

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Fresno Unified School District**  
**May 13, 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 May 13, 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 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6 on the agenda. The Board of Education RECONVENED at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room with Student Member Thomas present. *Student Member Facciani was absent.*

**Staff Present**

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

President Davis stated that prior to the Closed Session the Board amended the Closed Session agenda in accordance with Government Code Section 56495.2 (b) (2). A motion was made by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously, to amend the agenda to consider the hiring of a Vice Principal II, Middle School (site to be determined).

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

Member Asadoorian reported out that prior to the Closed Session, the Board amended the Closed session agenda in accordance with Government Code section 54954.2 (b) (2) to consider the hiring of a Vice Principal II, Middle School (site to be determined). The motion passed by the required vote.

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action to hire Zerina Hargrove-Brown, Vice Principal II, Middle School (site to be determined).
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to appoint Chris Evans, Associate Superintendent, Secondary Education.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Charles Reynolds, Principal II, Starr Elementary School.
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to appoint Lisa Benavidez, Principal II, Leavenworth Elementary School.

### Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Ryan Duff, Principal II, Kratt Elementary School.
6. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Brian Goodbar, Principal II, Malloch Elementary School.
7. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Annarita Howell, Principal II, Rowell Elementary School.
8. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Carlos Castillo, Principal II, Burroughs Elementary School.
9. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Mark Mather, Principal II, Fremont Elementary School.
10. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Kelli Wilkins, Principal II, Webster Elementary School.
11. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to appoint Jan Zoller, Principal III, Hamilton K-8 School.
12. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Deborah Schlueter, Principal III, Lawless K-8.
13. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Bryan Wells, Principal IV, Roosevelt High School.
14. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Misty Her, Principal II, Southeast Elementary School.
15. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers Comp settlement on Ernestine Carrasco, Case No. 2005-0389.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Delia Pizano led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Pizano is a dedicated mother who volunteers her time in fundraising activities, chaperon's field trips, and helps to build relationships between the community and Fort Miller School.

### Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Representative Laurie Jacobsen and Terry Therikoune provided report/comments from Student Advisory Board meeting hosted by Edison High School with Member Ryan present.

### Fresno Unified School District Spring Athletic Champions

The Board and Superintendent honored and recognized the student athletes and coaches that finished an outstanding sports season:

- Coach Arturo Ormond
  - *Edison Boys Basketball, Central Section Division 1 Championship.*
- Coach Mark Gradoville
  - *Roosevelt Girls Basketball, Central Section Division 3 Championship.*
- Coach Joey Munoz
  - *Roosevelt Boys Soccer, Central Section Division 4 Championship.*
- Coach Igal Francis
  - *Bullard Boys Soccer, Central Section Division 1 Championship.*

## 2009 Fresno Unified School District Scholarship Recipients

The Board and Superintendent recognized and honored the 2009 Fresno Unified School District Scholarship Recipients. A scholarship of \$600 was awarded to at least one recipient from every high school in Fresno Unified School District to support deserving FUSD students who might not otherwise have the financial means to attain their education goals beyond high school. The FUSD Scholarship Fund is part of the newly formed FUSD Education Foundation through the Fresno Regional Foundation, and is supported by community and employee donations.

BULLARD – *Michael Todd Prieto*  
 DESIGN SCIENCE – *Vitaliy Kuchkovskiy*  
 DUNCAN POLYTECHNICAL – *Kao Lee*  
 FRESNO – *Alejandra Niebla*  
 J.E. YOUNG – *Victoria Perez*  
 ROOSEVELT – *Alvaro Sosa*

CAMBRIDGE – *Jasmin Camacho*  
 DEWOLF – *Naomi Jacobson*  
 EDISON – *Ashley Reid*  
 HOOVER – *Kaozong Mouavangso*  
 MCLANE – *Kimberly Souvanvixay*  
 SUNNYSIDE – *April Vercellini*

