

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
AUGUST 13, 2008**

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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721.

Regular Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on August 13, 2008, there were present Members Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, and President Vang. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Vang convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5 listed on the Closed Session agenda. *Members Asadoorian and Ryan arrived at 4:35 p.m.*

Member Davis announced to the public at 5:30 p.m. that the Board will RECONVENE at 5:50 p.m., in the Board Room.

Staff Present

CFO Quinto Associate Superintendents Marinovich, Mecum, Tucker, Persaud, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief Information Officer Turnbull, Assistant Superintendents Bengel, Coronado, Evans, Franks, Jones, Locker, Maldonado, and Smits.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Miguel Arias to Administrator, Constituent Services.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Gretchen Saldana to Counselor, Roosevelt High School.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Regina Ocampo to Food Service Operations Manager.
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Felicia Olais to Principal III, Terronez Middle School.
5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Nichole Horn to Program Manager, McLane High School.
6. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Boyd Cline to Project Manager, Facilities and Operations.
7. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Mony Sok-Ward to Counselor, Sunnyside High School.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

8. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Mark McAleenan to Guidance Learning Coordinator, Tenaya Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance

Member Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Hanson reported the following:

- Announced the Administration is pulling Agenda Items A-2 and A-8 and there will be no action taken on these items.
- **State Superintendent O’Connell to Celebrate Student Achievement Results with FUSD**
Announced that the State Superintendent, Jack O’Connell will join them this Friday, August 15, at 9:45 a.m. at Lincoln Elementary as they announce the State Standardized Test results from the 2007/08 school year.

The State Superintendent contacted FUSD after reviewing results from around the state and recognizing the breakthrough results they have made in the district.

They are anxious for the embargo on the data to be lifted tomorrow so that they can share the data with the students, staff and community. They will be particularly proud to share the mathematics results, where they have as a district been very focused this past year in particularly in grades K-6.

- **Leadership Conference and Skilled Leader Training Provides Leadership Development**
Over the past two weeks, they have held two tremendous leadership development opportunities for district leaders – the Leadership Conference last week featuring Dr. Lorraine Monroe and skilled leader training yesterday featuring the work of Andy Platt. These two days represent the board’s policy on professional development in action as they work to provide opportunities for teams of staff from the school sites and central office to develop and hone their leadership skills in support of improving student achievement.
- **Opening of School Features New 9th Grade Academies at Three High Schools**
Next week as school starts at all of our FUSD schools, they will be opening the doors on three new 9th grade academies at three QEIA high schools – Fresno, McLane, and Roosevelt. The academies are designed to boost student achievement by strengthening the students’ connections to school, while offering teachers an opportunity to collaborate on instructional methods and student needs.
- **Fresno Unified Student Artwork Displayed at State Capitol**
Beginning this Friday, August 15 through September 15, student art from McLane, Fresno, Sunnyside, and Roosevelt high schools will be displayed at the State Capitol Building. This opportunity was arranged through Assemblymember Juan Arambula.
- **Today Marks Last Day for our Constituent Services Administrator – Tangee Pinheiro**
Deeply appreciative of Tangee’s work this past year in establishing the Constituent Services office and providing outstanding services to the schools, families and community members. They wish her all of the best as she moves onto Fresno State and they are delighted that she will continue to assist FUSD in meeting our mission as she provides leadership in supervising student teachers in FUSD.
- **Special Date from the New Multi-Cultural Calendar**
 - August 13 marks the short of the Bon Festival, a Japanese tradition to honor ancestors celebrated today through August 15.

On motion by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Mills the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-2, A-8, approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, Personnel List

APPROVED, as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

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

PULLED from consideration from the agenda.

A-3, Variable Term Waiver in Hard to Fill Teaching Area

APPROVED, as recommended, (1) one Variable Term Waiver request to hire Erin Kettner as a Speech Therapist in the area of Speech Therapy to serve students through Special Education. Ms. Kettner has completed all necessary coursework and will complete her comprehensive exit exam in October, 2008.

A-4, Annual Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Konsult Slagle-Garcia for Cooper Middle School

APPROVED, as recommended, an annual renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Konsult Slagle-Garcia to provide professional development for thirteen (13) Social Science, ELA, and Special Education teachers at Cooper Middle School. Progress will be monitored through classroom observations, shared learning discussions, and frequent formative assessments. Training will take place during and after school. The agreement will commence on August 26, 2008 and will end May 14, 2009. Funding will be provided through site categorical funds under the School Compensatory Education for a total of \$28,800.00.

