

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

District Board Room

1401 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, California

3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Regular meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Ellen Ballard at 3:30 p.m. President Ballard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board members present:

- Ellen Ballard
- Robert Fisler
- Marjorie Pogue
- Hilda Sugarman
- Lynn Thornley

Administration present:

- Dr. Cameron M. McCune
- Dr. Linda Caillet
- Dr. Patricia Godfrey
- Mr. Mark Douglas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 3:31 p.m.: 1) Conference regarding FETA (Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association) and CSEA (California School Employees Association); District Representative - Dr. Cameron M. McCune [Government Code sections 54954.5(f), 54957.6]; 2) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, and Personnel Matters [Government Code sections 54954.5(d), 54957]; 3) Potential Litigation

[Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)].

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the flagpole in front of the District's Administrative Offices. President Ballard introduced Ted Garcia, firefighter, and his family, and spoke about their hosting families of New York City victims of 9/11. Mr. Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Ballard stated there was nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS

Lauralyn Eschner presented an Above & Beyond Award recognition to Greg Dymont, Director of the Fullerton Arboretum, thanking him for his generous donation of plants for the recently completed District Administrative Office landscape project. Ms. Eschner also presented Rick and Patty Anfinson with an Above & Beyond Award thanking them for their donation to the District's Foundation for the Arts which will provide funds to purchase instruments for students. Dr. Cameron McCune presented Above & Beyond Award recognitions to Dan Looney and Lauralyn Eschner for their efforts in creating, designing, and constructing the new landscaping at the Administrative Offices.

Mark Douglas and Gretchen Francisco welcomed and introduced new Assistant Principal for Pacific Drive School, Teddi Vallejo.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - POLICY

President Ballard read the Board of Trustees' policy regarding public comments and rules of decorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Bass, Fullerton resident and Board candidate, requested the Board support Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher's efforts for equalization. Mr. Bass also requested the Board agendaize an item in support of Proposition 47.

INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. McCune reported the District received \$50,000 from the Beckman Foundation in support of the District's Science program. Dr. McCune thanked Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher for participating in the panel discussion at the recent Fullerton Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting. Dr. McCune noted he attended the School Services of California conference yesterday regarding the State budget. Dr. McCune

stated the District has an increase of 138 students compared to the opening of school last year, and as a result, the Personnel Department has hired six additional teachers. Dr. McCune also thanked Mark Douglas for working closely with principals which assisted in eliminating the need to pull staff from school sites as was previously necessary.

INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA

Barbara Moore, FETA President, stated FETA is in full support of Proposition 47, and FETA has arranged five evenings of phone banking with all schools participating. Mrs. Moore invited Trustees to join in the phone banking scheduled for October 7, 10, 17, 24, and November 4. Harriet Hermann, FESMA President, commended office staff with a smooth opening of school in addition to learning the new PowerSchool system, and she thanked the Information Services Department for their expertise and positive attitudes.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Sugarman thanked the Maintenance & Operations department for all the projects they worked on during the summer. Mrs. Sugarman also stated she is looking forward to working with the City in the construction of the new school in Amerige Heights. Trustee Sugarman noted she is hopeful the negotiations with CSEA and FETA are expedient and have the best possible result for all concerned.

Trustee Thornley stated she is enjoying the Back to School Nights and commented this is a very fun time of year for parents and students.

Trustee Fisler noted the Back to School Nights are very important events and stated he enjoys listening to what parents have to say. Mr. Fisler thanked Billie Holt for her work with Science education and appreciates the awareness level in the community. Mr. Fisler also encouraged support for Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher's efforts regarding the Grades 7 & 8 equalization issue.

Trustee Pogue stated she has been enjoying the Back to School Nights and noted introduction of teachers has been a great help. Mrs. Pogue commented she was delighted with the enthusiasm of the Valencia Park upper grade teachers, and she stated Beechwood School enjoys their small class sizes. Mrs. Pogue reported she attended the Acacia School 9/11 commemoration that was very patriotic and noted students' poetry is displayed which conveys how well children are handling the situation.