### AT-LARGE RECIPIENTS:

ROOSEVELT – *Ricardo Arriaga*

SUNNYSIDE – *Marleen Martinez*

## Resolution Proclaiming May 13, 2009, as Day of the Teacher

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Resolution proclaiming May 13, 2009, as the “Day of the Teacher” with this year’s theme “*California Teachers: Standing Up for a Better Tomorrow.*” Teachers provide valuable instruction and support to students, faculties and schools in Fresno Unified School District. Member Asadoorian moved for adoption, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Member Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, Moore, Ryan, Vang, and President Davis. ABSENT: *Student Member Facciani*. Fresno Teachers Association President Greg Gadams accepted the resolution on behalf of the teachers in Fresno Unified.

## Resolution Recognizing Classified Employees Week, May 17-23, 2009

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Resolution recognizing Classified Employees Week, May 17-23, 2009. Classified employees provide valuable services to the schools and students; contribute to the establishment and promotion of a positive and safe instructional environment, serve a vital role in providing for the welfare and safety of Fresno Unified School District’s students; and strive for excellence in all areas relative to the educational community. Member Moore moved for adoption, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Member Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, Moore, Ryan, Vang, and President Davis. ABSENT: *Student Member Facciani*. Mattie Thomas, President of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 accepted the resolution.

## Report from Superintendent Hanson

- Day of the Teacher/Classified Employees Week
- Roeding students once again take top honors in Stock Market Game
- Yosemite Middle School students raise more than \$2,000 for Pennies for Patients
- Wawona’s Mike Darling receives Fresno Madera County Music Educator Association Outstanding Administrator award for 2008/09
- FUSD to host first-ever girls lacrosse tournament May 16

President Davis announced a revision to Agenda Item A-1 and Board members are in receipt of the revisions.

Superintendent Hanson referenced agenda item A-4 and stated that there have been questions regarding the contract amount and requested the agenda item be pulled and have CFO Quinto address the item prior to the consent agenda item.

CFO Quinto stated that Agenda Item A-4 is for contractual services with Ron Fortson. Mr. Fortson is a highly qualified financial and operational services consultant. He is a retired deputy superintendent from Claremont Unified School District. Mr. Fortson has served Fresno Unified in five different occasions. The District is requesting his services once again as they transition the associate superintendent of operational services.

The daily rate reflected for Mr. Fortson is a discount of approximately 10 to 15 percent of his normal rate and the daily rate includes all expenses and is a flat fee with no additional costs for additional expenses. Mr. Fortson's expertise will be invaluable in keeping up with the multiple projects and biddings and awards that the Board has taken action on as they move towards the summer and with the amount of work that is expected to be completed. Mr. Fortson will be helping in the soon to be vacant position of the Associate Superintendent Deo Persaud whose last day will be next week. CFO Quinto respectfully requests the Boards support of this item and she can use the help and expertise of the Brawley site, given the challenges and focus on fiscal issues that the district faces and the daily challenges of the state's budget situation.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Mills, the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-3, A-4, A-6, and A-10, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-2 as follows: Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, Moore, Ryan, Vang, and President Davis. *Student Member Thomas stepped away when the roll call was called and did not vote, and Student Member Facciani was absent.*

## **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 April 15, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

### **A-3, Appointments to Measure K Oversight Committee**

PULLED for discussion.

### **A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement to Retain Ron Fortson for Transition Assistance in Operational Services**

PULLED for discussion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-5, Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rael & Letson Consultants**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Rael & Letson Consulting for health benefit consulting services. The amendment provides for an extension of the contract term effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The original agreement was effective through December 31, 2008. Sufficient funds are available in the Health Internal Service Fund. The monthly fee for services remains at \$11,666.66 or \$140,000.00 annually.

**A-6, Submission of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Local Youth Mentoring Initiative**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-7, Secondary and Adult School Final Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Allocation Funding for the 2009/2010 School Year**

RATIFIED, as recommended, the copies of the revised 2009/2010 Carl D. Perkins Applications for funding with the adjusted final allocation amounts for secondary and postsecondary Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. Perkins Funding is received as a result of the Perkins yearly application process. Secondary will receive an allocation of \$978,286 (a \$36,659 reduction from original application) and Adult School will receive \$488,648 (a \$23,715 increase from original application) for the 2009/2010 school year.

