

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2008, 2:00 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

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

***2:00 P.M., CALL TO ORDER** by the President

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
**PRESENT and DISCUSS the Board Workshop on
Fiscal Services Management Oversight**

This workshop will include a presentation by staff on current operations and future initiatives pertaining to District fiscal issues, followed with a discussion by the Board and staff on any topics contained in the presentation or related to District fiscal issues. The topics covered during the presentation portion of the agenda are:

1. Fiscal Services Department Operational Overview
2. Budget Department Operational Overview
3. Fiscal Policy Overview
4. Debt Management Status and Update

Contact person: Ruth Quinto, 457-6226.

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

4:00 P.M., RECESS to Cabinet Room for Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions pursuant to Education Code Section 35146
2. Student Waivers for California High School Exit Exam for Special Education and 504 Students pursuant to Education Code Section 35146
3. 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
4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation
5. Public Employment/Appointment: - Government Code Section 54957
 - a. *Computer User Support Supervisor*
 - b. *Counselor*
 - c. *Guidance Learning Coordinator*
 - d. *Program Manager*
 - e. *Vice Principal on Special Assignment*
6. 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*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Robinson Elementary parent, Carmen Lockett will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Lockett is a star parent and a valuable member of the Robinson family. She volunteers on a daily basis and helps wherever she is needed.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

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

APPROVE Minutes

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for the October 30, 2007 special meeting, November 7, 2007, regular meeting, November 14, 2007, regular meeting, December 6 and 7, 2007 special meetings, and December 12, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

RECOGNIZE Week of the School Administrator – March 3 through 8, 2008

Included in the Board Binders is a resolution proclaiming March 3 through 8 as “Week of the School Administrator.” All School leaders in Fresno Unified are to be commended for the contributions they make to successful student achievement. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peri Lynn Turnbull, telephone 457-3904.

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 January 23, 2008, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peter Summers, telephone 457-3340.

A-3, APPROVE the Waiver Requests for a Group of Special Education and 504 Students for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

The Board of Education received a group of waiver requests from District administration on the certification for accommodations/modifications for Special Education and 504 students for the California High School Exit Exam as per Board Policy 6162.52. A list of pupils, their identifying number, and supporting evidence is maintained in the Board of Education Office. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3538.

A-4, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Young Scholars Program

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Young Scholars Program, a college preparatory program. This program is a support project which increases the academic performance and college eligibility of underrepresented students. The program objectives promote a belief in one's academic abilities, assists students in developing individualized life plans to help them be successful, teaches life skills as well as college preparation skills, and trains and empowers parents to be advocates in their child's quest for a college education. The agreement will begin The contract will begin February 28, 2008 and end June 30, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through District Title I funds in the amount of \$100,000.00. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A-5, APPROVE Two Agreements with the Californian Hotel and Sierra Gateway Apartments for Fresno Adult School (FAS)

Included in the Board binders are two agreements for use of facilities at the Californian Hotel and Sierra Gateway Apartments for Fresno Adult School to provide classes in various subjects to the adults residing at the facilities. The contracts will begin February 28, 2008 and end on June 30, 2012. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No cost to the District. Contact person, John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-6, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the California Teaching Fellows for JE Young, Edison, Hoover, and DeWolf High Schools

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation to provide 15 tutors to JE Young, Edison, Hoover and DeWolf high school students in the 11th and 12th grade who have taken but not passed one or more sections of the California High School Exit Exam. The tutoring provided by the Teaching Fellows Foundation will occur during existing intervention classes and/or after school. Hours will be based on need by each school. The contract will begin February 28, 2008 and end on May 30, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the District CAHSEE funds in the amount of \$27,500.00. Contact person: John Marinovich telephone 457-3935.

A-7, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Evaluation with Nancy Gray

Included in the Board Binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Nancy Gray to provide evaluations by the approved outside evaluator for the 2004/2007 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant, the 2007/2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant and the current Smaller Learning Community Grants at both McLane and Duncan High Schools as described, approved and financed in the current federal grant programs. This agreement shall begin on February 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through current federal programs with total contract costs of \$44,000.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, 457-3874.

