our classrooms. The District heard from parents, students, staff and community members as to the negative impact that heat and poor ventilation has on the condition for learning. The District has communicated with a contractor regarding air quality and ventilation systems. A resolution will be on our next board agenda to authorize the investigation of the feasibility of a public investment in local school facilities. We do not know what the results of a feasibility study, outreach or a survey would be but we have come to a point where we need to do something. Mrs. Crandall was concerned about the inability of sustaining the electric bills with continued energy rate increases. Dr. Ecker stated that the District now has an energy conservation program. This program will not pick up the additional cost but by adjusting and/or adding solar units it will increase the level of cost savings. The discussion on Mr. Templin's interest that the Board has endorsed is not going to go far without some discussion into revenue and resources. Mrs. Crandall commented on changing the start and stop of our academic year. Mr. Collins stated there would be a lot of ramifications of changing the start and stop times. Dr. Ecker stated there may be a number of different ways we may be able to mitigate changing the calendar. Mr. Templin commented that there are 30 plus children in a classroom with a lot of electronics and a lot of our classrooms do not have windows for ventilation. Mrs. Crandall stated FVSD should explore all kinds of options.

Another option Mrs. Crandall stated was a balanced school year where it is spread out through the course of the year which is a little different from the year round school we used to have here in Fountain Valley. The balanced school year is where they typically look at when there is warm weather and schedule the school year around it. Dr. Ecker stated I think we will have to find alternative revenue streams which we are exploring in many ways.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Edwards announced that the Board would not need a second closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Templin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

Second: Mr. Collins

Vote: Unanimously approved

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