**A-8, Change Order #2 for Bid #2833, Portable Relocation Project**

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order and backup information for Bid #2833, Portable Relocation Project, for the facility improvements related to implementation of the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) program at Fresno Unified campuses. This project includes the creation of ninth grade academies at Fresno High School, McLane High School and Roosevelt High School, and relocating portable classrooms at middle school and elementary school QEIA sites. Change Order #2 totals \$91,196.92. Funding is available in the 2008/09 QEIA first-year budget. The original contract amount was \$2,478,329. The new contract amount, including Change Order #2, will be \$2,687,901.92.

**A-9, Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #2927 District-wide Copier Contract**

AWARDED, as recommended, RFP #2927 for the acquisition of copiers district-wide to the best value bidder:

- IKON Office Solutions Inc. Malvern Pennsylvania      \$715,566.00

Sufficient funding of \$715,566 is available in the 2009/10 Purchasing Department budget for the 96 centrally funded machines. Other machines will be replaced using various funding sources as their contract term expires or when in the best interest of the district. The total estimated annual value of copier leases district-wide is \$1,897,137.



**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS****Susan Kiseloff**

Expressed concerns with all of the Adult Education programs reassigned to a categorical flexibility program which centrally redirects their apportionment to school districts to operate Adult Education programs. The district will earn funds whether adult students are provided services or not and the future of this program is dependent on the districts budgetary discretion and typically; senior services are the first slated for elimination.

**Mark McKay**

Expressed concerns with all of the senior Adult Education programs being eliminated and the collapse of these services will gravely impact the lives of thousand local seniors and their families.

**Christy Yongvang**

Expressed concerns with the KIPP Charter petition renewal and feels that Fresno Unified has not cooperated with the staff and parents of KIPP Charter School.

Superintendent Hanson made a public statement. There has been an oversight on the part of Fresno Unified. Agenda Item B-15 to Hold a Public Hearing for KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) Academy Fresno Charter Renewal Petition has been pulled from the agenda given the action of the local KIPP Board to move to close the school. As they move to close the school, there will not be a petition coming forward for hearing and requested Associate Superintendent Tucker provide the Board and community members with a brief summary of process Fresno Unified will be taking on the closure of KIPP Academy Charter School.

Associate Superintendent Tucker stated as the Fresno Unified's Chartering authority, they will be working side-by-side to the end of this school year with the KIPP Board, administration, and the families. The district's support and strategies is a two prong approach and the intent is to reassure the families in make this a smooth transition and provide all the families with the needed information. The district will also provide technical support to the KIPP Board and administration on the school closure process. She emphasized that the district is very committed to maintaining continuity and quality for the students and families as they move forward as a community in support in a spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

**Jose Castro**

Expressed concerns with the constant discrimination against the parents at Kirk Elementary. The parents voted for the School Site Plan, but the fundamental portion of this plan did not take place. Parents were given the option to approve or disapprove the plan. The administration at Kirk is denying the school the right to have a bilingual home school liaison. The administration at this site is not providing for the needs of the EL parents/students and this has been a continuing problem for the last three years. He informed the Board that this position of a home school liaison is not being utilized in the correct way and is being used to discipline students.

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**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – continued**Blanca Cervantes**

She presented a petition to the Board and Superintendent from the ELAC committee from Kirk Elementary School. They expressed concerns with the School Site Plan for 2009/10 school year. There were some irregularities during the approval of the plan and the process was not handled correctly by the administration of the school site. The petition signed by the bilingual parents at Kirk requested a bilingual Home School Liaison to serve the needs of the 70 percent EL students and parents at this school site and it was not approved.