A-8, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Educational Resource Consultants

Included in the Board binders an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Educational Resource Consultants to provide evaluation services for the After School and Education Safety (ASES) and 21st CCLC grant programs for the 2007/2008 school year to the 31 school sites (Academy for New Americans, Ahwahnee, Anthony, Bakman, Edison Computech, Del Mar, Easterby, Ericson, Ewing, Fremont, Hamilton, Holland, Kratt, Lawless, McCardle, Norseman, Powers, Pyle, Robinson, Roeding, Thomas, Viking, Vinland, Yokomi, Columbia, Greenberg, Homan, Jefferson, Kirk, Leavenworth, and Webster). Reports will be completed and submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) on or before due dates to be established by CDE. Reporting will include all information requested by the California Department of Education. This agreement will begin February 28, 2008 and will end June 30, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be through the Fresno Unified School District ASES and 21st CCLC Grant in the amount of \$56,000. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-9, APPROVE a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with One by One Leadership for the 2008 Summer Enrichment Program

Included in the Board binders is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with One By One Leadership for the 2008 Summer Enrichment Program leadership-training program for students in FUSD who will learn best practices in identified subject areas (mathematics, language arts, and history) and have the opportunity to develop their leadership and social skills. The program will be open to sixty (60) middle school and high school students, and it will be housed at multiple locations throughout the Fresno community. The students will participate in two three-week sessions of their choice, along with field trips and attendance at selected community meetings. The MOU will begin June 1, 2008 and will end August 14, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Program costs include \$110,000 in operational expenses from Targeted Improvement Action funds and the cost of three certificated teachers to be covered out of the District summer school budget. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, 457-3874.

A-10, APPROVE Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rael & Letson Consultants

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rael & Letson Consulting, for health benefit consulting services. The amendment provides for an extension of the contract term effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The services of Rael & Letson are needed to further promote and support the Joint Health Management Board goals and responsibilities. The District and the Joint Health Management Board recommend approval of the amendment with Rael & Letson. The monthly fee for services is \$11,666.66 or \$140,000.00 annually. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds are available in the Health Internal Fund. Contact person, Ruth Quinto, 457-6226.

A-11, APPROVE Submission of the Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education

Included in the Board binders is the Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education because Fresno Unified School District failed to meet Title III Accountability Goals for 4 consecutive years and is based on Student Success Strategy 1.2 of the District Improvement Actions and also adheres closely to the district's Master Plan for English Learners. The data sources used to develop the Action Plan included a District-wide self-assessment, and two instruments designed by WestED: the English Learner Sub-group Self Assessment and the English Learner School Level Tool. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The Title III Year 4 Action Plan will be funded through existing revenues in the Title III and Economic Impact Aid budgets. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-12, APPROVE Out of State Field Trip for Bullard High School Volleyball Team

Included in the Board binders is a Request for Out of State Travel for the Bullard High volleyball team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for the Las Vegas Invitational Boys Volleyball Tournament. Fifteen (15) students and three FUSD chaperones will travel March 16 through 19, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Total cost of lodging and transportation for students is \$2,250.00, will be paid with fundraising. Chaperones will pay their own way. Contact person, John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-13, APPROVE Submission of a Community Based Initiative Special Projects Grant to First 5 Fresno County

Included in the Board binders is a submission of a Community Based Initiative Special Projects Grant to First 5 Fresno County to provide small renovations and equipment needed to establish an autism family resource center on the Starr West Campus. The autism family resource center will implement a research based parent component recommended by the National Research Council for effective autism early intervention programs. This is one-time funding and projects must be completed within a 12 month period. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Grant funds. Contact person, Barbara Bengel, 457-3661.

A-14, RATIFY Submission of Kindergarten Camp Initiative Grant Application to First 5 Fresno County

Included in the Board binders is an Application material for the First 5 Fresno County Kindergarten Camp Initiative to serve as a comprehensive kindergarten transition activity. The overarching outcome is to assist the child and parent in better understanding what to expect from the kindergarten experience. It provides an opportunity to allow children (whom have not had a prior early care and education experience) to engage in socialization time, expose children to the kindergarten environment and routine, and to ensure that children have had all the necessary health screenings prior to kindergarten entry. Kindergarten Camp will be offered at the following sites: Centennial, Del Mar, Homan, Jefferson, Lincoln, Leavenworth, Slater, Storey, Viking, Wolters, Addams, Burroughs, Greenberg, and Lowell. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, 457-3661.

