

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008, 4:30 P.M.

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***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. Counselor
 - b. Directors
 - c. Executive Director
 - d. Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator
 - e. Psychologist
 - f. Vice Principal II
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - (Government Code Section 54956.9(a).)
 - a. *Ramona Blancas vs. FUSD Workers Compensation Settlement, Case No's. 99-0550;201-0425*
 - b. *Marilyn Canton vs. FUSD Workers Compensation Settlement, Case No. 203-1271*

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

- c. *Victor Gonzales vs. FUSD Workers Compensation Settlement, Case No. 203-1108*

d. *Irola-Pishione vs. FUSD, Case #08 CE CG 02014*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sim is an active Vinland parent. She volunteered in her son's kindergarten classroom everyday last year. She attends parent meetings and participates in Vinland's PTA.

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.

APPROVE Minutes

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for July 30, 2008, Joint meeting with the City of Fresno/Fresno Unified School District and July 30, 2008, regular meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

RECOGNIZE Dewolf High School as a Model Continuation High School

The Board and Superintendent would like to recognize DeWolf High School as a Model Continuation High School. DeWolf was approved as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education through March 31, 2010. Contact person: Peri Lynn Turnbull, telephone 457-3904.

CSBA to Recognize the Members of the Board of Education

Scott Plotkin, Executive Director of the California School Boards Association will recognize the Members of the Board of Education for their leadership and governance efforts with a particular focus on their adoption of the Core Beliefs and Commitments, Theory of Action and Board Policies which have laid the foundation for the district's focused efforts and have resulted in improved student achievement as well as the district's organizational and financial stability. Contact person: Peri Lynn Turnbull, telephone 457-3904.

REPORT BY BOARD PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT

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 September 10, 2008, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peter Summers, telephone 457-3340.

A-3, ADOPT Resolution (Senate Bill 984) Commemorating Observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day of Service Learning

Included in the Board binders is a resolution commemorating the observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day on March 31, 2008. All schools will participate in service learning activities and/or lessons with appropriate grade level curriculum materials throughout the school year. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: No cost to the district. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-4, ADOPT Proclamation Recognizing Character Counts! Week

Included in the Board binders is a Proclamation recognizing the third week of October as Character Count! Week. Fresno Unified adopted Character Counts! as its framework for character education. Character Counts! is the most widely implemented approach to character education. It's a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian framework that teaches the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: No cost to the district. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-5, ADOPT Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week

Included in the Board binders is a Proclamation recognizing the third week of October as Red Ribbon Week. Fresno Unified School District is participating with the Fresno County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition to help raise awareness concerning the prevention of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use among our youth and to promote healthy lifestyle choices. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: No cost to the district. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-6, APPROVE Five New Classified Job Descriptions for the Department of Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program to Meet State Certification Requirements

Included in the Board Binders are five newly developed job descriptions for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program:

New

- DHH Cued Language Transliterater (Certified): Itinerant
- DHH Oral Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant
- Instructional Assistant-Special Education (DHH Oral)
- DHH Sign Language Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant
- Instructional Assistant-Special Education (DHH Sign)

To meet the new State certification requirements, Fresno Unified School District has added the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) interpreter positions. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No new funding is required. Any financial cost associated with these positions will be absorbed by Special Education Department in the 2008/09 fiscal year budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A-7, APPROVE Two New and Ten Revised Certificated Job Descriptions for the Department of Special Education

Included in the Board binders are two new and ten revised job descriptions for the Department of Special Education:

New

- Physical Therapist
- Teacher, Early Intervention

Revised

- Teacher, Orthopedically Impaired
- Teacher, Multihandicapped Deaf/Blind (Classroom/Itinerant)
- Teacher, Moderate/Severe (Self-Contained)
- Teacher, Mild/Moderate (Self-Contained)
- Teacher, Individual Small Group Instruction
- Educational Audiologist, Itinerant
- Lead Educational Interpreter
- Resource Specialist
- Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Teacher, Adapted Physical Education

The language of the job descriptions has been updated to reflect the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act (IDEA). The duties included in the two new job descriptions have been performed by individuals in other job classifications. The new job descriptions clarify the roles and duties that should be performed by persons in these classifications. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No additional funding is required. The new positions will be funded out of the existing 2008/09 fiscal year budget. There is also no fiscal impact with the changes to the revised job descriptions as these are current positions in the Special Education budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-8, APPROVE an Agreement with State Center Community College District, Fresno City College, for Design Science Early College High School

Included in the Board binders is an Agreement with State Center Community College District, Fresno City College to provide math and Language Arts tutorial services to 9th and 10th grade Design Science students. Fresno City College will recruit, select, hire, and train the Supplemental Instruction Leaders (SILs). SILs will work with Design Science students in their math or Language Arts classes during class time, and will receive guidance from Design Science classroom teachers. Tutoring services will commence upon approval of this agreement, and end May 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Design Science Title I funds for a total cost of the contract, \$25,000.00. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3887.

