

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Fresno Unified School District**  
**JANUARY 14, 2009**

**Fresno, California**  
**January 14, 2009**

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 January 14, 2009, there were present Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, Moore, Ryan, Vang, and President Davis. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Davis convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6.

President Davis announced at 5:30 p.m. that the Board is still in Closed Session and will reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

The Board of Education RECONVENED at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Student Members Facciani and Thomas present.

**Staff Present**

CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendents Marinovich, Mecum, Persaud, Tucker, CIO Turnbull, CTO Madden, Assistant Superintendents, Bengel, Coronado, Evans, Franks, Locker, Maldonado, and Smits.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session:**

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Comp settlement on Cynthia Wright, Case No. 201-0311.
2. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Mabel Franks, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Department.
3. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Ricky Fue Vang to Vice Principal III, Cesar Chavez Adult School
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Sarah Fernandez, Counselor, Cesar Chavez Adult School.
5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action to hire Edward Collins, Purchasing Manager, Purchasing Department.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Debra Delgado led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Debra Delgado is an outstanding member of the Wolters Community and deserves recognition. She is the PTA president and has tirelessly given of herself to the staff and students.

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

Student Board Representative Jessica Williams provided the Board with an update and report from Student Board Representatives meeting hosted by Bullard High School with Members Asadoorian and President Davis present. She acknowledged the student ambassadors' from Scandinavian Middle School.

### **Minutes**

APPROVED, as noted with corrections by Member Mills, the draft minutes for October 8 and 15, 2008, Regular Meetings, October 27, 2008 and October 30, 2008, Special Meetings, and November 12, 2008, Regular Meeting.

Member Mills noted a minor correction to minutes for November 12, 2008 on page 3, and the October 27, 2008, and October 30, 2008 minutes. Member Mills stated that on minutes for October 27<sup>th</sup>, erroneously had her departing the meeting, which she did not. She requested that the minutes for October 27<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> reflect the Closed Session items being addressed.

President Davis called for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected with Member Vang moving for approval, seconded by Member Moore, which carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent Hanson reported out the following:**

- **CSEA President Mattie Thomas**  
Welcomed Mattie Thomas as the new president for CSEA. Mattie served the Fresno Unified School District for more than 40 years – she was the face of the Education Center, delivering mail to the entire building and has been a leader within CSEA for years. They look forward to working with her in this role.
- **E-rate Approval for Wireless Access in all Classrooms and Offices**  
FUSD was approved by the federal e-rate program for the Wireless Access Proposal for \$2.9 million that was submitted. With this approval, they will be able to purchase 1,600 Cisco Managed Wireless Access Points with an 89 percent discount, which brings the total cost to only \$319,000. When fully deployed in about six months, students and staff will have wireless access in all classrooms and offices.
- **Friday Kicks Off Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Events**  
This Friday they will be participating in the opening ceremony for a weekend of events to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Numerous events and activities are scheduled throughout the weekend and into next week to celebrate and commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Acknowledged and thanked the leadership of the Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee for organizing these important events. Thanked the leadership of Campus Culture Coordinator Tim Liles and many of our students that will be active participants in these events. For a specific listing of the events, visit the committee's web site at [www.mlkfresno.com](http://www.mlkfresno.com).

