

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
November 12, 2008**

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

**Regular Meeting**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on November 12, 2008, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, and President Vang. Also present was Superintendent Hanson. *Member Ryan was absent.*

President Vang convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. *Members Asadoorian and Johnson arrived at 2:08 p.m.* The Board of Education reconvened at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Member Thomas present. *Student Board Member Facciani was absent.*

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session:**

1. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to give the Superintendent a positive evaluation which results in an extension of the superintendent's contract one additional year through June 30, 2012.
2. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to adopt a Hearing Officer's recommended decision to dismiss a Classified Home School.
3. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to adopt a Hearing Officer's recommended decision to dismiss a Classified Custodian.
4. The Board was informed of the Administrative Transfer of Kathleen McNamara, Regional Instructional Specialist/Principal I, Fulton School.
5. The Board was informed of the Administrative Transfer of Tamara Neely, Vice Principal/Program Manager, Eaton and McCardle Elementary Schools.
6. The Board was informed of the Administrative Transfer of Lauren Federico, Vice Principal/Program Manager, Wolters Elementary School.
7. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to Promote Sam Hines, Principal IV, Cambridge High School.
8. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Laura Sullivan, Principal II, Vinland Elementary School.
9. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Fred Veenedaal, Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Wawona Middle School.

## Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

10. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Tonia Knott, Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Lawless K-8 School.
11. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Nancy Anderson, Project Manager, Facilities Department.
12. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Lincoln Ownsby, Project Manager, Facilities Department.
13. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Ryan absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session hire Rafael Aguirre, Counselor, Middle School Leadership.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Wilson parent, Amy Reyes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Reyes is a dedicated parent with a "Can do" attitude. She has served on many committees and now works at Wilson.

## Minutes

APPROVED, as noted with corrections by Member Asadoorian, the draft minutes for September 10 and 24, 2008, regular meetings and September 30, 2008, special meeting.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson which carried a 7-0-2 *vote with Member Ryan and Student Member Facciani absent*.

## Reports from Student Board Representatives – no reports

Student Representatives Susan Her and Seidi Valencia from McLane High School reported that due to various reasons, there was no Student Advisory Representative meeting and proceed to provide a summary of updates from McLane High School. She acknowledged the student ambassadors' from Tenaya Middle School.

Student Member Facciani arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Board President Vang acknowledged newly-elected Board Member Larry Moore and extended an invitation for him to attend the Facilities Master Plan workshop on Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

## Superintendent Reported the following:

- **FUSD Hosts State Superintendent at AVID Demonstration Site**  
The Roadtrip Nation RV visited Sunnyside High School to help connect students to the world of opportunity beyond high school. This was an opportunity to shine the light on the outstanding work of the AVID program at Sunnyside who are an AVID demonstration school, and the work of teachers, administrators and students at the school. They appreciated the visit by both the State and County Superintendents, who acknowledged the great program at the school.
- **FUSD Hosts Central Valley Link Crew Leadership Conference**  
More than 400 Link Crew students from around the Central Valley attended the Central Valley Link Crew Leadership Conference at Bullard High School last Friday, November 7. Link Crew helps incoming freshman students connect to high school and is an important contributor to a strong campus culture. All FUSD schools have a Link Crew and the number of students participating has increased over the past several years.

### Superintendent Reported out the following – continued

- **Mentoring Message Getting Out into Community**  
Many of you may have heard Police Chief Jerry Dyer’s public service announcement on the radio, encouraging our community members to serve as a mentor to our students. This is the result of the City of Fresno working with our District Mentor Coordinator Darrin Person to help get the word out about the importance of mentoring and the need for more mentors for our students. They are pleased with the continued partnership with the City on important issues that benefit our students.
- **Calwa Students Raise “Pennies for the Met”**  
Last year, students at Calwa raised more than \$1,500 in pennies for the Met Museum, the highest amount raised by any school in Fresno Unified. As a result, 10 students will be accompanied by their Principal and two teachers to a special premiere before the official opening of the museum and the school will be featured this evening on ABC 30 Action News for their efforts.