A-5, Annual Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Blattner and Associates for Legislative and Categorical Management Services

RATIFY, as recommended, an annual renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Blattner and Associates for legislative and categorical management services. The firm assists in developing, analyzing, and advocating for legislation that will benefit Fresno Unified. In addition, Mr. Blattner provides budget updates and analysis of how different budget scenarios would affect the District, which is critical during these uncertain times. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through the 2008/09 Administrative Services unrestricted general fund budget in the amount of \$43,000.00.

A-6, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with SpeakTech

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor 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 agreement will commence upon Board approval and continue through December 2008 unless the project is completed prior to that time. Funding will be provided through Microsoft Vouchers for a total cost of \$85,000.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-7, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Michael Zachry

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Michael Zachry to provide project management and programming services with our Student Information Datawarehouse, EmpowerNet and other Sharepoint projects. Mr. Zachry has extensive background and expertise in PC/Server/Web-based software development management and programming. This contract is short-term (less than 6 months), because Information Technology expects to fill two open positions which are currently being advertised to external candidates within that time period. The agreement will commence on August 15, 2008 and will end February 15, 2009. Funding will be provided through the Information Technology funds in the amount of \$46,800.00.

A-8, Charter Petition for Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez School

PULLED from consideration from the agenda.

A-9, Bid #2901, Stucco Replacement at Storey Elementary School

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2901, for stucco replacement at Storey Elementary School to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Tarlton & Son, Inc. \$72,211

Sufficient funds (\$72,211) are available in the 2008/09 Maintenance budget.

A-10, Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED, as recommended, change orders and backup information for the following bids:

1. **Bid #2623, Construction of Nutrition Center**
Package 05- Metal Stud Framing
Change Order #3 for \$17,264.00. The new contract amount is \$962,588.88. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, additional fireproofing not shown on plans.
Fiscal Impact: *Central Valley Support Services Joint Powers Agency Lease Revenue Bonds.*
2. **Bid #2823 A, Education Center Paving Project**
Change Order #1 for \$14,404.09. The new contract amount is \$70,704.09. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, modifications made to preserve the layout of the existing quantity of parking stalls and meet Americans with Disabilities Act compliance on the ramp.
Fiscal Impact: *Routine Restricted Maintenance Funds.*

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-11, Filing of the Notice of Completions for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED, as recommended, Notice of Completions for projects that have been completed according to plans and specifications:

1. Bid #2623, Construction of Nutrition Center (Multiple Prime)
 - Package 5 – Metal Stud Framing
 - Package 9 – Painting
 - Package 12 – General, Specialties
 - Package 18 – Paving
 Fiscal Impact: *2008/09 Central Valley Support Services Joint Powers Agency Lease Revenue Bonds.*
2. Bid #2726 A & B, Modernization of Dailey and Fremont Elementary Schools
Fiscal Impact: *2008/09 Measure K and State Facility funds.*
3. Bid #2811 D, F, & H, Asphalt Reconstruction at Jefferson, Lane and Academy for New Americans Elementary Schools.
4. Bid #2811 G, Asphalt Reconstruction at Sequoia Middle School
Fiscal Impact: *Bids #2811 D, F, G & H, from the 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance funds.*
5. Bid #2823 A, Asphalt Reconstruction at the Education Center
Fiscal Impact: *2008/09 Routine Restricted Maintenance funds.*

A-12, Claim #08-0616-0210 for (Minor)

DENIED, as recommended, Claim for Damages for Minor, #08-0616-0210. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

A-13, Claim #08-0721-0226 for Monsanto Company

DENIED, as recommended, Claim for Damages for Monsanto Company, #08-0721-0026. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

President Vang stated the Brown Act requires the public be given an opportunity to speak on matters relating to the school district's business during Board meetings and this Board welcomes public comment as designated on the agenda. Matters presented during Public Comment will be referred to the Superintendent for appropriate follow up. The Board recognizes that Public comment speakers often have very strong feelings regarding school district issues, which may involve individual school district employees or other persons. However, the Board expects all speakers to appreciate the rights of others by conducting themselves in a civil and respectful manner at all times. As Board President, I cannot permit any speaker to discuss confidential information regarding a particular student or employee and must ensure that speakers abide by their obligation to respect the rights of others. The board appreciates your observance of these principles of civility, respect and order, which will best ensure that the right of public comment is safeguarded without compromising the efficient and effective conduct of Board meetings.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Barr

Questioned if there are any middle school students being denied admittance into high school if students failed or failed to attend summer school? Mr. Barr requested a written response to his question.