## Superintendent Hanson reported out the following – continued

- **Edison High School Ranked Highest in the Valley in Newsweek’s High School Ranking**  
 Newsweek has ranked Edison High School 586 out of the top 1,300 high schools nationwide in its annual American high school ranking. This is not only higher than last year, but ranks Edison High School above all other high schools in the Valley. Congratulations to the Edison High School staff, students, and parents for their outstanding work. Public schools are ranked according to a ratio of the number of Advanced Placement, Intl. Baccalaureate and/or [Cambridge](#) tests taken by all students at a school divided by the number of graduating seniors.
- **FUSD’s Sally Fowler Appointed to Statewide Council on Career Technical Education**  
 Announced that Sally Fowler, FUSD Assistant Principal on Special Assignment, has been appointed to the ACSA State Career Technical Education Council. In this role, Fowler will participate in the development of policies and programs in the area of career technical education for ACSA. Her expertise and content knowledge of career technical programs in Fresno Unified School District positions her well in the statewide role.
- **Fresno High School’s Cate Dossetti Wins California League of High Schools ‘Educator of the Year’ for the Region**  
 Announced that Cate Dossetti, an English teacher at Fresno High School, was named California League of High School’s educator of the year for Region 7. She was one of 10 finalists and will represent the region at the league’s state competition in January.
- **Five FUSD Teachers Receive \$500 History-Social Science Mini-Grants to Teach U.S. Constitution**  
 Thanked and recognized the League of Women Voters of Fresno for their leadership and generosity in presenting five FUSD teachers with a \$500 each history-social science mini-grant. The teachers will use the funds to teach students about the U.S. Constitution and will demonstrate their project at the mini-grant expo this May. He offered his congratulations to the following teachers:

  - Clare Statham from Computech Middle School
  - Mike Lebsock from Computech Middle School
  - Eileen Fisher-Stewart from Hamilton School
  - Miguel Gomez from Roosevelt High School
  - Derek Boucher from Roosevelt High School
- **FUSD Schools to Receive American Artwork through *Picturing America* Initiative**  
 Eight FUSD schools will receive 40 pieces of artwork this spring from the *Picturing America* initiative by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries throughout the nation. Our students will gain a deeper appreciation of our country’s history through the arts. He extended a special thank you to Jim Lloyd for his leadership in making sure our students have this opportunity to learn and understand our history through art.
- **Recognition of Doug Jones’ Service**  
 Announced after more than 20 years of service, Doug Jones is retiring. Doug has made significant impact on our students and their families during his career. He has played many different roles in Fresno Unified School District and the compassion and advocacy that he committed to his most recent role in leading special education services and will have lasting effects. He is a true leader with heart and it goes without saying that they will miss him on our team – however, like most educators, you never truly retire. Doug will have a permanent home here.

President Davis RECESSED at 6:25 p.m. for a brief reception to honor the outgoing and incoming Board President and Board Clerk and RECONVENED at 6:35p.m.

President Davis announced a revision to agenda item A-1 and revisions have been provided.

On motion by Member Vang seconded by Member Moore, the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-5, A-6, and A-7, approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: Student Members Facciani, Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, Moore, Ryan, Vang, and President Davis.

## **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**

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the December 10, 2008, Regular Board Meeting.

### **A-3, Proclamation of National Mentoring Month**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a proclamation declaring the month of January as National Mentoring Month. The Department of Prevention and Intervention, Mentoring Office would like to honor the dedication and commitment of volunteers (mentors) and community partners that are working to help our students fulfill their academic potential.

### **A-4, Resolutions 09-01 through 09-13 ~~09-14~~ Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District**

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolutions 09-01 through 09-13 ~~09-14~~ presented for adoption to update the roster of officials authorized to sign various business transactions on behalf of the District. All resolutions will be effective beginning January 14, 2009, until revoked or superseded. These Resolutions are updated from time to time depending on changes in Administrative Services, staff and/or Board of Education Members. At this time they are being updated due to Board Officers recently appointed.

### **A-5, Agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy for Facilities Consulting Services**

PULLED for discussion.

### **A-6, Submission of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application to the California Department of Education**

PULLED for discussion.

### **A-7, Amendments to the Measure K Oversight Committee Bylaws**

PULLED for discussion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-8, Authorization to Use the Waterford Unified School District Piggyback Contract for the Purchase of School Buses**

APPROVED, as recommended, for the Executive Director of Purchasing authorization to utilize the Waterford Unified School District contract to purchase Blue Bird buses from A-Z Bus Sales. These buses conform to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District requirements for reduced exhaust emissions by using compressed natural gas. Use of the contract is in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code 20118. Sufficient funds of \$56,353 are available in the 2008/09 Transportation budget.