### President Vang Reported out the following:

- **Annual Toys for Tots Campaign Drive by the U.S. Marines**  
Announced the annual Toys for Tots campaign drive and the Ed Center will be collecting new toys for children who attend Fresno Unified School District schools. The toys will be distributed by the U.S. Marines to local families in need for the holiday season. Boxes will be placed in each floor of the Ed Center and appreciates the support by each and every one.

Member Mills challenged her colleagues and employees of the Ed Center and started the drive with two toys.

President Vang announced a revision to A-1 and the Board Members have been provided with revisions.

On motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Johnson, the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-7 and A-11, approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: Student Members Facciani, Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, and President Vang. *Member Ryan 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 October 15, 2008, Regular Board Meeting.

### A-3, Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board as December 10, 2008. Pursuant to Section 35143 of the Education Code of the State of California, the governing board of each district shall hold an annual organizational meeting on a day within a 15-day period which commences on the first Friday of December and requires that the annual organizational meeting date be selected at a regular meeting before the 15-day period.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-4, Renewal of IBM Mainframe Software License and Maintenance**

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal of “Sole Source” software maintenance renewal of IBM (International Business Machines) mainframe software. The cost is \$83,283 for the remainder of the current fiscal year. This has been an ongoing license for products or similar mainframe products since the District installed the IBM mainframe. Funding will be provided through Information Technology funds in the amount of \$83,283.00.

**A-5, 2008/09 Operations Application for the K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Funding Program**

APPROVED, as recommended, the 2008/09 K-3 CSR Operations Application. As a condition for applying to receive K-3 CSR program funds, the Board must certify that the district intends to participate in the 2008/09 CSR program (SB-1777) and will implement the program in compliance with statutes and administrative provisions of the California Department of Education. For the 2008/09 K-3 CSR program, the district is eligible to apply utilizing last year’s CBED’s CSR program enrollment which equates to \$25.2 million based on \$1,071 per student as shown on the attached application. The 2008/09 Unrestricted General Fund budget includes \$20.5 million in K-3 CSR state revenue.

**A-6, RFP #2906, Design and Build a Ropes Challenge Course at DeWolf High School**

AWARDED, as recommended, RFP #2906, Design and Build a Ropes Challenge Course at DeWolf High School to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

- Signature Research Inc., Douglas, GA                      \$54,500.00

Sufficient funds of \$54,500.00 are available in the 2008/09 Unrestricted General Fund budget.

**A-7, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2907, School Facility Planning/Land Acquisition/Disposition and Relocation Consulting Firms**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-8, Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Orders and backup information for the following bids:

1. Bid #2815, Modernization of Bullard High School  
Change Order #1: \$38,645.00. The new contract amount: \$2,972,545.00. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, unforeseen hazardous material abatement on Building “W”, additional tack board, changes and modifications in finishes for the classrooms, and a credit for the deletion of countertops and casework painting.
2. Bid #2819 A, Fire Alarm System Upgrade at the Education Center  
Change Order #1: \$3,575.00. The new contract amount: \$118,575.00. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, furnish and install adaptor skirts for all audio/visual maintenance device boxes.

Sufficient funds are available in the 2008/09 budget: Bid #2815, Modernization of Bullard High School - Measure K and State Facility Fund: \$2,972,545.00 and Bid #2819 A, Fire Alarm System Upgrade at the Education Center Routine Restricted Maintenance Fund: \$118,575.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-9, Filing of the Notices of Completion for Projects Listed Below**

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

1. Bid #2831 A, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Scandinavian Middle School
2. Bid #2831 B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Mayfair Elementary School

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

**A-10, Claim #08-0409-0329 for Chloe Miller**

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages for Chloe Miller, #08-0409-0329. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-11, Claim #08-1008-0328 for Junus and Andrea Perry**

PULLED for discussion.

