

**FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
November 12, 2013**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

A special 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Polk.

**ROLL CALL**

Members in Attendance: Dave Gaut, Judi Honeychurch, Kathleen Marianno, Perry W. Polk, Pat Shamansky, Kristin Hsu, and Kris Corey, Superintendent.

Member Absent: David C. Isom, John Silva

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

Mr. Polk asked that school site principals lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*\* Motion was made by Mr. Gaut, seconded by Mrs. Marianno, carried with Student Board Member agreeing, and with Mr. Isom and Mr. Silva absent, to approve adoption of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON STUDY  
SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments.

**PROGRAM AND FACILITY  
CAPACITY UPDATE**

Kelly Morgan, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Kim VanGundy, Director of Facilities, presented an update to the Governing Board relative to District-wide grade level configurations, facility capacities, and financial implications relative to K-3 class size reduction (CSR) under the new Local Control Funding formula (LCFF). The following information was included in the presentation:

**Mr. Silva arrived at 5:05 p.m.**

- November 15, 2012- Action taken to offer K-8 options:
  - Laurel Creek Elementary
  - Sheldon Academy of Innovative Learning
  - Suisun Elementary
  - Suisun Valley (increased capacity by moving B. Gale Elementary to Suisun Valley)
  - David A. Weir Preparatory Academy
  - B. Gale- 6-8 and Dual Immersion (2016-17)
- June 2013- State budget adopted K-3 Class Size Reduction Funded (CSR) 24:1 Eight-year implementation dependent on funding appropriated
- Laurel Creek Elementary
  - Capacity insufficient for K-8 build out and K-3 CSR

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CAPACITY UPDATE (continued)**

- Schools projected enrollment:  
1,100 elementary students at K-8 build-out in 2015-16  
1,185 by 2018-19
- Long range plan:  
K-8 or  
2 schools on site- K-5 and 6-8
- Recommend postponing further movement to K-8 for at least one year
- Recommend addressing traffic, restroom and core facility issues as soon as possible
- Suisun Elementary
  - Currently, a QEIA school- ends in 2014-15
  - Plan was to move toward K-8 beginning in 2014-15
  - Transitional Kindergarten (TK) expansion has occurred at this site
  - Recommend postponing further movement to K-8 for at least one year
- Overarching Goals Revisited
  - Goals set in November 2012:
  - Provide some k-8 options
  - Provide sufficient TK options
  - No major changes to site configurations until 2014-15, except to ease pressure on Grange and AHS  
(Holding on major changes allows for Education programming for digital natives and Maintenance and deferred maintenance projects)
- Resulting District-wide configurations
  - K-5 Elementary Schools
  - K-8 options throughout the District
  - 6-8 Middle School
- Oakbrook Elementary
  - Currently, 31 classrooms- 6 empty
  - Could accommodate K-8
  - K-8 would allow:  
K-8 option in the Cordelia area  
Green Valley to go to 6-8  
Nelda Mundy and Cordelia to go to K-5  
Frees up space for k-3 CSR at Mundy and Cordelia
- Recommend phase-in of K-8 beginning in 2014-2015
- Cursory Analysis of K-3 CSR
  - K-3 enrollment October 2013 = 6,703
  - Full reduction to 24:1 would require:  
Minimum 63 additional classrooms  
Minimum 63 additional teachers
- Currently have 539 elementary classrooms-59 unoccupied (excludes B. Gale Wilson)
  - QEIA ends 2015-16- should yield approximately 18 classrooms
  - Anticipated CSR funding at full implementation of Local Control Funding Formula+ \$4,759,581
  - Addition of \$4,198,902 from current funding for CSR (\$560,679)

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CAPACITY UPDATE (continued)**

- 63 teachers = \$4,869,900 (based on average teachers salary of \$77,300)
- Minimum encroachment \$671K at full implementation
- Other Considerations
  - Recent enrollment growth
  - Growth in Special Education Autism classes (3 added since last school year)
  - Other K-8 configurations (e.g. Oakbrook)
  - Combination classes under 24:1 configuration
  - Extensive monitoring of K-3 class size under severe 'hard cap' penalty system
  - K-3 average by school must be 24:1 – individual classes can vary
  - Need for increased general education preschool programs
  - GATE programs at all Middle Schools
  - Potential boundary changes
  - Choice options
  - Overflow issues
- Administration Recommendations for Board Consideration
  - Wait at least one year to add grade levels to Laurel Creek and Suisun Elementary
  - Move Oakbrook to K-7 in 2014-15, K-8 in 2015-16  
Current Enrollment= 458 projected 2015-16 = 558
  - Move Nelda Mundy to K-5 in 2015-16  
Current enrollment= 853 projected 2015-16= 721
  - Move Cordelia Hills to K-5 in 2015-16  
Current enrollment= 699 projected 2015-16= 625
  - Move Green valley to 6-8 in 2015-16  
Current enrollment= 801 projected 2015-16= 909
  - B. Gale Wilson to 6-8 (and Dual Immersion) in 2016-17  
Current enrollment= 885 projected 2016-17= 1,026
  - Rolling Hills to K-5 in 2016-17  
Current enrollment= 727 projected 2016-17= 649
  - K.I. Jones to K-5 in 2016-17  
Current Enrollment= 749 projected 2016-17= 600
  - Examine K-3 CSR further during Jan-Feb budget discussions