**A-9, Bid #2821, Lighting Retrofit at the Center for Professional Development**

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2821 to provide energy efficient lighting at the Center for Professional Development to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Fluoresco Lighting - Clovis, California                      \$31,900.00

Sufficient funds of \$31,900.00 are available in the 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance budget.

**A-10, Claim #08-1120-0376 for Minor**

DENIED, as recommended, a claim for Damages for Minor, Claim #08-1120-0376. The matter was referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-11, Purchase Orders from October 21, 2008, through November 17, 2008**

RATIFIED, as recommended, 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. These Purchase Orders have been previously authorized and awarded by the Board of Education. The Purchase Orders are submitted for information only and are not included for ratification. Funding is noted on the attached pages.

President Davis 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****Joe Herzog**

Presented the Board and Superintendent Hanson with a book by Dr. John Ratey – “The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain”. He encouraged the Board to read the book and share with friends and colleagues. He appreciates the work that Fresno Unified has done to enhance the quality of physical education in the last several years. It will be of great benefit if the Board and Superintendent can attend the State Conference in March to hear Dr. Ratey speak.

**Jeanne Davidson**

Expressed concerns with a friend retiring after 39 years. He alleged Administrator Mazzoni had a disciplinary meeting with teacher without allowing him FTA representation.

**Jake Turner**

Requested on an ongoing investigation on the Superintendent’s assertion that he has made significant administrative cuts.

The following individuals addressed the Board as a group with their concerns about the well being of Roosevelt High School and to maintain the accreditation of the school.

- Elaine Colett
- Paul H. Garcia
- Marlene Stevens
- Bonnie Lee
- Bounrod Xiong
- Bonnie Lee
- Thavrack Ovkadee

**Tony Garcia**

Shared with the Board and Superintendent Hanson articles from a magazine on the focus of testing. He informed the Board that he enjoys teaching at Mayfair, but the District is hurting their number one assets, which are the teachers with the focus on testing.

**Monica Harrison**

Expressed concerns and disappointment with Board and administration. Her son still has not been compensated for stolen items. Concern with a “D” grade her son and daughter received in Spanish.

**Lilia Becerril**

Expressed concerns in the manner in which Vice Principal Martinez treated her and has been treating other parents and students. If there is a problem at Roosevelt, it’s the vice principal of Roosevelt. Her son graduated last year and she currently has two other children with a 2.5 GPA. Does not understand why Roosevelt is under performing because her students have good grades.

**Olga Valle**

Expressed concerns with the way parents have been treated. Stated that parents and teachers spend hours volunteering time in committees and the Board does not take that into consideration. She informed the Board that she would like to participate in the EL Taskforce.

Member Moore thanked the public for their comments and informed the public that he takes notes and is listening, but is following the protocol to not respond and will follow that. He addressed President Davis if Superintendent Hanson can share with the public an assurance the Board does follow-up on issues that are brought before this Board under the unscheduled oral communication and there is action taken to investigate some of comments/questions.

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UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION – continued

President Davis stated that all comments are referred to Superintendent Hanson.

Member Ryan commented that she recommend to the extent that it is legally possible, some of the comments/questions be available on the website and show the process/facts.

President Davis stated that it will be referred to legal counsel.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**A-5, Agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy for Facilities Consulting Services**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified and School Innovations & Advocacy (SIA) for assistance to the Facilities Planning and Management Department related to the Facilities Master Plan. The agreement is for the period of December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Sufficient funds of \$52,500 are available in the 2008/09 General Fund budget.

Member Moore requested clarification of the term “General Fund.”

CFO Quinto stated the funding is Unrestricted General Funds. She clarified for the Board that she provided a Board Communication on Friday clarifying that this contract is to assist staff with the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan. This firm has a high level of expertise in providing advice and guidance on the execution of various elements of the plan. Whereas an implementation plan was included in the Carter Burgess contract for Master Plan development, staff is seeking expert assistance as they move forward with the critical next steps to ensure successful implementation of the Plan.