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

**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS****Gamaliel Jarquin**

Expressed concern with a five day suspension he received for a fight in which he had no part of at Edison High School. He is being confused with someone. When his mother arrived at the school site, there was no staff member available to translate for her.

**Alfreda Cortez**

Expressed concern with her son's suspension from Edison High School and is not in agreement how the administration handled the situation and how they violated his rights.

**Ana Maria Vargas**

Expressed concern how the administration at Calwa are recognizing her daughters by the last name and not their first name. She has addressed her concern with the principal and she feels her daughters are being discriminated against.

President Vang stated that the assistant superintendent of this school will address her concern.

**Esther Martinez**

Expressed concerns with the administration from Carver who are not attending the needs of her son's behavior plans. She informed the Board that her son is on medication and they are not respecting his rights.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Jose Castro**

Expressed concerns with the first speaker who addressed the Edison incident and how it shows abuse of power at the school site. He feels the staff abused their power on the student and he is requesting to have this case appealed. He addressed the Calwa issue and stated that a judge has the power to change the names of people; not Fresno Unified staff. The district is abusing the power and he wants the discrimination to stop at all school sites. He also addressed the Carver issue and stated that the student is an ADHD student and needs special attention and requires special education services.

**Greg Gadams**

He referenced the Data Dashboard policies and accountability that is driving the district performance. Superintendent Hanson has done a good job of developing processes in the district. The base for performance is not effective and applauded uniform district reading test.

**Joe Barron**

Requested copies of the Site Plan for Student Achievement for all QEIA schools and stated that this is for the CAC to develop a collaborative plan with sites for student achievement.

**Jake Turner**

Expressed concerns with teacher prep time for writing samples. He requested Superintendent Hanson contact him with someone who can assist him on how to fit 10 hours into an 8 hour work day. He also stated the teachers at Turner and Gibson would like their assistant superintendents visit these two schools to address the site administrators behavior with teachers, which is a violation of their contract.

**Xe Xiong**

Concern with afterschool program at Yosemite school. Last week the teacher called her to pickup her child and was informed that her child was being removed from the afterschool program for inappropriate behavior. She tried to resolve the situation and expressed concerns with no assistance with translation services.

**Xia Lee**

Expressed concerns with the lack of interpreters at Yosemite middle school and feels that an interpreter needs to be hired fulltime to assist parents.

**Paul Garcia**

Disappointed that the Title I meeting held at Centennial School was not well attended by parents. The district needs to do a better job promoting these parent meetings that will help parents better understand what is happening at their school sites. He expressed concerns with Mr. Castro holding an office space in the EL building.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA****A-7, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2907, School Facility Planning/Land Acquisition/Disposition and Relocation Consulting Firms**

APPROVED, as recommended, RFQ #2907 to the following best qualified respondents:

- Balch Land Services
- Oxbridge Development
- School Facilities Consultants
- Overland Pacific & Cutler, Inc.
- Paoli & O'Dell

Funding will be established on a project by project basis.

Member Nunez questioned if any of the companies listed in this RFQ have employed Mr. Lou Steck.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-7, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2907, School Facility Planning/Land Acquisition/Disposition and Relocation Consulting Firms – continued**

Executive Director LeBlanc stated that it is her understanding that he is not employed by any of the companies.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried an 8-0-1 with *Member Ryan absent*.

**A-11, Claim #08-1008-0328 for Junus and Andrea Perry**

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages for Junus and Andrea Perry, #08-1008-0328 The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

Member Asadoorian stated that she elected to abstain from participating in the Board's consideration of this claim based on her long standing friendship with claimant's attorney.

Member Davis stated that she elected to abstain from participating in the Board's consideration of this claim based on her acquaintance with the claimant.

