

**FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 11, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District was held in Conference Room #108 at the District Administrative Center, 2490 Hilborn Road, Fairfield, California, on Thursday, July 11, 2013.

The Governing Board convened in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Board President Polk noted one revision to an item on the agenda:

- agenda item no. VI-B-3, Review and Potential Approval of Change Orders to the Suisun Valley Classroom Addition Contract.

\*\* Motion was made by Mr. Gaut, seconded by Mrs. Honeychurch, and carried with Mr. Isom absent, to approve adoption of the agenda as modified.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss:

- public employment regarding Assistant Principal, Armijo High School
- public employment regarding Principal, B. Gale Wilson
- conference with labor negotiators regarding the District and the Fairfield-Suisun Teacher Association (F-SUTA); California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #302, Office Technical and Business Services Unit.; California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #302 , Support/Operations Unit

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Governing Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:31 p.m.

**Mr. Gaut left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Polk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Superintendent Kris Corey reported that during Closed Session the Board:

- By unanimous vote with Mr. Isom absent, took action to appoint:
- Lynne Ruvalcaba as Assistant Principal of Armijo High School, effective July 29, 2013
  - Cheryl Jones as Principal of B. Gale Wilson, effective July 12, 2013

**ROLL CALL**

Members in attendance: Dave Gaut, Judi Honeychurch, Kathy Marianno, Perry W. Polk, Pat Shamansky, John Silva, Kristin Hsu, and Kris Corey, Superintendent.

**ROLL CALL** (continued)

Member Absent: David C. Isom

President Polk welcomed Kris Corey to her first official board meeting as the Superintendent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE  
FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

Mr. Polk called upon the two new administrators to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**RECOGNITIONS**

There were no recognitions.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In her report Superintendent Corey reported that:

- She is adjusting to her new role
- The Maintenance Department has taken her on a visit to many school sites.
- Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) and curriculum staff will be moving to the second floor of the Central Office
- The Instructional Media Center on the second floor is going to be developed into a Professional Learning Commons room

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

\*\* Motion was made by Mrs. Honeychurch, and seconded by Mrs. Marianno, and carried with Mr. Isom and Mr. Gaut absent, to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

1. approval of Resolution No. 02-1314 to Enter into Contract No. CSPP-2596 with the California State Department of Education for Child Development Services
2. Public Safety Academy Annual Evaluation Report
3. donations to the District
4. ratification of District contracts for the month of June 2013
5. personnel action report 1314-1a (certificated hires, leaves, retirements, and resignations)
6. personnel action report 1314-1b (classified hires, leaves, retirements, and resignations)

**Mr. Gaut returned to the meeting at 6:02.**

Roxane Liu, Director of Instructional Support, stated that this is a required component when asking the state to make an adjustment because of a school being a small site.

Ms. Shamansky asked if there was a discussion of what the schoolsite council should look like in regards to all staff being represented on the schoolsite council. She is concerned that classified staff is not represented and asked if this was discussed by others.

Mrs. Liu stated there were three parents on the schoolsite council, and that staff on the site council is generally represented by teachers and principals.

**PUBLIC HEARING: WAIVER FOR  
SHARED SCHOOLSITE COUNCIL  
WITH REDUCED NUMBER AND  
COMPOSITION FOR FAIRFIELD-  
SUISUN ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY  
DAY AND H. GLENN RICHARDSON**

**PUBLIC HEARING: WAIVER FOR SHARED SCHOOLSITE COUNCIL WITH REDUCED NUMBER AND COMPOSITION FOR FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY DAY AND H. GLENN RICHARDSON**  
(continued)

Although, she stated, there must be three parents to keep a functioning site council. She stated they tried to maintain as many aspects of the schoolsite council as they could.

Mrs. Liu stated that classified staff and community members can attend site council meetings.

The public hearing for the waiver for shared schoolsite council with reduced number and composition for Fairfield-Suisun Elementary Community Day and H. Glenn Richardson, opened at 6:03 p.m.

There being no speakers, the public hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER FOR SHARED SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL WITH REDUCED NUMBER AND COMPOSITION FOR FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY DAY AND H. GLENN RICHARDSON**

- \*\* Motion was made by Mrs. Honeychurch and seconded by Mrs. Marianno and carried with Mr. Isom absent and Ms. Shamansky voting "no", to approve the waiver for shared schoolsite council with reduced number and composition for Fairfield-Suisun Elementary Community Day and H. Glenn Richardson.

**APPROVAL OF TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM FOR TOLENAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Roxane Liu, Director of Instructional Support, stated that the process for identifying a Title I school takes approximately one year, and that Tolenas Elementary School has qualified through this process. According to Mrs. Liu, 75% of Tolenas students receive free or reduced lunch. She stated that according to the state, Tolenas has met all of the components to be classified as a Title I school.

Mr. Silva asked about strategies regarding parental involvement, and if there are any additional strategies that have occurred.

Mrs. Liu added that one of the criteria is that the school must have parental informational meetings.