She also informed the Board that they did not take this item before the FAAC committee and they feel that this is an addition to the scope of work that is included in the actual completion of the Facilities Master Plan. Prior to entertaining this firm, they had discussions with the co-chairs of the committee for their support and leadership as they move forward and completing these final stages of the plan.

Member Moore questioned what is unique of this contract that staff can't do?

CFO Quinto stated no one in their staff in a significant leadership role has been through the implementation of a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan. When they bring experience individuals who can assist them with implementing these kinds of plans; they can gain from that knowledge and provide a better product to the students and staff at the school sites.

Member Mills stated that this firm was not included on the list of firms that were approved back in November to provide consultant services to Facilities and questioned the addition of this firm?

CFO Quinto stated this is vastly different from negotiating property transaction.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-5, Agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy for Facilities Consulting Services – continued**

Superintendent Hanson commented that prior to Member Moore joining the Board; they had two project managers in Facilities and discussed the consulting group that would be needed to bring in the expertise to do this type of work.

Member Mills stated that the contract indicates that this is for implementation of a Master Plan and expressed concerns that there is no Facilities Master Plan and a plan has not come before this Board for a full discussion or approval.

CFO Quinto stated that is correct. However, with the many discussions with the Board at the workshops, they are far along in the process of drafting a Facilities Master Plan and given the \$750,000 investment that this Board and the District has made in that process, she certainly considers it extremely highly likely that they will have a completion of the contract that was executed by this Board.

Member Mills expressed concerns with the development of drafting a Master Plan and the implementation of a plan that has not been Board approved.

CFO Quinto stated for clarification that a key piece in component of the expertise of this firm will be in assisting the District in putting the final touches on the final phases of an implementation plan that will be part of the Facilities Master Plan.

Member Moore moved for approval.

Member Asadoorian questioned if this is an overlap of services?

CFO Quinto stated that is correct.

Member Asadoorian questioned the term of the agreement and does the District anticipate no longer needing there services after the duration of agreement?

CFO Quinto stated that they are not certain at this time.

Member Ryan seconded the motion by Member Moore.

Member Moore expressed concerns with the amount of funds in the District budget being spent on consultants and looks forward as they develop the district budget and go into more in-depth and discussion with this issue.

President Davis stated that it has been duly noted and stated that there is a motion and second, which carried a 8-0-1 vote with *Member Mills dissenting*.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-6, Submission of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application to the California Department of Education**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an application material with the California Department of Education Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant to provide all children in a participating school with a variety of free fresh fruit and vegetable snacks throughout the school day. Identified schools are: Anthony, Columbia, Greenberg, Lowell, Webster, Rowell, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Ewing, and Mayfair. The grant award period will be from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Grant funds will cover all program costs and selected schools will receive up to \$75 per student.

Student Member Thomas questioned how the schools were selected to be part of the grant proposal?

Assistant Superintendent Bengel stated that schools were selected by the highest poverty level and the interest by school site to participate and implement the program.

Student Member Thomas questioned why just elementary sites.

Assistant Superintendent Bengel stated that the grant proposal is open to K-8 and it did not include high school. She stated that the sites with the highest poverty level were elementary schools.

Member Ryan moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously.

**A-7, Amendments to the Measure K Oversight Committee Bylaws**

APPROVED, as recommended, the Measure K Oversight Committee Bylaws, with recommended amendments indicated in red, are included in the Board binders. The amendments have been approved by the Oversight Committee, and are now presented for Board approval as required by the Bylaws. The Bylaws as amended also state that the Chair is a voting member of the Committee, a point on which the current wording is unclear. Specifically, the Measure K Oversight Committee Bylaw amendments clarify:

- the number of Committee members needed to establish a quorum
- that the Chair is considered a member of the Committee

Member Asadoorian requested clarification to the Measure K Oversight to section 5 of the bylaws on membership.