**Trini Espinoza**

Expressed concerns with the loss of a bilingual home school liaison at Kirk Elementary School and feels that the administration of this school site is not being fair by allowing only one English speaking home school liaison at this school site when the majority of the students and parents are Spanish speaking. She informed the Board that the only reason the administration allowed this position to stay is to assist with the discipline of the students. The parents at this school site feel their civil rights are being violated and they are being discriminated by removing the Spanish home school liaison.

**Jamaal Gray**

Inquired what are the plans for the Fresno Unified School District with regards to the stimulus funding and the No Child Left Behind act.

President Davis informed Mr. Gray that CFO Quinto will address his inquiry.

**Ita Garcia**

Expressed concerns with the special education need of her son that are being denied at Starr Elementary School and who was been removed from the RSP program without her consent. All the assistance he was receiving has come to a stop and an IEP meeting date has been set for May 20. She feels that by the time the IEP meeting takes place; school will be over soon. Just recently, her son was assessed by the district without her consent and the administration at Starr has not been helpful.

Member Vang requested information be provided to the Board on the following: 1) Adult Education programs being eliminated; 2) inquired why the student from Starr was removed from the RSP program; and 3) inquired why Kirk is without a bilingual home school liaison.

Superintendent Hanson stated that they have knowledge of each of the cases presented this evening and will provide the Board with further information in a Board Communication.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA****A-3, Appointments to Measure K Oversight Committee**

APPROVED, as recommended, Measure K Oversight Committee nomination form submitted by Trustee Asadoorian. Trustee Mills also has requested an appointment to the Oversight Committee, and that nomination form will be provided to the Board prior to the Board meeting. These appointments fill vacancies on the Oversight Committee resulting from expiration of the terms of previous Committee members.

Member Mills stated she wants to continue with her appoint, but due to the short staff in the Board Office, she notified the Board Office that she was attempting to reappoint her current appointee whose term expired. She provided a copy of the Measure K Appointment Form to the CFO and the Superintendent's Office, but the agenda did not get updated to reflex her appointment. She indicated that Mr. Clint Horwitz is completing his first term and she is seeking to re-appoint him for his second term.

Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Asadoorian, which carried an 8-0-1 vote with *Student Member Facciani absent*.

**A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement to Retain Ron Fortson for Transition Assistance in Operational Services**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement to retain the services of Ron Fortson to assist with the transition of permanent leadership in the Operational Services Division. As the Board was recently notified, Deo Persaud, the incumbent Associate Superintendent for Operational Services, will be leaving the district. Mr. Fortson has previously assisted Fresno Unified upon multiple occasions. The contract began May 4 and will end June 30, 2009. Funding is available in the unrestricted General Fund and will not exceed \$41,000.

Member Vang expressed concerns with the budget constraints and with the uncertainties of the state's budget and does not want the district spending additional funds. He feels there is sufficient staff to continue the work. He would like to see these funds allocated back into the classroom and feels he cannot support this item.

CFO Quinto stated that with the vacancy of the associate superintendent of operational services, there will be some salary savings estimated for this time period of approximately \$25,000 that would offset, but not cover the total cost of the contract for Mr. Fortson. She stated that if there is any mitigation to be offered for the board's consideration, they have had a success in the last several months and on some bids that are scheduled to be awarded to the Board at the next meeting regarding the impact of current economic environment and bids coming in under budget.

Member Asadoorian concurred with Member Vang and appreciates CFO Quinto's efforts and felt it was important to pull the item and let the public know that the Board is seeing a severe economic claimant unlike anything they have ever seen before.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement to Retain Ron Fortson for Transition Assistance in Operational Services – continued**

President Davis expressed concerns regarding the cost for two months and is hoping with the savings of not paying a permanent employee, they can extend Mr. Fortson's time for more than two months. She would like to see it negotiated, because the work will not be completed in two months and would like to see his contract extended an extra month at no additional cost.

Member Mills stated that she looked back at the previous times Mr. Fortson was hired and the contract rate was written slightly different and it amounted to the same and questioned the discount.