President Ballard commented on the amount of grant funds received by the Fullerton School District Arts Foundation and the Fullerton School District

Educational Foundation. Mrs. Ballard asked that principals urge their teachers to apply for grants.

INFORMATION ITEM

There were a few noted changes to start times of Back to School Nights on the District Activities Calendar which reflects the period September 16, 2002 through October 11, 2002.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on August 27, 2002.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AND/OR REQUEST TO MOVE AN ITEM TO ACTION

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously to approve the consent items with the exception of 1t and 1w which were tabled to be addressed at a future Board meeting.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

1a. APPROVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT with California State University, Fullerton.

1b. APPROVE/RATIFY ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT as submitted.

1c. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS numbered 322B0057 through 322B0063, 322C0033, 322D0030 through 322D0031, 322L0006, 322M0151 through 322M0173, 322R0347 through 322R0426, 322S0054 through 322S0064, 322T0004 through 322T0012, 322V0033 through 322V0038, 322X0121 through 322X0165, and 322Y0021.

1d. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS numbered 500047 through 500094 for 2002/2003.

1e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS numbered 27093 through 27321 in the amount of \$1,470,307.86.

1f. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS numbered 1000 through 1033 in the amount of \$213,806.06 for the 2002/2003 school year.

1g. APPROVE USE OF THE COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NUMBER 02-02 for playground equipment, outdoor site furnishings, and DSA

shade shelters and find and determine that it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these items through the Colton Joint Unified School District.

1h. APPROVE A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT with First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton to provide a Thanksgiving meal at Maple School on November 28, 2002.

1i. APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE for After School Program Director.

1j. APPROVE APPLICATION for 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Funds to expand after school programs at Richman, Woodcrest, Pacific Drive, Raymond, and Orangethorpe Schools and to develop and expand Boys and Girls Club programs serving Commonwealth and Valencia Park Schools.

1k. APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP for Parks Junior High 8th grade students to Washington, D.C., and environs from April 3 through 12, 2003, at no cost to the District.

Trustee Sugarman commended Mr. Wallace for his many years of enthusiastically taking students to Washington, D.C.

1l. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH DAVID TAUSSIG & ASSOCIATES for financial and demographic services through June 30, 2004.

1m. APPROVE CLASSIFIED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT for Alfred Acosta, Katherine Aniol, Deborah Mittelman, Kathleen Rowland, Jennifer Smith, Patricia Smith, and Jenny Trujillo.

1n. APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENTS for State-owned relocatable classrooms for child care at Valencia Park and Sunset Lane Elementary Schools for \$1 per year per relocatable classroom for the period September 1, 2002 through August 30, 2007.

1o. ADOPT RESOLUTION #02/03-10 eliminating identified classified position.

1p. APPROVE/RATIFY CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT as submitted.

1q. APPROVE AGREEMENT for consulting services for underground storage container inspection with Environmental Audit, Inc. for a total amount not expected to exceed \$1,500.

1r. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the site work and installation of District-owned play equipment at four sites (non-Measure CC related) and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

1s. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the fire alarm and communication systems replacement at Sunset Lane School (non-Measure CC related) and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

1t. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the Nutrition Center Food Preparation Equipment Replacement and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

Tabled to be addressed at future Board meeting.

1u. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the conversion of the wood shop at Parks Junior High School into a technology lab and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

1v. APPROVE NOTICES OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the two projects listed on page 1v-1 and file the Notices of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

1w. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION and accept as complete the site work related to installation of relocatable classrooms (Boys & Girls Club relocatable at Commonwealth School) and file the Notice of Completion with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

Tabled to be addressed at future Board meeting.

1x. APPROVE AGREEMENT with Class Leasing, Inc., to lease two relocatable classroom buildings.

1y. APPROVE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF ORANGE (TOC) AGREEMENT for instructional television services during the 2002/2003 school year.

1z. APPROVE 2002/2003 MASTER NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT with Augmentative Communication Therapies, Cynthia Cottier, M.A., M.Ed., C.C.C., Augmentative Communication Specialist.

1aa. APPROVE CLOSURE OF DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS at Citizens Business Bank effective August 1, 2002.