CFO Quinto stated that one of the proposed amendments to the bylaws in Section 5 (membership).

This section also delineates the various stakeholder groups to be represented by the committee members, including the business community, senior citizens, a taxpayers' organization, students, and a parent-teacher group. This is an Education Code requirement based on the accountability provisions in Proposition 39. As you are aware, Measure K is a Prop 39 bond and therefore has a high level of public accountability. She informed the Board that they will be conducting a thorough review of the Measure K appointees and identify those openings based on that information, they will identify any opening(s) and recommend filling those as part of the regular appointment process in the future.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-7, Amendments to the Measure K Oversight Committee Bylaws – continued**

Member Asadoorian moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang.

Member Ryan questioned if the report will be provided to the entire Board?

CFO Quinto stated the report will be provided for the Board. She also stated that an opportunity to appoint representatives to the Measure K committee due to attendance has not been consistent from every one of the Boards appointees and they will be making a recommendation as individual Board Members to either contact their appointee and confirm their commitment to the committee or perhaps replace the committee member.

Member Ryan questioned if committee members have been polled for reasons why they have not been attending the committee meetings? She commented that there have been times when the meetings are held in the mornings, which makes it difficult for working members to attend or meetings are too long and noted that meetings should be at a time that is conducive to working members.

CFO Quinto stated that she will take that into consideration.

Member Mills concurred with Member Ryan's comments with the timing and handling of the meetings has a significant impact on who can attend, but it also has had an impact on who will continue to attend when meetings are too long or held at inconvenience times. She stated that the Measure K bylaws provide that the Board can remove any member who has missed two consecutive meetings and there are several members who have missed more than two.

She requested an agenda item come before the Board to consider removing those members if they are not volunteering stepping down.

Member Ryan requested input first as to why the committee members are not attending the meetings and is the District at fault prior to this Board taking action on removing committee members who are volunteers.

President Davis stated a motion and second has been made on this item, which carried unanimously.

Member Moore stated that he is opened to suggestions from the Board or community for his appointment to the Measure K Committee.

**B-12, District Support for Under Performing Schools**

PRESENTED a report outlining the District's response to underperforming schools in regards to QEIA. The presentation by Assistant Superintendent Evans and Principal on Special Assignment Akavhan included information on the development, implementation and refinement of actions to improve student learning at all nineteen QEIA schools. The QEIA grant provides the opportunity for the district to provide systemic and innovative solutions to solve longstanding issues.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-12, District Support for Under Performing Schools – continued**

There are three areas they used to help provide them the context for the presentation:

- Briefly framing the scope of the underperforming school challenge in California and more specifically in Fresno Unified.
- Provided basic background knowledge on QEIA, what it is and how did it come to be.
- Using the Board adopted Data Dashboard indicators to engage in an analysis and early reflection on the effect some of our pilot efforts are having at our three high schools receiving QEIA funding.

In conclusion, Principal on Special Assignment Akavhan stated the moving underperforming schools:

- Key things they must keep in mind:
  - This is multi-year work
  - Collaboration is necessary
  - Have to identify and analyze what works and expand the efforts

Member Moore requested class size reduction analysis in the District and information on parent involvement component.

Member Mills requested a breakdown of funding per student for elementary and middle school.

Superintendent Hanson stated he will provide that information through a Board Communication.

Member Mills requested the data provided on slides 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Superintendent Hanson stated he will provide the data information.

Comments/questions were made by Members Moore, Vang, Ryan, Mills, Johnson, President Davis, and Superintendent Hanson.

The following individual addressed the Board with his thoughts regarding this item:

- Tony Garcia expressed concerns with the District having a difficult time meeting the needs of low income students and the language learners in the community.

