

MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
June 3, 2009

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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 June 3, 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 7. The Board of Education RECONVENED at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Staff Present

CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendents Aguilar, Marinovich, Mecum, Persaud, Tucker, CIO Turnbull, Assistant Superintendents, Akavhan, Bengel, Coronado, Evans, Franks, Maldonado, Martinez, and Smits. *CTO Madden and Assistant Superintendent Locker were absent.*

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Nancy Harris, Vice Principal II, Hamilton K-8 School.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Yolanda Espinoza, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Kratt Elementary School.
3. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Angela Figueroa, Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Carver Middle School.
4. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Jeanette Bailey-Sanchez, Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Scandinavian Middle School.
5. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Fay Collins- Hill, Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Tehipite Middle School.
6. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Linda Knabke, Head Counselor, Duncan Polytechnical High School.
7. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Job Melton, Head Counselor, Hoover High School.
8. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Thao (Thomas) Yang, Head Counselor, Design Science/DeWolf Continuation
9. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Cha Vang, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Aynesworth Elementary School.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

10. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Gay Oackey, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Bakman Elementary School.
11. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Brian Berg, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Burroughs Elementary School.
12. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Virginia Borrer, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Ericson Elementary School.
13. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Pamela Papaleo, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Fremont Elementary School.
14. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Thomas Staples, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Greenberg Elementary School.
15. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Andrea Domingo, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Heaton Elementary School.
16. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Allison Gonzales, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, McCardle Elementary School.
17. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Pablo Jimenez, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Muir Elementary School.
18. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Connie Vargas, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Rowell Elementary School.
19. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Jorge Ramirez, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Southeast Elementary School.
20. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Isaiah (Lee) Young, Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Storey Elementary School.
21. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Terry Marinaro-White, Vice Principal II, Roeding Elementary School.
22. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Fue (Ricky) Vang, Vice Principal III, Duncan Polytechnical High School.
23. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Glen Starkweather, Principal IV on Special Assignment, School Support Services.
24. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers Comp settlement on Michael Frazier, Case No. 2005-1027, 2006-0822.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Helen Liles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Liles has been a dedicated volunteer at Sunnyside High School since the school opened its doors in 1999.

Report from Superintendent Hanson

- Agenda Item A-5 has been pulled by administration and will be placed on June 17 agenda.
- Jackson Elementary 100th Anniversary Celebrated today.
- Mexican Consulate donates more than 11,000 books to Fresno County Schools.
- Mayor highlights FUSD in State of the City Address.
- Central Office Departments' outstanding support for new Southeast Elementary.
- New chair of the Special Education CAC Olga Valle.
- Last Board meeting before graduations and end of school.

President Davis announced the administration has pulled Agenda Item A-5 from the agenda.

On motion by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Johnson, the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-5 and A-11a, which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: 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 May 13, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

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

APPROVED, as recommended, a group of waiver requests from District administration on the certification for accommodations/modifications for Special Education and 504 students for the California High School Exit Exam as per Board Policy 6162.52. A list of pupils, their identifying number, and supporting evidence is maintained in the Board of Education Office.

A-4, Work Experience Education Plan for Fresno Unified School District

APPROVED, as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District Work Experience Education plan. The California Department of Education (CDE) requires any school District issuing Work Experience Education credit to students to have an approved Work Experience Education Plan on file with the CDE. There is no cost to the District.

A-5, Bid #2947, Storm Drain Improvements at Roeding Elementary School

PULLED from consideration on this agenda.