1bb. APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS at Fullerton Community Bank effective August 1, 2002.

1cc. ADOPT RESOLUTION #02/03-5 authorizing the establishment of operational funds for the operation of Community Facilities District No. 2000-1 (Van Daele) and Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 (Amerige Heights).

1dd.ADOPT RESOLUTION #02/03-8 authorizing investment of Fullerton School District's Community Facilities District (CFD) 2001-1 Reserve Funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

1ee.ADOPT RESOLUTION #02/03-11 approving the recalculation of the 2001/02 appropriations limitation and establishing the 2002/03 estimated appropriations limitation calculations.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. ACCEPT GIFTS and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors.

President Ballard thanked Kathy Ikola for all her work for the District and then read the gifts to the District thanking all donors for their contributions.

2b. APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT

Fullerton resident and Board candidate Minard Duncan encouraged the Board to approve this agreement.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously to approve the Grant Agreement with the Orange County Children and Families Commission, the Fullerton School District, and the Orange County Superintendent of Schools to receive School Readiness funds.

2c. ADOPT RESOLUTION #02/03-9

Fullerton resident and Board candidate Kevin Bass encouraged the Board's adoption of this Resolution stating he feels Fullerton can do more as the "education community" in gathering strength with other

K-8 districts for equalization. Superintendent McCune stated he is working with other K-8 superintendents within the State encouraging support for the legislation.

Moved by Robert Fidler, seconded by Lynn Thornley and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #02/03-9 in support of Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher's efforts to equalize funding and urge staff, parents, and community members to contact the governor regarding this inequity at: Governor Gray Davis, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California, 92814, phone (916) 445-2841, fax (916) 445-4633, email address Governor@governor.ca.gov.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Ballard stated agenda item #3b would be heard first, followed by 3a, 3d, and 3c.

3b. STANDARDIZED TESTING AND REPORTING (STAR) RESULTS, 2002

Dr. Linda Caillet and Mrs. Ana Stover presented information regarding the initial testing reports for the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Edition (SAT 9), the California Standards Test (CST) in English-Language Arts, and the California Standards Test (CST) in Mathematics. District staff and Trustees noted there has been steady improvement.

Mr. Tony Anderson presented Academic Performance Index (API) projections and discussed the State's accountability system for schools.

Dr. Caillet stated four of the District's principals will present information regarding their school's plans for academic improvement and strategies to improve test performance. Dr. Bob Hobson of Commonwealth School, Mrs. Glenda Thompson of Maple School, Mr. Allan Waterman of Nicolas Junior High School, and Mrs. Yolanda McComb of Richman School gave excellent in-depth presentations.

3a. FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey stated Personnel and Business Services Departments will meet with principals regarding planning activities of Measure CC, and staff will present further prioritization of Measure CC projects to the Board of Trustees in October. Dr. Godfrey noted thus

far health, safety, and underground plumbing approximate costs have been addressed, and now the District will look at the next items of priority.

3d. BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Patricia Godfrey and Ms. Andrea Reynolds presented and discussed State budget charts with detailed information to the Board regarding 1) percent change in California jobs December 2000 through December 2001; 2) capital gains and stock options as a percent of general fund revenues; 3) ingredients for creating a budget stalemate; 4) balancing a budget without resolution; 5) education and balancing the budget; 6) net COLA growth is closer to 1.5%; 7) education growth and squeezes in 2002-03; 8) good and bad news items; 9) the funding deferrals; and 10) outlook for 2003-04.

3c. CITIZENS WITH CHARACTER WEEK OF PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Dr. Caillet thanked Mrs. Billie Holt for the excellent "Citizens with Character Week" display in the Board Room. Mrs. Holt discussed the week (September 9 through 17) of activities planned to build students' skills in writing and visual and performing arts. Mrs. Holt also stated the "Do the Right Thing" art project focused on citizenship, fairness, responsibility, respect, caring, and trustworthiness, and all students received a certificate of participation.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Thornley requested an update from staff regarding the District's K-8 intervention programs for students.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ballard adjourned the Regular meeting on September 17, 2002, at 7:45 p.m.

Robert Fisler, Clerk