*A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the Board Office upon request.*

*Student Board Members Facciani and Thomas departed the board meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

**B-13, Governor's 2009/2010 Proposed State Education Budget**

PRESENTED the Governor Schwarzenegger proposed 2009/2010 State Budget on January 9, 2009. Staff attended a School Services of California workshop focused on the new budget on January 12, 2009, to receive the most updated information, which was presented to the Board. The update outlined the Governor's preliminary 2009/2010 State Education Budget and how the proposal may affect Fresno Unified.

## B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

### **B-13, Governor’s 2009/2010 Proposed State Education Budget – continued**

CFO Quinto provided an overview of the state budget situation; 2008/09 mid-year proposed reductions; governor’s 2009/10 education budget proposals; and strategic 2009/10 budget development.

State budget overview:

- The projected state budget shortfall is huge and growing.
- Current estimate is \$42 billion over the two-year period of 2008/09 and 2009/10.
- No action has been taken to deal with the deficit.
- Governor vetoed the Legislature’s plan, and the Legislature rejected the Governor’s plan.
- The 2009/10 Governor’s budget represents yet another proposal that has not yet been accepted by the Legislature.
- Meanwhile, the cumulative deficit continued to grows unabated.

Past budgets and current problems:

- Poor budget decision-making over many years is much to blame for the state’s current budget woes.
  - Budgets were balanced in ways that did not solve the fundamental problem of ongoing structural deficits.
  - Due to the recession and the substantial drop in tax revenues, the already unstable budget situation has dramatically worsened.
- The state has typical high and low cash points, and borrows money in the interim to fund normal operations, however:
  - The State of California has the second lowest credit rating of any state and cannot borrow to meet cash flow needs.
  - Spending money faster than it is coming in, and losing the ability to borrow, will result in a cash flow crisis before the end of February.

2008/09 Mid-Year Reduction Proposals:

- Governor and Legislature Proposals.
  - Eliminate the .68% COLA
  - Transfer prior-year Categorical Balances to Unrestricted GF
  - Reduce Restricted Routine Maintenance requirement
- Governor’s Proposals.
  - Reduce Reserve Requirement by half
  - Reduced Revenue Limit another 4.5%
  - Categorical Flexibility with Accountability Provisions
- Legislature Proposals.
  - Eliminate many Categorical Programs
  - Reduce many Categorical Programs

Governor’s Proposed 2009/10 State Budget:

- Continued loss of 2008/09 COLA of 0.68%
- No funding of 2009/10 COLA of 5.02%
- Delay state apportionment from April to July
- Revenue limit deficit at 16.161% of new base revenue limits (84 cents per dollar)
- Categorical and other funding flexibility to help districts address loss of funding

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-13, Governor’s 2009/2010 Proposed State Education Budget – continued**

2008/09 and 2009/10 Revenue Limits – *chart available in the PowerPoint*

Summary of Flexibility Proposals:

- The Governor’s Major Flexibility Proposals Include:
  - 2008/09 – Categorical flexibility with accountability
  - 2009/10 – Complete categorical flexibility, including K-3 and 9<sup>th</sup> grade CSR and option to reduce school year from 180 days to 175 days
  - Both Years – reserve requirement reduced (2% to 1%); prior year restricted reserves to Unrestricted General Fund; routine restricted maintenance reduced; and deferred maintenance math eliminated.

Strategic 2009/10 Budget Development:

- Focus available resources on our most important work: classroom teaching and learning
- Predicated on accomplishing our mission to produce *Career-Ready Graduates*
- Mitigate necessary reductions:
  - Utilize categorical set-aside funds
  - Continue to capture savings in unrestricted and state categorical funds in 2008/09
  - Continue to implement efficiencies district-wide
  - Develop alternatives in anticipation of categorical flexibility in final state budget

In conclusion, CFO Quinto stated that they will take all kinds of measures to protect the learning environment and to protect and preserve jobs. Due to the state’s budget crisis, the District plans a more aggressive budget workshop schedule with the Board. However, she extended an invitation to each one of the Board members to offer her time to provide further information and clarity to describe the alternatives that are being discussed regarding budget development.