A-6, Bid #2948, Chiller Replacement at Sequoia Middle School

APPROVED, as recommended, Bid #2948 to replace the existing chiller that is obsolete and for which parts are no longer available to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Strategic Mechanical, Inc., Fresno California \$110,826.00

A copy of the tabulation will be attached to the final report, and bid specifications will be available for review in the Board Office. Sufficient funds of \$110,826 are available in the 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance budget.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-7, Bid #2949 A and B, Automatic Irrigation Systems at Eaton and Birney Elementary Schools
APPROVED, as recommended, Bid #2949 A and B to convert from manual irrigation systems to automatic irrigation systems. Automatic irrigation provides more consistency in the amount of water applied, increases efficiency due to centralized control, and better utilizes Maintenance staff to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Section A (Eaton), Integrity Landscape, Sanger California \$108,026.00
- Section B (Birney), Fresno Landscaping, Inc., Fresno California \$229,700.00

Sufficient funds of \$108,026 for Section A and \$229,700 for Section B are available in the 2008/09 Measure K budget.

A-8, Bid #2950, Boiler Replacement at Calwa Elementary School
AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2950 to replace the main boiler that is obsolete and for which parts are no longer available to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Patton Air Conditioning, Fresno California \$64,690.00

Sufficient funds of \$64,690 are available in the 2008/09 Measure K budget.

A-9, Filing of the Notices of Completion for Bid #2820, Calwa Modernization and Bid #2821, Lighting Retro fit at the Center for Professional Development (“E Street”)

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications:

1. Bid #2820, Modernization of Calwa Elementary School
BVI Construction, Inc. – *Measure K budget*
2. Bid #2821, Lighting Retrofit at the Center for Professional Development (“E Street”)
Fluoreso Lighting – Sign Maintenance Corporation – *Deferred Maintenance Budget*

The 10% retention will be released after ratification of the Notices of Completion. Sufficient funds are available in the 2008/09 budget as noted above.

A-10, Change Order # 1 for Bid #2908, All Weather Track Improvements at Sunnyside and Roosevelt High Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order and backup information for the following bid:

- Bid #2908, All Weather Track Improvements at Sunnyside and Roosevelt High Schools
Change Order #1: \$750.00. The new contract amount: \$273,669.00. This change order is for labor only to install a 2½ inch irrigation pipeline and control wires at Roosevelt High School.

Sufficient funds of \$750.00, the amount of Change Order #1, are available in the 2008/09 Routine Restricted Maintenance and Unrestricted General Fund budgets. The original contract amount was \$272,919.00. The new contract amount, including Change Order #1, will be \$273,669.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-11, Claim #08-1120-0378 for Minor**

DENIED, as recommended, Claim for Damages for Minor, #08-1120-0378. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

A-11a, Appointment to FUSD Audit Committee

PULLED for discussion.

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

The following individuals addressed the Board with their concerns with the reduction/elimination of the German course at Edison High School and at Computech Middle School and would like the Board to reconsider their decision:

- Steve Roesch
- Ian Whiting
- Jim Stineciphert
- Brandon Samora
- Branson Buskett
- Dr. Norman Bitter

Jake Turner

Requested the assistance from Superintendent Hanson in resolving an issue with the administration at Turner Elementary School.

Member Vang requested a Board Communication regarding the German course at Edison and who made the decision to reduce/eliminate this course.

Jeanne Davidson

Expressed concerns with the movement of teachers at Turner Elementary School and would appreciate if in the future, staff can look into a way of solving the disruption with the movement of teachers.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Greg Gadams**

Apologized to the Board for being subjected to personal attacks by Mr. Turner. The FTA Board is united and is supported by many teachers. He was never made aware of the situation at Turner school. He expressed concerns with teachers at Edison high school who are not aware of their assignments for next school year. He requested assistance from Associate Superintendent Marinovich and Assistant Superintendent Evans to help get the teachers back on track.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**A-11a, Appointment to FUSD Audit Committee**

APPROVED, as recommended, the FUSD Audit Committee nomination submitted for Vince Correll by Trustee Janet Ryan. This appointment fills a vacancy on the Audit Committee resulting from the resignation of Committee Member Mike Foley. Per the Audit Committee Bylaws, four community members serve on the Committee and are appointed by the Board.

Member Asadoorian requested CFO Quinto provide the Board with the process for filling a vacancy on the Audit Committee.

Member Ryan thanked Mr. Mike Foley for the many years he served on the Audit Committee as a public member and welcomed Mr. Vince Correll.