A-15, RATIFY Submission of Career Technical Education Facilities Program Proposition 1D Applications to the California Department of Education for Bullard High School

Included in the Board binders is application material to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) for Bullard High School to create instructional spaces that enhance Career Technical Education opportunities for students. The maximum total project cost will be \$100,000 (\$50,000 from CTEFP funding and \$50,000 from Measure K funds). Because Bullard is currently undergoing facilities modernization, it is the only other high school for which matching funds can be identified. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: The program requires a dollar for dollar match. District match will be provided through Measure K funds. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, 457-3661.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-16, RATIFY Submission of Concurrent Courses Pathways to College Initiative Application to the James Irvine Foundation

Included in the Board binders is application material for the Concurrent Courses Pathways to College Initiative. The initiative supports collaborative partnerships between school districts and Institutions of Higher Education that enhance Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. This is a new initiative of the James Irvine Foundation intended to strengthen college and career pathways for students who are low-income, struggling academically, and/or underrepresented in higher education by providing them with rigorous, supportive, and career-focused dual enrollment opportunities. The initiative will run through December 2010. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, 457-3661.

A-17, RATIFY Submission of the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Program-Grades Nine through Twelve Competitive Grant Application to the California Department of Education

Included in the Board binders is application material for the Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program to the California Department of Education to develop and/or continue prevention education, intervention and cessation programs, and youth development programs directed at the reduction of tobacco use among high school students. The grant period is June 29, 2008 through June 28, 2011. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, 457-3661.

A-18, ADOPT Revised Board Policies Based on Legal Mandates and Categorical Program Monitoring Review

Included in the Board binders are drafts of revised Board Policies being recommended in response to legally mandated changes and Categorical Program Monitoring review include:

- Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
- Board Policy 1312.3 – Complaints Concerning Special Education Programs/Due Process. *CSBA recommendation to delete policy since material is covered in Administrative Regulation and replace with BP 1312.3 – formerly BP 1312.31 Uniform Complaint Procedures.*

The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: No Cost to the District. Contact person: Tangee Pinheiro, telephone 457-3727.

A-19, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2706, Security Hardware Installation at 85 Schools

Included in the Board binders is a Notice of Completion for Bid #2706, Security Hardware Installation at 85 schools. The projects have been completed according to plans and specifications. Fiscal Impact: The 10% retention will be released after ratification of this Notice of Completion. Projects have been completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance and Routine Restricted Maintenance Funds. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-20, AWARD Request for Proposal (RFP) #2812, Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Included in the Board binders is information on RFP #2812. This proposal is for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel. Fuel will be supplied to the District based on a discount from the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), Daily Rack Average for Fresno. This RFP is for a one (1) year contract with the option to renew for a second and third year in one (1) year increments at the discretion of the District. The RFP was advertised as required by law on November 29, 2007, and on December 6, 2007. The bid was opened on December 18, 2007. Bid specifications were sent to twelve (12) vendors, and the District received three (3) responses. The Superintendent recommends award be to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

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| • General Petroleum Corporation | Diesel Fuel | \$0.0250 discount |
| • Robert V. Jensen, Inc. | Unleaded Gasoline | \$0.0345 discount |

Copies of the low bids are available for Board review in the Board Office. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Transportation Fuel Budget. The estimated cost for one (1) year is \$1,350,000. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-21, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 5, 2007, through January 11, 2008

Included in the Board binders is a listing of purchase orders, in excess of \$10,000 submitted for ratification by the Board. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

**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

6:30 P.M.

B-22, PRESENT and APPROVE Agreements with Fresno Regional Foundation for Establishment of Fresno Unified Education Foundation and Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund

Included in the Board binders are two draft agreements between Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Regional Foundation (FRF) to create a *Fresno Unified Education Foundation* (FUEF) and *Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund* (FUSF). The Scholarship Fund requires a separate contract to comply with IRS regulations. Approval of the agreements will enable the District to begin accepting contributions to the funds, which will be managed and administered by the FRF. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Minimal direct expenditures from Communications Office budget for promotional activities. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, 457-6226.

7:00 P.M.

B-23, DISCUSS the Potential of Continuing the Reform Governance in Action Sustainability Program

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Education to discuss participation in the Reform Governance in Action Sustainability program. The purpose of the Sustainability program is to continue the reform policy work started during the board's participation in the Center for the Reform of School Systems (CRSS) process. The Sustainability program will consist of four on-site workshops over a two-year period starting in the late fall of 2008. The workshops will feature two annual sustainability Retreats and two interim progress review/work sessions held in Fresno. Contact person: Michael Hanson, telephone 457-3884.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M**