CFO Quinto stated that they did do some diligence regarding the other options with someone with that level of expertise and consistency and the research for daily rates where \$1100 per day, plus expenses. The opportunity cost is what she would characterize not having an increase in his rates in almost two years.

Member Johnson commented that when you have a consultant paying for his own expenses, you can look at that as a savings, and when the associate superintendent's salary is going to offset these expenses, the funds will be utilized appropriately and help out CFO Quinto in running the operational services; he supports this contract.

Member Ryan commented that in her own opinion, the Board cannot afford not to fill this position and the workload piles up and places like the budget and facilities; mistakes can be made when staff are overworked or short staffed and it can cost the district a lot more in the long run. They could not fill this contract and save thousands and it may cost millions in the long run in mistakes that are being made; she supports this contract.

Member Vang questioned the savings of \$25,000 from the associate superintendent salary.

CFO Quinto stated that the cost of his salary, which includes health benefits and payroll taxes associated with the salary.

Member Vang questioned the costs of the other consultants with the Facilities Master Plan and are there any savings there?

CFO Quinto stated \$150,000 savings.

Member Vang questioned if there are funds for this consultant to provide the services?

CFO Quinto stated there are funds appropriated for these services.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement to Retain Ron Fortson for Transition Assistance in Operational Services – continued**

Member Vang questioned how many days will Mr. Fortson work and what type of services will Mr. Fortson be providing?

CFO Quinto stated that on a daily basis he will be working in the operational services department and will be conducting assessments of every single department before and as they enter into recruit phase for the new operational assistant superintendent. He will also oversee some critical project work that she will not have the time to step into the vacant position and oversee and the second phase of the Facilities Master Plan and assure a smooth transition. As well, she appreciates his help and expertise of the recruitment itself in overlooking the applicants and that they in fact getting the highest and best quality individual for that position.

Member Moore stated that times are tough and there are many positions in this district that are not filled and feels there are staff members in that department that can step up to the plate for two months and the district is moving quickly to fill the position. With the financial conditions in the state, this is the wrong message to send at this time and he opposes this item.

Member Asadoorian questioned the term of the agreement that was entered into effect May 4, 2009 and are the services already being provided?

CFO Quinto stated that the services are already being provided.

Member Asadoorian inquired about the last day of the associate superintendent and the overlap of services that have already occurred.

CFO Quinto stated that was correct and they are spending countless hours together and to have the daily leadership that is important and understands the financial considerations as well.

Member Asadoorian questioned if a replacement will be in place by June 30?

CFO Quinto stated the recruitment closed and there is a list of qualified applicants. Mr. Fortson has been working closely with Human Resources in moving forward with the process and hope to bring forward a recommendation at the next board meeting or the first meeting in June.

Member Vang questioned how quickly will the new person begin?

Superintendent Hanson stated as quickly as possible, but need to allow for the fact that they may not find a candidate and then the process begins again.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement to Retain Ron Fortson for Transition Assistance in Operational Services – continued**

President Davis stated that she would like to see this contract negotiated for an additional extra month of services at the same cost and then, she can support the contract.

Member Asadoorian questioned if June 30 will be the cut off time for Mr. Fortson's services?

CFO Quinto informed the Board that the contract does specifically say (not to exceed). If the services are no longer needed prior to the end of June, they will reduce the payment by \$1000 per day and the contract will end earlier.

Associate Superintendent Mecum informed the Board that Human Resources has completed the screening process and will have viable candidates for this position.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan.

President Davis called for a roll call vote on this item, which carried a 4-3-2 vote as follows: AYES: Members Asadoorian, Johnson, Mills, and Ryan; NOES: Members Moore, Vang and President Davis; and ABSENT: *Student Members Facciani and Student Member Thomas stepped away.*

**A-6, Submission of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Local Youth Mentoring Initiative**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an application material for the ARRA Local Youth Mentoring Initiative to reduce juvenile delinquency, violence, gang participation, school failure, and dropouts. The following middle schools were identified based upon high percentages of at risk students and high African American male student enrollment: Cooper, Fort Miller, Scandinavian, Tehipite and Yosemite. All program costs will be covered by grant funds of a maximum of \$500,000 over a four year period. The potential grant award is supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Student Board Member Thomas addressed this item on behalf of the Student Advisory Board students and questioned if this program will have a connection with the high schools?

