

**AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007, 2:30 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.

**\*2:30 P.M., CALL TO ORDER** by the President.

**2:30 to 4:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT and DISCUSS the  
Board Workshop on Technology**

This workshop will include a presentation by staff on Information Technology (IT) in the District, followed with a discussion by the Board and staff on any topics contained in the presentation or related to technology. The topics covered during the presentation portion of the agenda are:

1. Information Technology Vision, Mission, and Theory of Action
2. Network and Engineering
3. Instructional Technology
4. EmpowerNet
5. Learner Support
6. Production Systems and Applications

Contact person: Kurt Madden, telephone 457-6228.

*\*All times are approximate and subject to change*

**4:30 P.M., 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. *Coordinators*
  - b. *Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinators*
  - c. *Vice Principal's/Program Managers*

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

McCardle parent, Terry Krosschell will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Krosschell is a star parent and a valuable member of the Malloch family. He is currently the President of PTA and regularly volunteers in his daughter's classroom.

### **APPROVE Minutes**

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for May 15, 2007, Special Board Meeting, May 16, 2007, Special Board Meeting, and May 23, 2007, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3884.

### **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

An opportunity is provided to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives from Hoover 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 October 24, 2007, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peter Summers, telephone 457-3340.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-3, ADOPT Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board**  
Included in the Board binders is a Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board as December 12, 2007. Pursuant to Section 35143 of the Education Code of the State of California, the governing board of each district shall hold an annual organizational meeting on a day within a 15-day period which commences on the first Friday of December and requires that the annual organizational meeting date be selected at a regular meeting before the 15-day period. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: None. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3884.
- A-4, APPROVE Revisions to the Job Description for the Coordinator, Mental Health**  
Included in Board binders is a revised job description for the position of Coordinator, Mental Health. This position description has been amended in three main areas: title, position duties, and licensing requirements for the position. The amendments have been made in order to make the position more relevant to the District's desire to promote a tiered system of behavior supports. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3548.
- A-5, RATIFY the Amended Agreement No. 3004SR008 with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (First 5) for Greenberg School Readiness Program**  
Included in the Board binders is the amended agreement with First 5 Fresno County Children and Families Commission with the Fresno Unified School District Child Development Program to provide funding for the Greenberg School Readiness Program. The new contract amount is \$1,230,093., which includes the 2007-2008 amended funding in the amount of \$296,288. It is the intent of the parties that this Amendment I to Agreement shall become effective retroactively to September 1, 2003, the start date of Agreement No. 3004SR4008, and that all other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding provided through First 5 Fresno County Children and Families Commission in the amended amount of \$296,288. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.
- A-6, RATIFY the Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract CPKP-7036, Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Program and ADOPT a Resolution for Services and Authorization**  
Included in the Board binders is a local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract CPKP-7036, Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Program (PKFLP) with the Fresno Unified School District Child Development Program to provide funding for preschool services for 19 classes at 12 elementary school sites. A request to adopt a Resolution for services and authorization to certify the approval of the governing board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Education for the purpose of providing child care and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2007/08. This is a ratify agreement due to receiving documentation in October. The period for expenditures is effective from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The Superintendent recommends approval and adoption. Fiscal Impact: Funding provided through the California Department of Education Child Care and Development Fund in the amount of \$202,492. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-7, RATIFY an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Cullinan Education Center**  
Included in the Board binders is a Contract with The Cullinan Education Center to provide Educational Therapy for one FUSD student. A previous contract for this vendor was approved at the August 8, 2007 Board meeting; the dates for this additional contract are for the period of September 13, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to provide services for one student requiring Educational Therapy. These services are required as part of the student's IEP and under a settlement agreement; thus, the District is responsible for payment for these services. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding is through the Special Education budget for 198 hours at a rate of \$55/hour, for a total of \$10,890. Contact person: Doug Jones, telephone 457-3227.

**A-8, RATIFY a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) for Preschool Program**  
Included in the Board binders is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCCC and FUSD to operate a Preschool Program, which references a District-operated Preschool Program on an SCCC-owned site that includes no more than nine preschool children with special needs, ages 3-5 years. Under the terms of this contract, SCCC provides, at its cost and expense, a Preschool Program (located in the Child Development Center at Fresno City College), associated utilities and insurance, instructional supplies, and meals. This MOU is to comply with Federal law in offering a full array of services for children with special needs and allows for an inclusive setting with non-disabled peers. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funds are included in the Special Education budget. In addition, FUSD will pay a facility fee of 25% of the tuition for 9 children which is approximately \$8,910.00. Contact person: Doug Jones, telephone 457-3226.