- \*\* Motion was made by Mrs. Marianno, and seconded by Mrs. Honeychurch, and carried with Mr. Isom absent, to approve Title I Schoolwide Program for Tolenas Elementary School.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 01-1314 APPROVING A SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS AND JUSTIFICATION STUDY AND ESTABLISHING SCHOOL FACILITY FEES**

This item was presented by Kim VanGundy, Director of Facilities. Mrs. VanGundy stated that this hearing is required by law. She stated that the facility use fee will go from \$377,000 to \$404,000.

The public hearing regarding Resolution No. 01-1314 Approving a School Facility Needs Analysis and Justification Study and Establishing School Facility Fees opened at 6:13 p.m.

There being no speakers, the public hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-1314 APPROVING A SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS AND JUSTIFICATION STUDY AND ESTABLISHING SCHOOL FACILITY FEES**

- \*\* Motion was made by Mrs. Honeychurch and seconded by Mrs. Marianno, and carried with Mr. Isom absent, to approve Resolution No. 01-1314, Approving a School Facility Needs Analysis and Justification Establishing School Facility Fees.

**REVIEW AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL  
OF CHANGE ORDERS TO THE SUISUN  
VALLEY CLASSROOM ADDITION  
CONTRACT**

Kim VanGundy, Director of Facilities, presented this item. She stated that this is not a routine item. According to Mrs. VanGundy, there was a public bid and because of this, there were two contracts signed. She stated that the contracts are still being negotiated. She added that having two contractors on site would create a problem when school starts in August. Mrs. VanGundy suggested that the Board approve the change orders in order to stop a time delay.

Ms. Shamansky asked questions regarding the soil. There was a request to look at the soil and to look at toxics and substances control. She also asked questions regarding the sewer and septic systems.

Mrs. VanGundy stated that they were not expecting to find anything in the soil. She did, however, recommend adding sinks to the portables.

Ms. Shamansky asked if the \$81,000 would be a net savings.

Mrs. VanGundy responded that yes, this would be a net savings to the District. She stated that the District needs to do a good job of making sure that sure the staff communicates what their needs and wants are before we do change orders.

Mr. Silva stated that these jobs are time sensitive.

\*\* Motion was made by Mrs. Marianno, and seconded by Mr. Gaut, and carried with Mr. Isom absent, to approve the change orders in the amount of \$371,966 in order to save \$81,000; to avoid a time delay that would adversely affect the project and acknowledged that bidding would probably not result in a lower price.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Clifford Gordon, from Music for Our Children, stated that his children attended FSUSD schools. He is asking that we restore music to the District.

Denise Hunter, from Music for Our Children, commented on how much music helps to produce productive individuals.

Ron Thorpe, retired music teacher, would like music brought back to the District. He stated that currently there is no classroom music being taught.

Joan Gaut, retired music teacher, expressed her position on the use of music and performing arts with the Common Core State Standards. She also stated that the District needs to maintain community relations.

George Gwynn Jr., community member, expressed his opposition to the District using the Common Core State Standards.

**REVIEW QUARTERLY REPORT ON  
WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS**

As this is a routine informational item, no formal presentation was made.

**MONTHLY REPORT ON  
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE  
DISTRICT LOCAL EDUCATIONAL  
AGENCY (LEA) PLAN: COMMON  
CORE STATE STANDARDS**

Malcolm Butler, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented this item. Mr. Butler stated that FSUSD is part of a national movement to go towards Common Core. He stated that the District wants all of its students to succeed as we move towards Common Core. The presentation included:

Stakeholder involvement

- Vendor fair
- WestEd chosen as provider
- Continuation of effective and engaging instructional practices; Teach 4 Success

Implementation priorities

- Standards, instruction, and assessment practices
- Revisions
  - Pacing guides
  - Report cards
- Pathways for secondary mathematics

Smarter Balanced Assessments

- Transition from California Standards Tests to Smarter Balanced Assessment System

**REQUEST TO SPEAK**

John Takeuchi, Fairfield community member, stated that the District should be basing what students do on what they read and write. He stated that Common Core is the latest dummying down in our system. He stated that there is a segment of the population that is opposed to Common Core.

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(continued)

Ms. Shamansky stated that she recently attended a California School Boards Association webcast group interested in Common Core. She stated that the Board must get more involved and find out more about what these standards are. She added that the District must understand what they are talking about and must understand the implementation of Common Core.

Ms. Shamansky asked what kind of approach will be used for mathematics; algebra 2, geometry, etc. She stated that many do not agree with integrated math approach. She wants to be part of the decision-making process when they decide what they are going to use.

Mr. Gaut stated that students need to think creatively, and added that he loves what Common Core is going to bring. He stated that he is looking forward to it.

Mr. Polk stated that we need to understand more about Common Core and that he is looking forward to implementing Common Core. Mr. Polk stated that applying mathematics skills is going to be exciting.

**BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT  
AND MEMBER INFORMATION**

There were no reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Polk adjourned the meeting  
at 7:09 p.m.

Approved:

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Judi Honeychurch, Clerk

Attest:

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Perry W. Polk, Board President

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