CFO Quinto provided the Board with the process of the appointments to the FUSD Audit Committee and the nominations come before the full Board for their consideration.

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

B-12, PRESENTED Student Advisory Board Clean Campus Rubric Project

Student Board Representatives Laura Facciani and Katie Eleneke presented the Clean Campus Rubric (CCR), a body of work undertaken by these FUSD student leaders over this past school year. The CCR is intended to be used as a tool to encourage student and staff ownership in maintaining a clean campus. The Student Advisory Board representatives will discuss the intent of the project, the process used to develop the tool, how input was gathered and their plan for how the instrument will be used.

Campus Culture Coordinator Liles recognized the 2008/2009 Student Advisory Board. The Student Advisory Board represents high school students throughout the district, and meets monthly to discuss upcoming board agenda items and various topics that affect their fellow high school students and report out at a regular Board of Education meeting.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-12, PRESENTED Student Advisory Board Clean Campus Rubric Project – continued

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from Board members and staff was available to respond.

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

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

B-13, School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Program’s Report of Findings and Recommended Corrective Actions for Roosevelt High School

APPROVED, as recommended, the findings from the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Program Report of Finding and Recommended Corrective Actions for Roosevelt High School. SAIT requires that the governing board of the school district shall adopt the initial recommendations of the team at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board. The presentation will highlight: 1) the SAIT process, 2) the findings and recommendations, and 3) the current progress towards recommendations.

Assistant Superintendent Evans and Dr. Van Leuven provided the Board with an overview of the SAIT Program’s report of Findings and Recommend Corrective actions for Roosevelt High School.

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from Board members and staff was available to respond.

Member Vang requested clarification on who will be receiving the three updates per year for Roosevelt?

Dr. Van Leuven stated that he is required to produce a progress report to the State and the Board.

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

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried unanimously.

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

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-14, Public Hearing for Sunset Charter Renewal Petition**

HELD Public HEARING for the charter renewal petition from Sunset Charter for five years commencing July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014. The renewal petition is being submitted for discussion. Sunset Charter is a Two-Way Immersion Language Academy located at 1755 S. Crystal in the West Fresno community. The District charter school serves 225 students in grades K-8. Of the 225 students, 50 attend from outside of the FUSD attendance boundaries. Charter schools have no boundaries and transfers are not needed to attend. In addition, the Sunset preschool program serves 20 students and teaches students in both the English and Spanish languages. The petition is scheduled to return for a decision by the Board on June 17, 2009.

Coordinator Odom and Principal Juan Silva provided the Board with information regarding the Sunset Charter Renewal Petition for a five year period. Principal Silva extended an open invitation to the Board/Superintendent to visit the Sunset campus.

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from Board members and staff was available to respond.

Member Mills requested her concerns addressed for the following items: 1) What type of support is being provided to Sunset to bring the school out of Program Improvement; 2) What support is being providing for students; and 3) Interested in the scoring and ranking of the school.

Member Vang proposed a recommendation for a one year renewal in order to monitor student achievement and would like to see a plan in place for improving the student achievement at Sunset.

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

President Davis opened the public hearing and the following individuals addressed the Board in support of Sunset Charter School:

- Charles Magill (parent)
- Anna Wells (student)
- Trenton Webb (student)
- Salu and Jahara (students)
- Terry Mancillas (parent)
- Mike Wells (parent)
- Greg Gadams (President, FTA)
- Laura Guzman Magill (parent)
- Alejandro DeSilva (student)
- Treshon Holly (student)
- Renato and Tahj (students)
- Eva Ruiz (teacher/parent)
- Maricela Velasquez (parent)

Member Ryan stated that at this time, she would not support the transportation for students to attend the charter school.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-14, Public Hearing for Sunset Charter Renewal Petition – continued**

Member Moore requested staff provide the Board with recommendations to implement transportation for students and also see a plan from staff on how they are going to improve student achievement.

President Davis Closed the Public Hearing and recessed for a BREAK at 7:55 p.m. and RECONVENED at 8:05 p.m.