A-9, APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fresno's Creating a College-Going Culture

Included in the board binders is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with California State University, Fresno's Creating a College Going Culture. Key points of the MOU include:

- College Making It Happen Workshops for parents and students in our 18 FUSD Middle Schools. The program is designed to make families of middle school students aware of the importance of early academic and financial planning.
- College Ambassadors will be provided to each comprehensive high school. The ambassadors will help students complete the admission and financial aid (FAFSA) online application, review transcripts, and guide students the CSUF application process.

The MOU will commence upon Board approval and will end June 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Total cost of the contract is not to exceed \$126,000. Secondary Education (7-12) will fund fifty percent (\$63,000.00). Costs include salary (counselor liaison), transportation of students to CSUF recruitment events, and conference fees for professional development. California State University, Fresno will fund the remaining fifty percent. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3887.

A-10, APPROVE Renewal an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with e:Design, Inc. for Magnet Schools

Included in the Board binders is a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with e:Design to provide recruitment materials and database upgrades for year 2 of the Magnet programs at Bullard High School, Ahwahnee Middle School, and the district office as described and approved in the 2007-2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant. Also provided are large format informational murals which will be featured in the science lab at Ahwahnee and the courtroom vestibule at Bullard. The agreement will commence October 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the Magnet School Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$71,500 and through the Department of Prevention and Intervention in the amount of \$10,500 for a total cost of \$82,000.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-11, APPROVE an Agreement with the Department of Children and Family Services

Included in the Board Binders is an Agreement with the Department of Children and Family Services for six (6) FTE School based Mental Health Clinicians to service designated FUSD school sites. School sites were selected based on level of need using both FUSD and DCFS data. District feeder patterns were also considered to allow clinicians to work with families and siblings if warranted. The following school sites will be receiving a school-based Mental Health Clinician through DCFS for the 2008-09 school year: Fresno High School, McLane High School, Roosevelt High School, Tioga Middle School, Cooper Middle School, Yosemite Middle School, Columbia Elementary, Muir Elementary, Phoenix Elementary, Pyle Elementary, and Wilson Elementary. The agreement will commence on September 25, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No cost to the district. In kind facilities and utilities. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-12, APPROVE Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with MicroSociety for the Magnet School Assistance Program at Tioga Middle School

Included in the Board Binders is a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with MicroSociety Inc. for the purchase of the MicroSociety curriculum and all related staff development for year 1 of the Magnet program at Tioga Middle School as described in the 2007/2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant. The agreement will commence on October 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the Magnet School Assistance Program grant for a total cost of \$56,750.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-13, RATIFY Renewal Master Contract with Maxim Healthcare Services for 2008/09

Included in the Board binders is a renewal Master Contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide appropriate nursing services for individual medically fragile students within FUSD. Enrollment of medically fragile students necessitates funding. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2008 and will end on July 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the Health Services budget in the amount of \$150,000.00. Contact person: Doug Jones, telephone 457-3226.

A-14, APPROVE Eight Independent Contractor Services Agreements for Athletic Trainers and Trainer Advisor on the Matrix for the Athletics Department

Included in the Board binders is a matrix outlining eight Independent Contractor Services Agreements for seven athletic trainers to perform services at Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside High Schools, and one trainer advisor. The trainers' primary functions are to provide care and prevention of athletic injuries including therapeutic rehabilitation to allow for the least loss of competitive time, while keeping the mental and physical welfare of the athlete as the top priority. The trainer advisor's duties will include overseeing, leading, and scheduling of the athletic trainers. These agreements will commence on September 25, 2008 and will end on June 30, 2009. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the District Athletic budget for a total cost of \$205,275.00. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3887.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-15, APPROVE Amendment to Master Services Agreement with SpeakTech

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to Master Services Agreement with SpeakTech to

provide specialized Sharepoint development for our Student Sites as part of the Digital Portfolio Initiative in addition to Web Parts that will be utilized on multiple sites. The amount of \$85,000 was approved at the August 13, 2008 Board Meeting. The correct amount of the contract should have been \$89,766. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Microsoft Vouchers for a total amount of \$4,766.00. Contact person: Kurt Madden, telephone 457-6228.