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

- Greg Gadams expressed concerns with the incident at Roosevelt and how these incidents are not isolated and the difference between the officer and a teacher; he had a weapon to protect himself. The Board needs to take a look at the practices that are in place to secure the safety of teachers.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Nunez, which carried a 6-2-1 vote with *Members Asadoorian and Davis, abstaining and Member Ryan absent*.

**B-12, Funding for High Priority Athletic Facility Projects**

APPROVED, as recommended, the chart below delineating the high priority athletic facility projects for each of Fresno Unified's comprehensive high schools including the timeline and estimated costs. The Board is requested to approve \$4 million in additional funding to support completion of the projects, which were approved by the Board on March 12, 2008. When the Board approved the projects, \$9.7 million in funding was identified – listed below.

- \$5.8 million from the Coregis reserve
- \$2.0 million from the City of Fresno Park Bond
- \$1.9 million in potential additional funds from the Office of Public School Construction

Superintendent Hanson stated that this is a presentation by CFO Quinto and staff and thanked community members for working with district staff to get the best projects in place.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-12, Funding for High Priority Athletic Facility Projects – continued**

CFO Quinto provided an overview of the high priority athletic facility projects. She stated that the development of the athletic facility projects listed input from site administrators and athletic department staff helped identify schools' highest priority needs and existing facilities, district-wide needs and geographic balance were also considered and they worked with the FAAC Athletic Facilities Subcommittee.

Since March, they have detailed the project scopes and design and have employed engineers' and architects' to bring those scopes and designs to fruition. During this process, they have worked closely with the school communities in the design process. Based on the feedback from those communities including input received from the FAAC subcommittee, they took into account district-wide needs and geographic balance and considered the district's investment \$10 million minimum in this particular endeavor. Therefore, they have revised the project scopes and refine the project cost estimates based on engineers' estimates and design drawings.

Projects include:

- Weight/Fitness Room at Hoover
- All-weather resurfacing at Bullard, Fresno, Hoover and McLane
- Track resurfacing at Sunnyside
- Track runways relocation at Roosevelt
- Track lighting at Bullard, Edison, Hoover and Roosevelt
- Bleachers for track at Edison
- Pools – diving/polo and spectator seating at Bullard and Fresno

Project Timeline:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Targeted Bid Award*</b>	<b>Targeted Construction Start*</b>	<b>Duration of Construction</b>
Tracks	January 28, 2009	March 2009	6 months
Track Lighting	January 28, 2009	March 2009	4 months
Track Bleachers	January 28, 2009	March 2009	4 months
Pools	January 28, 2009	April 2009	8 months
Track Resurfacing and Runways	October 15, 2008	November 2008	2 months
<i>*Subject to CEQA and/or DSA issues</i>			

CFO Quinto provided an updated on the cost estimates for the projects and she indicated that a total of \$13.7 million will be required to fund the projects requested; therefore, additional funding is needed.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-12, Funding for High Priority Athletic Facility Projects – continued**

The bid awards for each project are presented to the Board for approval, construction costs will be confirmed. Sources of funding for the additional \$4 million have been identified and are recommended as shown in this table:

\$1,900,000	Tax Override Bond Fund
\$1,119,000	Measure K (School Facilities Fund)
\$777,000	Sale of Surplus Property (School Facilities Fund)
\$154,000	Unrestricted General Fund
\$50,000	Routine Restricted Maintenance Fund

In conclusion, CFO Quinto stated that if there is a change in the targeted construction start or duration, they will provide the Board with an update.

Member Nunez stated he would like to see included in the Facilities Plan a practice golf range of an area of approximately 100 ft. x 40 ft. with a net of 40 ft. high at all the high schools for students who do not have those accommodations to take lessons and in order to equalize the competitiveness of students from throughout the high schools.

CFO Quinto stated that she will take Member Nunez' feedback to the Facilities Advisory committee and see if it can be incorporated into the DRAFT Standards for the high school Athletic Facilities.

Comments and/or questions were made by Members Mills, Davis, Nunez, Johnson, Asadoorian, President Vang, Student Board Member Thomas, and Superintendent Hanson.