B-15, Public Hearing the Fresno Unified School District's 2009/10 Proposed Budget

HELD Public Hearing and PRESENTED the FUSD's 2009/10 proposed budget as required by Education Code 42127, with a public hearing conducted. The Board is scheduled to take action to adopt the 2009/10 Budget for Fresno Unified School District at their June 17, 2009, Board meeting.

CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendents Marinovich, Tucker, Mecum, Assistant Superintendent Franks, and Manger of Computer Services Tilton provided the Board with the Fresno Unified's 2009/10 proposed budget development guided by the focus available resources on classroom teaching and learning. The presentation covered the following:

- Budget Development Priorities
- Fresno Unified's Actions to Date
- Preparing for this Budget
- The Lost Decade
- Revenue Limit Deficit Factors
- State Revenue Changes – Local Impact
- General Fund for 2009/10 Budget
- Tier III Programs
- Fresno Unified's 2009/10 Budget Snapshot – Local Assumptions
- Budget Highlights
 - Targeted Improvement Actions: Elementary Middle and High Schools
 - School Leadership, School Support Services, Special Education, Human Resources/Labor Relations, Technology Services and Administrative Services
- Multi-Year Summary: 2008/09 through 2011/12
- Next Steps

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from Board members and staff was available to respond.

Member Mills suggested staff explore solar energy options like Fresno State with a third party entity and consider placing magnet programs near each other for efficiency purposes and with transportation.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-15, Public Hearing the Fresno Unified School District's 2009/10 Proposed Budget – continued
CFO Quinto will provide further information to the Board in a Board Communication. She stated that this could be an opportunity for a future Transportation Oversight Workshop.

Member Asadoorian requested a Board Communication on the budget allocation for the Board Office. She questioned with the extreme cuts that are happening with the city and county, are any of those cuts affecting services to Fresno Unified students and if so, what are they?

CFO Quinto stated that she will provide more comprehensive information to the Board in a Board Communication.

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

President Davis opened the Public Hearing and hearing no speakers, closed the Public Hearing.

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

B-16, Board Participation in CRSS Alumni Event

APPROVED, as recommended, the participation in the first-ever Center for Reform of School Systems Alumni Institute. The Institute will take place in Las Vegas, NV beginning Friday, September 25th and ending on Sunday, September 27th. CRSS has invited 450 board members, superintendents and senior district administrators from 72 districts to participate in this important networking/best practice sharing event. Approximate cost per attendee is \$1,200 with sufficient funds available in the Board of Education budget.

Executive Director Harris provided the Board with information with the participation of the first-ever Center for Reform of School Systems Alumni Institute at the end of September.

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from Board members and staff was available to respond.

Member Ryan recommended the Board of Education present on the development/process of the Constituent Services and how the policy was implemented.

There were several concerns from Board members with several upcoming conferences and with the cost to attend.

Superintendent Hanson stated there are sufficient funds for Board members to attend the upcoming conferences.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-16, Board Participation in CRSS Alumni Event – continued

President Davis called for a show of hands from Board members who will be interested in attending the CRSS Alumni Institute. Attending will be Members Moore, Johnson, Ryan, and President Davis. Members Vang and Mills will not be attending and Member Asadoorian had several conflicts with the dates and was not certain at this time if she would be participating, but will keep Executive Director Harris updated on her decision.

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

Member Moore moved for approval of participation in the CRSS Alumni Institute, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a unanimously.

B-17, 2008/2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA)/SEIU, Local 521.

ADOPTED, as recommended, the tentative agreement between the District and the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA)/SEIU, Local 521 in accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer before they enter into a written agreement. Associate Superintendent Mecum presented the 2008/09 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified and the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA)/SEIU, Local 521.

Associate Superintendent Mecum presented the 2008/2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA)/SEIU, Local 521.

There were not comments from Board members.

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

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There was no Board/Superintendent communication.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Hanson", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the
Board of Education

Board Approved: October 21, 2009