A-16, APPROVE Out of State and Out of Country Field Trips for Various Schools Outlined on the Matrix

Included in the Board binders are requests for approval of out of state and out of country field trips for the following sites outlined on the matrix:

- Bullard Talent – Choir to attend a choral festival in Boston Massachusetts
- Sunnyside High School – Hope Rises Club students to attend a Hope Rises field trip in Swaziland, Africa
- Sunnyside High School – Science students to attend Perismina Biological Reserve field trip in Costa Rica
- McLane High School – Cheerleaders to attend NCA National Championships in Dallas, Texas
- Fresno High School – Virtual Enterprise ROP class to attend the International Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair in Manhattan and New York City, New York
- Edison High School – French III, IV, Honors and AP students to attend a cultural and historical field trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada

The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Total cost of the contract as listed on the attached matrix will be paid with school student body fundraising, and out of pocket expenses for students. All chaperones will fund their own way, and there will be no cost to the district. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3887.

A-17, ADOPT Recommendations for New Board Policy 5141.26, Tuberculosis Testing

Included in the Board binders is a draft of a new Board Policy being recommended as the result of change in the County of Fresno Health Officer determination on universal screening for Tuberculosis. This policy was received at the Board of Education meeting on July 30 and is being returned for adoption. The draft policy includes:

- Board Policy 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing - New Policy

The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Miguel Arias, telephone 457-3727.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-18, APPROVE Waiver Request for Easterby and Olmos Elementary Schools for the 2008/09 School Year in Accordance with Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Included in the Board binders are letters from the FTA Executive Board, dated August 13, 2008

approving the requests for Easterby and Olmos schools who wish to waive *Article 20 – Hours to allow prep time to be in the work day and not the duty day*. Easterby and Olmos elementary schools are requesting approval to interchange the 45 minute block of preparation time within the Duty Day to preparation time being within the Work Day. Movement of preparation time would occur on the days identified by site administration as faculty meetings, grade level collaboration, or departmental meetings during the Work Day and as part of the twenty-seven (27) hours per semester (54 hours per year.)

| <u>School Name</u> | <u>Percent Approved by Staff</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Easterby | 92% |
| • Olmos | 95% |

In accordance with Article 63 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, this is notice to the District that the waivers passed. The waivers must receive the support of 75% of the votes cast by members. All guidelines of the Collective Bargaining Agreement were adhered to and followed. The schedule will sunset after the 2008/2009 school year unless the staff votes for its continuance. There is no fiscal impact to the District. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the District. Contact person: Elva Coronado, telephone 457-3754.

A-19, RATIFY Change Orders for the Bullard High School Re-roofing and Mayfair Elementary School Asphalt Rehabilitation Projects

Included in the Board binders are change orders and backup information for the following bids:

1. Bid #2814, Re-roofing of Bullard High School. Change Order #1 for \$54,000.00. The new contract amount is \$1,159,000.00. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, removing and re-roofing Building “Z”.
2. Bid #2831 B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Mayfair Elementary School. Change Order #1 for \$18,599.11. The new contract amount is \$238,299.11. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, a new valley gutter and new curb and gutter.

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the 2008/09 budget: Bid #2814, Re-roofing of Bullard High School, Change Order #1, Measure K and State Facility Program funds of \$54,000.00 and Bid #2831 B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Mayfair Elementary School, Change Order #1, Deferred Maintenance funds of \$18,599.11. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-20, AWARD of Bid #2803, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Air Filters

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid #2803. The award will be for a three (3) year term price agreement for the purchase of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) air filters. The bid was advertised as required by law on July 29, 2008, and August 5, 2008. The bid was opened on

August 15, 2008. Bid specifications were sent to eleven (11) vendors, and the District received seven (7) responses. This was a line by line award consisting of 37 lines. The Superintendent recommends that all bids for items 1-17 not be awarded at this time. They will be rebid with an updated specification at a later date. Furthermore the Superintendent recommends that bidders American Air Filter International (AAF) and Florence Filter Corporation be rejected and found to be non-responsive, as they took exception to the terms and conditions of the bid. The Superintendent also recommends that Johnstone Supply's low bid on items, 31, 32 and 34 be rejected as they do not meet bid specifications. The Superintendent recommends award be to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Items</u> | <u>Total Award</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| • Baker Distributing, Fresno, CA | 18 to 28 | \$31,043.00 |
| • Filter Pro, Clovis, CA | 29 to 33 | \$29,576.50 |
| • Tri-Dim Filter Corp., Fresno, CA | 34 to 37 | \$9,073.00 |

Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds are available in 2008/09 Routine Restricted Maintenance budget and will be requested for years 2009/10 and 2010/11. The estimated annual amount is \$69,692.50. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-21, AWARD Request for Proposal (RFP) #2832, Comprehensive Anti-Bullying/Molestation Services

RFP #2832 was issued to provide services designed to reduce the incidence of bullying and molestation throughout the school district while concomitantly creating an atmosphere that fosters a safe and accepting environment for all students, including students with disabilities. This will be accomplished through a unified strategic plan including staff training and program implementation and policy change that addresses each school's School Improvement Plan. As such, school personnel, as well as students and their families, will be empowered to recognize, report, and respond effectively to incidences of bullying and molestation. Four (4) firms were sent invitations to respond, two (2) submitted proposals. Proposals were evaluated on each vendor's ability to meet or exceed the requirements set forth in the RFP. Based on an extensive review, the Superintendent recommends approval of the firm indicated below to provide Comprehensive Anti-Bullying/Molestation services for a five (5) year period.

