

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008, 4:30 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TULARE & N STREETS BEHIND THE FRESNO COUNTY LIBRARY IN LOT-T AFTER 5:00 P.M.

Also, the City of Fresno will not enforce the street meters in this area **after 6:00 p.m.**, Monday through Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE

*DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring special assistance to access the Board meeting room, to access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate at Board meetings, please contact the Board President or Board Secretary, Elizabeth Quijano at 457-3938. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting and to provide any required accommodations, auxiliary aids or services.

TRANSLATION SERVICES: Available in Spanish and Hmong in the Board Room upon request.

***4:30 P.M., CALL TO ORDER** by the President; **RECESS** to Cabinet Room for Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions pursuant to Education Code Section 35146
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6; FUSD Negotiator(s): Kim Mecum; Employee Organization(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Building & Construction Trades Council of Fresno, Madera, Kings, and Tulare Counties/AFL-CIO; Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation
4. Public Employment/Appointment: - Government Code Section 54957
 - a. *Assistant Superintendent*
 - b. *Financial Analyst I*
 - c. *Financial Analyst II*
 - d. *Director*
 - e. *Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator*
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - (Government Code Section 54956.9(a).)
 - a. *FURA vs. Fresno Unified School District - Case No. 06 CE CG 03088*
6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b).)
 - a. Significant Exposure to Litigation: (1) potential case.

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

5:30 P.M., RECONVENE and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

Pledge of Allegiance

Slater Elementary parent, Andrew Fabela will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Fabela is a star parent and a valuable member of the Slater family. Mr. Fabela volunteers in his daughter's first grade class and a kindergarten class. Andrew is Chairman of the School Site Council and helps with fundraisers.

APPROVE Minutes

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for the February 12, 2008, Special Meeting, February 13 and February 27, 2008, Regular Meetings. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

An opportunity is provided to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives from Fresno High School. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

ALL CONSENT AGENDA items are considered to be routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. The Superintendent recommends approval or adoption of the following, with a roll call vote:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, APPROVE Personnel List

Included in the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

The Board of Education received and considered the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the March 26, 2008, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peter Summers, telephone 457-3340.

A-3, RATIFY Temporary Employment Agreement with Roland R. Fortson

Included in the Board binders for the Board's ratification is an employment agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Roland R. Fortson for temporary assistance in the Administrative Services Division. Mr. Fortson will assist in the office of the Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Fortson will be on site from March 31, 2008 1 through May 2, 2008. The ending date of the agreement is flexible should Mr. Fortson's services be required beyond May 2. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funds are available in the unrestricted general fund for fiscal year 2007/08. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-4, APPROVE Submission of the Early Intervention for School Success Grant Applications with the Orange County Office of Education

Included in the Board binders is proposal material for the Early Intervention for School Success (EISS) grant with the Orange County Office of Education to create professional learning communities to help teachers, support staff and parents provide each child, preschool through grade 2, with standards-based instruction. Over the years, 21 FUSD schools have participated in this program. Leavenworth is currently funded through 6/30/08. Previously funded schools include: Ayer, Aynesworth, Balderas, Burroughs, Centennial, Eaton, Ewing, Fremont, Greenberg, Heaton, Hidalgo, Holland, Homan, Jefferson, Kratt, McCardle, Muir, Pyle, Rowell, Slater, and Winchell. Grant amount is determined by the number of participating classrooms at each school site.

Grant Amount	Number of Classes
\$30,000 for 2 years	4-7 classes
\$50,000 for 2 years	8 or more classes (maximum award)

The Superintendent approval. Fiscal Impact: All program costs will be provided through the grant. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A-5, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 5 for Fiscal Year 2007/08

Included in the Board binders is Budget Revision No. 5 for fiscal year 2007/08. Periodic updates to the District's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 5 includes adjustments for the final State adopted budget, adjustment for the actual beginning balances, and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards and other fund adjustments. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Noted on the Agenda Form and in the backup material. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A-6, DENY Claim #07-0913-0282, (Minor)

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages from (Minor), #07-0913-0282. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA
(Roll Call Vote)**

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, an opportunity is provided for individuals to address the Board on topics within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board **not** listed on this agenda. If you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, please do so when that item is called. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, with a total of thirty (30) minutes designated for this portion of the agenda. Time limitations are at the discretion of the President of the Board. Individuals with questions on school district issues may submit them in writing. The Board will automatically refer to the Superintendent any formal requests that are brought before them at this time. The appropriate staff member will furnish answers to questions.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

6:15 P.M.

B-7, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 7 – 12 Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program
Included in the Board binders is a presentation on the 7 – 12 Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program. As a result of implementing 2006-07 Targeted Improvement Actions and Assembly Bill 1802, the District's level of support and expectations to prepare college-ready graduates has increased in focus. The presentation will illustrate the changing culture of Guidance and Counseling systemically, addressing the social, emotional, and academic needs of every student. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

6:40 P.M.

B-8, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Legislative Platform for 2008/09
Presented for the Board's consideration is the Legislative Platform. School Services of California representatives have been working with the Legislative Committee on drafting a platform for Fresno Unified School District. The Legislative Platform will include input from School Services of California and the District's Legislative Committee from the February 2008 and April 2008 meeting. The platform language will be provided after the April 2008 Legislative Committee meeting. Board Policy 2231 states that the district shall take an active approach to the legislative process, developing responses to legislation affecting education after it has been introduced and initiating legislation when it is deemed necessary to more effectively achieve the mission of the district. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no cost to the District. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

7:00 P.M.

B-9, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Change of Board Meetings Dates for the Month of June
An opportunity will be provided for the Board to discuss the change in Board Meeting dates from June 11 and 25, 2008 to June 4 and 18, 2008 – new dates. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Michael Hanson, telephone 457-3884.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-10, RECEIVE School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Progress Reports for Pyle and Slater Elementary Schools, Prepared by Action Learning Systems (ALS) – SAIT Provider
Included in the Board binders are the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Progress reports for Slater and Pyle Elementary Schools. The report submitted for Slater is Progress Report Four and for Pyle it is Progress Report Seven. A requirement of the SAIT process is to provide school improvement progress reports to the local Board after each monitoring visit. Contact person: Sue Smits, telephone 457-3753.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**