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

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills which carried a 7-0-2 vote with *Member Ryan absent and Student Member Facciani stepping away.*

**B-13, Software System Implementation for Human Resources, Benefits and Payroll**

APPROVED, as recommended, a contract between Fresno Unified and Lawson Professional Services and Apriant Inc. for implementation services related to the Lawson enterprise resource planning (ERP) software approved by the Board for purchase on July 24, 2008.

CTO Madden presented an overview of the Lawson Software to replace the 30-year old, outdated human resources system to help simplify workforce management, including payroll and benefits. This software, which is specifically designed for large educational organizations, will create seamless integration of HR data with payroll and benefits, and will allow all employees to take advantage of self-service options at the touch of button. The new software is expected to improve the accuracy of human resources data and streamline processes. The new user-friendly software will be fully implemented throughout the district by February 2010. Frequent communication and training are planned for all employees who will use the system.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-13, Software System Implementation for Human Resources, Benefits and Payroll – continued**

He stated that the advantages to this new system will be the following:

- Improved delivery and accuracy of HR, Benefits, and Payroll services
- Reduced manual processes that result in errors
- Opportunities for greater efficiencies
- Increased functionality and capabilities of HR, Benefits, and Payroll systems
- Employee Self Service offerings
- Major investment in our 10,000 employees

*Student Members Facciani and Thomas departed the Board meeting at 7:33 p.m.*

CFO Quinto provided the Board with budget information regarding this agenda item.

The recommendation includes the following components:

Project Management – 14 months	\$507,000
Implementor – Lawson Professional Services	\$2,350,000
FUSD Project Coordinator	\$100,000
FUSD Specialists/Programmer (3 positions)	\$350,000
Coregis Funds set aside for HR	(\$1,200,000)
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$2,107,000</b>
Categorical Funds available	(\$400,000)
Unrestricted General Fund Reserve	\$1,707,000

She stated that regarding the funding source, she pointed out that the request from the Unrestricted General Fund reserve is from one-time funds for one-time investments, which is an appropriate use. There is an ongoing component that is from the categorical funds for the 3 positions. The estimated \$1.7 million dollars to be programmed from the unrestricted general fund reserve and she noted that the district will realize \$600,000 savings from maintenance fees for the AMS, which will no longer be required over a 3-year period.

CTO Madden provided the timeline of this project.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Milestone</b>
July 2008	Board Approval of Software Purchase
November 2008	Recommended Approval of Software Implementation
December 2008	Implementation Begins
November 2009	System Testing
December 2009	Parallel Testing
February 2010	Conversion to New HR/Benefits/Payroll System

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-13, Software System Implementation for Human Resources, Benefits and Payroll – continued**

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

- Greg Gadams stated that he is not against this project, but concern with cost and the use of categorical funds. He stated that he has heard that there will be no layoffs in FUSD, but there were teaching and classified positions eliminated from categorical funds this past year. The new system should eliminate positions within existing departments. The district added beyond basics to improve in math with in an impacted day without additional positions.

Superintendent Hanson informed the Board that there were \$7.5 million cuts in last year's budget to avoid the unrestricted general fund from the school sites and all of the \$7.5 million were from central office. As the district rolls this project forward and talk about the conversion, they are not looking at layoffs because there is a cost savings. They want to make sure they reallocate staff to higher priorities working with the rest of the employees to provide better service.

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

Comments and/or questions were made by Members Mills, Davis, and Superintendent Hanson.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 6-0-3 with *Member Ryan and Student Members Facciani and Thomas absent.*

President Vang RECESSED for a BREAK at 7:50 and RECONVENED at 8:00 p.m.

**B-14, 2007/2008 Annual Report for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education**

PRESENTED the 2007/2008 Annual Report for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education.

