

FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 15, 1980  
Sacramento

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Donald Wilson, State FFA Advisor. The members in attendance were: Charon Scott, Legislative Aide to Assemblyman Norman Waters; Steve Dejong, Legislative Analyst for the California Farm Bureau Federation; Betty Beckendorf and Gary Varella, both agriculture instructors from the North Coast Region; Bob Flores and Harold Johnson, both agriculture instructors from the South Coast Region; Paddy Shansby and Pat McCartney, both agriculture instructors from the Superior Region; Tony Silva and Evelyn Hendrix, both agriculture instructors from the Central Region; Chris Dixon and Dick Boucher, both agriculture instructors from the San Joaquin Region; Darrel Colburn, agriculture instructor from the Southern Region; Gary Hunt and Larry West, both agriculture instructors from the Southwestern Region; and Linda Marquez, State FFA Secretary. Also present was Mr. Jerry T. Davis, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mr. Wilson discussed the need for an advisory committee. He indicated that it was important to have input on activities and budgeting brought about by the enactment of AB-8. This bill has made \$112,000 (approximately) available for FFA. There are other items of importance concerning FFA which the committee may need to be concerned with.

The second item discussed concerned the organization and functioning of the committee. It was decided that the committee should meet twice a year. The term of office of each member would be two years. Members would be selected one by region and one by state advisor in order to maintain balance of membership.

Mr. Wilson discussed the history and background of the Norman Waters legislation which made money available to the FFA. It started in 1977 as AB-2497. It failed that year and was re-introduced as AB-934. AB-934 was amended into AB-8 during the late spring of 1979. AB-8 passed in July of 1979. The purpose is to improve vocational student organizations and is primarily spent at the state, regional, and sectional levels.

Mr. Davis discussed the current budget for fiscal year 1980-81. He stated that the major items in the budget came directly from the bill. The advisory committee could consider specific items to be included under each category. Items in the current year's budget were discussed and suggestions were taken for activities to be funded under each budget category.

A general discussion was held concerning areas that might be funded to strengthen the FFA. The following ideas were discussed:

1. More activities be developed that directly benefit FFA members.
2. Make money available for regional supervisors to conduct activities in the region. Regional officers could be trained.
3. Make certificates available to all members.
4. Use a Danish system on contests and do on a school day.

5. Conduct a Chapter Presidents Conference, but permit more officers to participate.
6. More recognition for all participants.
7. Student-to-student leadership.
8. Region and section officer handbook.
9. Provide chapter banquet travel.
10. Create visual material.
11. Do a film on state convention.
12. Do a handbook on scoring State and American Farmers.
13. Do a handbook on scoring record books.
14. Do an inservice on preparation of American Farmers.

Items of special interest to the FFA were considered. Don Wilson discussed current Vocational Education legislation. The current FFA membership was discussed. It was thought that enrollment would be up slightly and that FFA membership was holding steady with last year. There was a significant decrease in the San Joaquin Region.

The next item discussed concerned local advisory committee development. It was noted that Farm Bureau local community groups would be interested in having input on local programs and in serving on local advisory groups. A member of the Farm Bureau, Steve DeJong, in the Sacramento Legislative Office, will serve on this statewide advisory group for FFA.

The last item of business was the election of officers. Elected were: Gary Hunt, President; Harold Johnson, Vice President; and Linda Marquez, Secretary.

The terms for members' appointments are:

Gary Hunt - 2 years  
Larry West - 1 year  
Bob Flores - 1 year  
Harold Johnson - 2 years  
Betty Beckendorf - 1 year  
Gary Varella - 2 years  
Darrel Colburn - 2 years

Chris Dixon - 1 year  
Dick Boucher - 2 years  
Paddy Shansby - 2 years  
Pat McCartney - 1 year  
Tony Silva - 1 year  
Evelyn Hendrix - 2 years

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE EDUCATION BUILDING  
721 CAPITOL MALL, SACRAMENTO  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1980

AGENDA

1. 9:00 AM - Introductions
2. Need and purpose of Advisory Committee
3. Call for additional agenda items
4. Future meetings and operation of the Committee
  - a. Frequency of meetings
  - b. Term of members on committee
  - c. Selection of committee members
  - d. Election of committee officers
5. Assembly Bill No. 8
  - a. Explanation of AB-8
  - b. Review of what happened in 1979-80
  - c. Comments by committee members on effectiveness of what was done in 1979-80
  - d. Input on budget item and activities for 1980-81 budget
6. Other FFA matters
  - a. National Convention Trip
  - b. State and American Farmer process
  - c. State Leadership Conference
  - d. Contests
  - e. Other items of concern
7. *Membership - Affiliated/nonaffiliated*
8. *Membership*
9. *Vocational Education Support Legislation*
10. *Possibility of Grant writing Seminar*
11. *Local Advisory Committee development*
12. *Proposition 9?*
13. Date and place of next meeting
14. 4:00 PM - Adjourn