Mentor Coordinator Person stated that if the grant is awarded, they look forward with working with the middle schools and United Black Men and establishing a similar type of mentor programs at the high schools.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Moore, which carried an 8-0-1 vote with *Student Member Facciani absent.*



B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

Student Board Member Thomas departed the Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**B-15, KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) Academy Fresno Charter Renewal Petition**  
PULLED from consideration on this agenda.

*There was no number 16.*

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

**C-17, Fresno Unified School District’s Third Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2008/09**

RECEIVED the third quarterly investment report for the period ending March 31, 2009. 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 March 31, 2009, 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:

<b>County Treasury Investment Pool</b>	\$ 268,698,136
<b>Certificates of Participation</b>	\$145,299,960 **

\*\* 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 the federal government.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**Member Mills**

- Inquired on the article in The Fresno Bee with Fresno County overpayment to school districts and the County is requesting districts refund those funds. She questioned if Fresno Unified has received notice of any overpayment?

CFO Quinto stated that is correct with the overpayment. Fresno Unified received notification back in February of the overpayment to school districts, but that does not affect Fresno Unified. Fresno Unified does not collect from the County on property taxes and backfilled by the state as part of Prop 98 as guaranteed to the district’s revenue limit funding and the County has come to an agreement with the school districts and should all be settled by the end of June. She informed the Board that this will not affect Fresno Unified’s overall revenues or appropriations authority.

Superintendent Hanson stated he recalled a Board Communication detailing this information and there was public discussion as cash flow terms, but that the district’s financial position is better than most districts and this is not a concern.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Member Mills – continued**

- A concern was brought to her attention with Edison High School having one attendance clerk while other sites have two and inquired if there can be an adjustment with Edison to increase this position.
- It has come to her attention that next year, there will be some addition of teachers at Edison and inquired if that is correct. If so, will there be a need for more classrooms at Edison and will teachers be doubling up?

Superintendent Hanson stated that part of the attendance position will be dealt with the Classified Comp Study and it is a site based decision. As for the addition of teachers at Edison, they are implementing the Small Learning Community grant and it does have an impact. Associate Superintendent Evans will be providing further information as they proceed.

President Davis announced that an individual from the public was overlooked during the Unscheduled Oral Communication and will allow this individual an opportunity to address the Board of Education at this time.

**Isaias Zuniga**

Expressed concerns that as a DELAC representative for Del Mar Elementary School; he was not given the opportunity to vote at the last meeting. He has not been receiving notification for the DELAC meetings from EL department and requested that the department do their job correctly, because the parents from Del Mar elected him to represent them at these meetings and cannot do so, when information is not being provided.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Member Ryan**

- Reminded the Board of several topics: 1) set a date for the next RJA meeting; 2) the need to discuss CRSS Alumni Institute in September and the type of presentation they will be providing; and 3) discuss the Board Self-Evaluation before they evaluate the superintendent and if the need to discuss in open session, then the item can be placed on the agenda in the next month.

**Member Asadoorian**

- Concurred with Member Ryan regarding the CRSS Alumni Institute and the need to have an open discussion on the direction in which they need to take.
- Requested information on the Fresno Adult School programs budget situations.
- Concerned that they have not addressed the deliverables for the upcoming visit with Consultant Sarah Glover from CRSS.
- Expressed concerns with agenda items coming before the board as ratified and if in the future, would like to see more items come before this board as approved items when possible, will be very helpful to the board.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued

**Member Asadoorian – continued**

- The need to revisit the updates to the CSBA Board policies and would like to continue pressing forward with these policies.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the  
Board of Education

Board Approved: September 9, 2009