- Modell Consulting Group

Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds are included in the Title II budget for fiscal year 2008/09. Contact person: Doug Jones, telephone 457-3226.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-22, AWARD of Bid #2903, Purchase of Audio Visual and Video Equipment

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid #2903, for the District-wide annual purchase of audio visual and video equipment. The award will be for one (1) year with a one (1) year option for renewal. The bid was advertised as required by law on July 10, 2008, and July 17, 2008, and the bid was opened on July 25, 2008. Bid specifications were sent to twenty (20) vendors, and the District

received ten (10) responses. The Superintendent recommends that the following low bid items from Valiant IMC, be rejected and found to be non-responsive: #2, 4, and 19 (not as specified) and #15 (edges curl inward distorting the picture). The Superintendent recommends award be to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

- ACP Direct, Dallas, TX \$17,686.31
- Jack C. Arbuckle Co., Fresno, CA \$8,875.55
- Best Buy Government, Richfield, MN \$13,949.33
- IVS Computer Technology, Bakersfield, CA \$303.47
- Troxell Communications, Fresno, CA \$22,159.45
- Valiant IMC, So Hackensack, NJ \$8,704.60
- Ventura TV, Fresno, CA \$13,845.20

Fiscal Impact: This is a term price agreement. Funding for the estimated expenditures, \$85,523.91, is available in individual site budgets. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-23, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Wawona Middle School Asphalt Rehabilitation and Cooper Middle School Locker Room Painting Projects

Included in the Board binders are notices of completion for the projects listed that have been completed according to plans and specifications:

1. Bid #2823 D, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Wawona Middle School
2. Bid #2837 E, Locker Room Painting at Cooper Middle School

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: The 10% retention will be released after ratification of the Notice of Completion. Sufficient funds are available in the 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance Funds for both projects: Bid #2823 D, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Wawona Middle School and Bid #2837 E, Locker Room Painting at Cooper Middle School. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-24, DENY Claim #08-0310-0068 for (Minor)

Included in the Board is a Claim for Damages for (Minor), #08-0310-0068. 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.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-25, DENY Claim #08-0722-0227 for Aureliano Lopez Rodriguez

Included in the Board is a Claim for Damages for Aureliano Lopez Rodriguez, #08-0722-0227. 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.

A-26, DENY Claim #08-0904-0264 for Evita Lopez

Included in the Board is a Claim for Damages for Evita Lopez, #08-0904-0264. 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.

A-27, RATIFY Purchase Orders from July 24, 2008 through August 14, 2008

Included in the Board binders is a list of purchase orders in excess of \$10,000 submitted for ratification by the Board. Purchase orders/contracts that are required by law to be competitively bid will be submitted as separate agenda items. Beginning on page three (3) is a list of purchase orders issued from July 24, 2008, through August 14, 2008. These purchase orders/contracts have been previously authorized and awarded by the Board of Education. The purchase orders/contracts are submitted for information only and are not included for ratification. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding is noted on the backup material. 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-28, DISCUSS Major Student Success Initiatives for the 2008/2009 School Year

The purpose of this item is for staff to present to the Board of Education for its discussion the major student success initiatives for the 2008/2009 school year. This presentation will provide an overview of the key initiatives which will continue to drive student achievement and engagement. The board will have an opportunity to “go deeper” in its understanding of the most important projects the district will be focused on this year. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

6:50 P.M.

B-29, DECISION on the Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez Charter School

Included in the Board binders is the final revision of the Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez Charter (Sanchez Charter) petition submitted by Mr. William Matesso, lead developer for the Desert Sands Charter Concept Schools. The developers are seeking approval of their charter for five (5) years commencing September 25, 2008 – June 30, 2013. The developers’ public hearing was held on June 18, 2008. The developers currently operate multiple schools throughout California – a total of 16 sites; four (4) in Fresno County (one in Parlier and three in the city of Fresno at the Manchester Mall – Crescent View and Crescent West Charters). The developers indicate that the Sanchez Charter would also be located in the Manchester Mall at 1901 E. Shields, Suite 150 in Fresno. The District Charter Review Team and Superintendent recommend a decision by the Board. Fiscal Impact: Noted in the backup material. Contact person: Cindy, Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**