Superintendent Corey stated that if the Board decides to wait a year to make a decision of whether or not to expand Laurel Creek, this would allow them to address traffic concerns. The school has a higher enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year than anticipated; an increase of 79 students. This has caused the school to go to 4 1/2 different lunches.

Kim VanGundy stated that the Design Development Committee is currently meeting on site to discuss and evaluate options.

Ms. Morgan stated that more time is needed to think about we want as a district.

Superintendent Corey stated that it is recommended that Laurel Creek be kept as a K-6 for now until more information has been

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CAPACITY UPDATE (continued)**

received regarding Class Size Reduction (CSR).

Ms. VanGundy stated that the Army Core of Engineers has questioned whether or not part of the land on Laurel Creek is considered a wet land. The Army Core of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency have agreed that the land parcel in question may not be wetlands. More information will be forthcoming.

Superintendent Corey explained the difference between the K-8 elementary option and the 6-8 option. She stated that with the K-8 option, elementary is taught by teachers with a multiple subject credential. The 6-8 option is usually taught by teachers with a single subject credential and students classes are rotated with added classes.

Superintendent Corey stated that there has been an interest in making Nelda Mundy a K-8 school. Kristen Cherry, Principal at Nelda Mundy, would also like to see Nelda Mundy become a K-8 school. Unfortunately, going to a K-8 is not an option for Nelda Mundy without doing major reallocations of the attendance boundaries. After analyzing options, it was decided that Oakbrook does have the room and would be able to accommodate a K-8 option. If this option is used for Oakbrook, the school would be about the same size as Suisun Valley. The goal is to turn Oakbrook into a K-8 academy and have it feed into Rodriguez High School. Oakbrook is also within walking distance to Oakbrook. Oakbrook is planning to become a visual performing arts academy.

With regard to the K-3 CSR program, according to Ms. Morgan, there are currently 6700 Transitional Kindergartners through third grade students in our District. Using these configurations, the District would need a minimum of 63 additional classrooms and 63 additional teachers in order to meet the 24:1 class size reduction.

In discussing CSR, the Superintendent stated that in the past, if a school was over the 20:1 target, the District lost funding only for that particular school. With LCFF, if a school goes over target, the funding is lost for the entire district. She stated there will need to be constant monitoring of the program if the District utilizes the CSR program.

Ms. Morgan later stated that there will be severe penalties if the District takes on the CSR program and the 24:1 ratio is not followed.

Ms. Morgan stated that the District has had significant growth in its special education autism classes. The District has added three classes since last year. This increase is significant for a district our size.

Ms. Hsu asked if the District will be able to hire qualified teachers if we go 24:1 stating that this would be an ideal situation.

Ms. Corey stated that this question is one of the District's many discussions.

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CAPACITY UPDATE (continued)**

By going 24:1, Boards now have control over how they want to determine the 24:1 average. As long as the school averages out to 24:1. She later added that it will be important for staff to monitor whether or not a student has moved.

Justine Turner, Principal at Oakbrook, was asked how she felt that her community feels with regard to Oakbrook becoming a K-8 school. She stated that the response has been very positive.

Ms. Morgan stated that the District is not yet ready to accept going to the CSR program. She recommended waiting on Laurel Creek and Suisun Elementary and going forward with Oakbrook as a K-8. By doing so, this would give breathing room to the schools that would be impacted by the change.

The Board asked that the decision regarding Laurel Creek and Suisun Elementary be presented for "action" at the December meeting. They requested the Oakbrook K-8 decision come to the Board as "information" in December and as an "action" item in January, because this decision would impact Nelda Mundy, Cordelia Hills, and Green Valley.

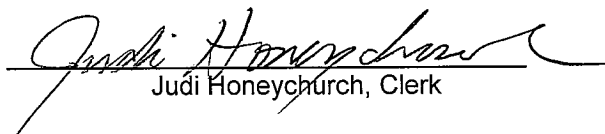
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board President Polk adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Perry W. Polk, President

Approved:

  
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Judi Honeychurch, Clerk

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