Member Ryan stated for the record that in the event that the 5 day reduction is proposed, she wanted to go on record that this should not be an option for this District and if it does come about, she requested information on cost.

Comments/questions were made by Members Vang, Ryan, Moore, Mills, President Davis, and Superintendent Hanson.

*A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the Board Office upon request.*

**B-14, Appointments of Board Members to Committees and Organizations**

APPROVED, as recommended, the roster of organizations and committees to which Board Members are appointed each year.

Member Vang stated that each Board member should not serve on more than two committees.

Member Mills informed Member Vang that she understands that he would like to continue to serve on the Legislative Committee, which Member Asadoorian was asked to be a member of the committee and if Member Vang would like to continue on that committee; although she would also like to continue, but as a courtesy to Member Vang, she would relinquish her seat so Member Vang can serve.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-14, Appointments of Board Members to Committees and Organizations**

President Davis stated that she is only an alternate representative on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization and she will relinquish her seat to any Board member interested.

Member Vang questioned what does an alternate representative mean?

President Davis stated that in the event Member Mills cannot attend the meeting, he would step in.

Member Ryan stated that if Member Vang is interested in serving on another committee, she would relinquish her seat on the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

Member Vang stated that he would be interested in the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization.

President Davis stated for the record that she would relinquish her seat on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization to Member Vang.

Member Ryan questioned if Member Vang was still interested in serving on the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

Member Vang stated that he would not move forward with accepting to be on the CIF committee.

Member Mills stated that she would relinquish her committee seat to Member Vang on the Legislative Committee.

President Davis stated for the record that the committee for the Legislative Committee will consist of Members Asadoorian, Ryan and Vang.

Member Ryan moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a 7-0-2 *with Students Members Facciani and Thomas absent.*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009	2009 Representative(s)
California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)	Janet Ryan
California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly	Carol Mills, J.D. <i>(Term exp. 2010)</i> Valerie F. Davis, President <i>(Term exp. 2009)</i>
Council of the Great City Schools	Cal Johnson Michael E. Hanson
District Audit Committee	Valerie F. Davis, President Larry Moore Janet Ryan
Facilities Corporation	Tony Vang, Ed.D.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****B-14, Appointments of Board Members to Committees and Organizations – continued**

<b>COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009</b>	<b>2009 Representative(s)</b>
Fresno County Committee on School District Organization	Carol Mills, J.D. Tony Vang, Ed.D. <i>(Alternate Representative)</i>
Fresno Regional Occupational Program	Cal Johnson
FUSD/County Trustees Legislative Committee Representatives	Michelle Asadoorian, Clerk Janet Ryan Tony Vang, Ed.D.
Health & Social Services Advisory Committee (formerly Holding Power)	Cal Johnson
JPA Board of Directors for Center for Advanced Research & Technology (CART)	Michelle Asadoorian, Clerk <i>Term expires – Feb of 2010</i> Michael E. Hanson
School Crossing Guard Program	Larry Moore

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS****C-15, California School Employees Association (CSEA), White Collar Unit, Chapter 125 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2008-2009 School Year**

RECEIVED in accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the exclusive representative shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. California School Employees Association (CSEA), White Collar Unit, Chapter 125 is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal for the 2008-2009 school year. This proposal shall be available for public view in the Board of Education Office from January 14, 2009 to January 28, 2009. This proposal will be returned to the next agenda for public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt by the Fresno Unified Board of Education.

**C-16, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Food Service Unit, Chapter 143 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2008/2009 School Year**

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**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Superintendent Hanson**

- CART Update:
  - The CART Committee appointed Larry Fortune as the Chair for the CART committee.
  - Announced the CART Showcase on Thursday, January 15 – all day event.
  - The District is now officially with the implementation of the legislative work around the attendance calculation; is no longer a Charter at CART and is now functioning as a Joint Powers Authority with Clovis USD at CART.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the  
Board of Education

Board Approved: March 25, 2009