President Vang has referred his question to the Superintendent.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-14, Opening of School

Fresno Unified staff has been working collaboratively with site leaders to continually improve upon and systematize routine processes for closing out one school year and opening up the next.

In doing so, district and site leaders are creating an orderly context in which to accomplish the core work detailed in the Board's Theory of Action and the District Goals. The purpose of this presentation is to update Board members on work underway related to the closing of the 2007/08 school year and the opening of the current year. District level initiatives aimed at providing both academic and social emotional supports for students will be described, along with specific operational "nuts and bolts" tasks whose completion has served as an on-ramp to the impactful work focused on student achievement and school safety.

Associate Superintendents Tucker and Marinovich and Assistant Superintendent Franks provided the board with an update on the opening of school. Associate Superintendent Tucker stated that for the past 2 years, the focus has primarily been on the nuts and bolts actions that they have taken to facilitate a smooth opening of the school year. Also, that update has occurred after the school year has started. However, this year they are coming before the board because the nuts and bolts for closing out and opening up a school year are in place. They will highlight key initiatives on both sides of the triangle and will close with the nuts and bolts.

The topics covered in the presentation are as follows:

- Core Beliefs
- Roadmap to Excellence 2008/2013
- A System of Support -
- Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) – Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- The Long Beach Partnership
- Project SUCCEED
- Focused Leadership Work
- Social Emotional Support
- Safe and Civil Schools
- Project 980/340
- Top 15

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-14, Opening of School – continued**

- 8th Grade to 9th Grade Transition
- Keeping Students on Track to Graduate
- End of the Year/Opening School

Member Mills requested an update on the 3 QEIA high schools undergoing modifications and questioned if construction be completed prior to the start of school.

Superintendent Hanson requested staff also address Bullard high school and street improvements.

Executive Director LeBlanc stated they have improved the response time with regards to the issues going on at the site and will be communicating on a daily/hourly basis with the site and the majority of the construction should be completed by Monday. They have had a small window of opportunity with McLane, Roosevelt, and Fresno high and have made aggressive efforts to address the majority of construction during the summer time.

Superintendent Hanson stated there will be a couple of outstanding things that have been identified at Fresno high and additional to what they planned and will not be completed before school, but will take place on a weekend within the next two weeks and will be done in a way that it will not disrupt the campus.

Executive Lisa stated they will be working at all 3 high schools through weekends to insure improvements are done prior to the start of school.

CFO Quinto stated she spoke personally with the City Manager regarding the timing of the street improvements and was assured that the work will be complete before 6 a.m. on Monday.

Member Nunez requested a list of eighth grade promotional dates.

Superintendent Hanson stated he would provide the board with a list of middle school promotional dates.

Member Nunez requested if the district can contact the city to help out with the graffiti on the buildings across from Roosevelt high school.

Superintendent Hanson stated that he noticed the graffiti and will work with the city prior to the start of school to get that cleaned up.

Comments and/or questions were made by Members Mills, Nunez, Davis, Ryan, Johnson, Asadoorian, President Vang, Superintendent Hanson, Associate Superintendent Marinovich, Assistant Superintendents Franks, Maldonado, and Executive Director Rosencrans.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-15, Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA), SEIU, CTW/CLC, Local 521 Proposal for the 2008-2009 School Year**

RECEIPT in accordance with Section 3547 of the Government Code, all initial proposals of exclusive representatives are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer. The Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA),/SEIU, CTW/CLC, Local 521 negotiations proposal was initially made public at the July 30, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees. This proposal is hereby returned to this agenda for formal presentation, public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt.

Associate Superintendent Mecum stated that on behalf of the district, SEIU and FASTA, she brings before the board Agenda Items B-15 and B-16, SEIU and FASTA proposals and FUSD for the 2008/09 school year.

There were no comments on this item and President Vang moved to Agenda Item B-16.

B-16, Fresno Unified School District's Proposal to the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA),/SEIU, CTW/CLC, Local 521 for the 2008-09 School Year

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District's initial proposal to the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA),/SEIU, CTW/CLC, Local 521 for the 2008-2009 school year presented at the July 30, 2008 meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption.

There were no comments by the board and Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried unanimously.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**C-17, Fresno Unified School District's Fourth Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2007/08**

RECEIVED the fourth quarter investment report for the period ending June 30, 2008. 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 June 30, 2008, 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	\$273,718,631
Certificates of Participation	\$180,696,664 **

*** 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.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Board/Superintendent communications.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Vang declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the
Board of Education