**A-9, APPROVE Four Memorandum of Understandings with Fresno ACEL, Sierra, University High, and Valley Preparatory Academy Charter Schools**  
Included in the Board binders are four Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fresno ACEL, Sierra, University High, and Valley Preparatory Academy Charters. The MOU's detail the relationship between the District, the Charter Corporate Entity, and the Charter School regarding operation, oversight, and monitoring. The term of the Agreements shall be coterminous with the term of each charter school granted by the District's governing board. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact as previously shown in prior Board meetings are: (\$300,145 - Fresno ACEL); (\$107,539 - Valley Preparatory Academy); (\$680,514 - Sierra); and (\$146,694 - University High) for a total of \$1,234,892. The proposed MOU agreements do not change the fiscal impact. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

**A-10, RATIFY Additional Costs for the 2005/2006 External Audit Work**  
At the September 11, 2007 District Audit Committee meeting, Steve Wescoatt of Perry-Smith Inc., the District's external auditing firm, presented justification to members for additional external audit expenses of \$18,000 for services performed in connection with fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The cited cost overruns due primarily to the challenges associated with the transition from the previous audit firm of 13 years and the lack of cooperation from the previous external auditor. There were also unforeseen issues working through the adjustments in final statements, filing extension, and the multiple challenges of the limited Fiscal Services staff. The Audit Committee formerly recommended the approval by a unanimous vote at the September 11, 2007 meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds are available in the District's Administrative Services budget for 2007/08. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-11, APPROVE Submission of the First 5 Outdoor Play Initiative Grant with First 5 Fresno County**

Included in the Board binders is application material for the First 5 Fresno County Outdoor Play Initiative (OPI) grant. First 5 Fresno County is offering funding support through the OPI to licensed center-based child care and preschool programs with the goal of improving the quality and safety of outdoor play environments. Funds through this initiative will assist the District in improving outdoor play areas for the health and safety of children 0 to 5 years of age. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: All improvements will be covered by grant funds. The OPI requires a \$10,000 match that will be provided by the District through the contribution of time to complete playground design specifications and substitute release time and supplemental pay for staff to participate in training provided by First 5 Fresno County. Contact person: Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

**A-12, APPROVE Submission of Edison High School’s Specialized Secondary Program (SSP) Grant Application to the California Department of Education**

Included in the Board binders is application material for the California Department of Education Specialized Secondary Program (SSP) Grant. The purpose of the program is to develop new standards-based model curriculum and provide varied instructional methodologies or organizational structures that emphasize advanced, in-depth study of a targeted content area. Funding is for four years.

Year 1 - Planning Grant	\$35,000
Year 2 - Implementation	\$125,000
Year 3 - Implementation	\$75,000
Year 4 – Implementation	\$50,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>

The grant award period will be from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. The application is due November 15, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

**A-13, APPROVE Submission of the Improving Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People: Priority 4 Asthma Management Grant Application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services**

Included in the Board binders is application material for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Priority 4 Asthma Management grant. Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) is one of 23 LEAs across the country identified by HHS as eligible to apply for funding under this priority. LEA eligibility was based upon five criteria, including 1) size of the metropolitan area served; 2) student enrollment; 3) percentage of students from low income families; 4) percentage of minority students; and 5) reported rates of asthma. FUSD is eligible to receive \$225,000 per year for five years. Funds would be used to implement effective policies and practices to prevent and reduce asthma episodes and absences among students with asthma. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-14, APPROVE the Reappointment of Member of Measure K Oversight Committee**

The first term of Oversight Committee member Daniel Fitzpatrick has expired and Board President Mills wishes to reappoint him to the Committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick has extensive municipal government and land development experience, and has been active in assisting Fresno Unified on the Operational/Fiscal Services Task Force and the Facilities Ad hoc Advisory Committee in addition to the Measure K Oversight Committee. (There is no prohibition against an individual serving on both the Facilities and Measure K Committees.) Mr. Fitzpatrick has an excellent attendance record for Measure K Oversight Committee meetings. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-15, DENY Claim #07-0614-0213, Valerie Hurd**

Included in the Board binders is Claim #07-0614-0213 for Damages. 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 4457-6226.

**A-16, RATIFY Purchase Orders from September 17, 2007 through October 16, 2007**

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**

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

**C-17, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District 2007/2008 Negotiations Proposals to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125 White Collar Unit and CSEA, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit**

Included in the Board binders in accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and there after shall be public record. The Fresno Unified School District is herewith submitting its negotiations proposals to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125, White Collar Unit and CSEA, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit for the 2007/08 school year. These proposals shall be available for public review in the Board of Education Office from November 7, 2007 through November 24, 2007. These proposals will be returned to the next agenda for a public hearing and adoption by the Fresno Unified Board of Education. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3548.

**C-18, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District’s First Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2007/08**

Included in the Board binders is the first quarter investment report for the period ending September 30, 2007. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on District investments. As of September 30, 2007, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments. District funds are invested in a manner that meets the primary objective of safeguarding the principal of the funds and serving the District’s liquidity needs. District funds are invested as follows:

County Treasury Investment Pool	\$299,651,566
Certificates of Participation	\$ 209,494,662**

\*\* This amount represents escrow funds held by trustees at U.S. Bank. These funds are invested in United States Treasury Bills and Notes, which are backed by U.S. Federal Government.

In accordance with law and administrative regulations, this investment report also certifies that the Fresno Unified School District has sufficient cash on hand to meet the District’s cash requirements for the next six months. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**D. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**

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