Olga Valle, Vice Chair of the CAC presented the annual report to the Board that highlighted the development, amendment, review and implementation of the Local Plan. The Local Plan serves as a legal document that describes how Fresno Unified provides services to students with exceptional needs. The committee meets twelve times each year at different school sites. The meetings are held on the third Monday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m.

The ongoing topics and concerns by the committee:

- FCMAT recommendations
- HIPPA - protects the privacy of students
- Implementation of the IEP software
- Participation in the adoption of the district curriculum
- Twenty day rule for substitute teachers at a site
- Special Education budget
- Providing food/drinks at meetings

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-14, 2007/2008 Annual Report for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education – continued**

- The need for parent survey regarding transportation services
- The need to address the attendance for students with special needs
- Safety for students with special needs
- Parent participation at meetings
- Participation in the Human Resource interview panels for special education staff
- Requested the graduation rates of all disability categories
- Provide translation services for all CAC meetings
- Bullying and Molestation

The following individuals addressed the Board with their thoughts regarding this item:

- Jose Castro stated the DELAC committee members have attended some of the CAC meetings and provided information on how they can attract more parents to the meetings. They informed the CAC committee of some of their deficiencies that are keeping parents away and the need to help students with special needs is not being addressed.
- Joe Barron thanked the CAC committee for the development of the annual report. He stated that one of the ongoing concerns is the lack of mobility in the human capital to utilize personnel to assist students with special needs.

Comments and/or questions were made by Member Asadoorian, Davis, Nunez, Mills, President Vang, and Superintendent Hanson.

**B-15, Proposed Big Picture High School Charter**

HOLD hearing for Big Picture High School Charter proposes to target a wide range of students, including those who are at-risk, high-achieving, special education, English Language Learners or academically average. The estimated fiscal impact for 2009-10 is \$554,484. Based on the assumption that all 120 students reside within Fresno Unified boundaries, fiscal impact was calculated based on total potential revenue limit income (\$781,546) minus the cost of teacher salaries (\$227,062).

Director Bessard opened the public hearing on Big Picture High School Charter School and informed the Board that district staff will be returning to the next Board meeting with recommendation.

Lead Developer Jon Morse and Gerry Catanzarite provided the Board with information regarding Big Picture High School Charter. He stated that the targeted geographic area is West Central Fresno, which encompasses the Fresno High School attendance area. The charter high school proposes to serve students in grades 9-12, starting with approximately 120 students in grades 9 and 10 the first year and adding a grade in each of the next two years, to reach a maximum enrollment of 200 students by 2012/13. The proposed location for the charter is St. Therese Catholic Church, located at Wishon and Floradora Avenues.

Comments and/or questions were made by Member Mills, Asadoorian, and President Vang.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-15, Proposed Big Picture High School Charter – continued**

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

- Douglas DuRivage stated that he is in support of Big Picture High School Charter and strongly urges the Boards support.

With no further discussion or comments, President Vang CLOSED the public hearing.

**B-16, Proposed MID-CAL Entrepreneurial and Mathematics Charter School (MID-CAL)**

HOLD public hearing for MID-CAL Entrepreneurial and Mathematics Charter School.

Director Bessard opened the public hearing on the Mid-Cal Entrepreneurial and Mathematics Charter School and informed the Board that district staff will be returning to the next Board meeting with recommendation.

Mr. James Tate Hill provided the Board with an update on the proposed MID-CAL Entrepreneurial and Mathematics Charter School (MID-CAL) and introduced the MID-CAL Board of Directors. He stated that the key component of the proposed MID-CAL charter educational program is entrepreneurial (economics) and mathematics education. The educational program seeks to enhance students' sense of empowerment and self-sufficiency and prepare students to "make a job" rather than simply "take a job". The charter will start with approximately 200 students in grades K-3 the first year; adding a grade in each of the next two years to reach a maximum enrollment of 390 students. The school will serve students in grades K-5 in the 93706 zip code in southwest Fresno at the proposed location at 1825 S. Delno Avenue. The estimated fiscal impact for 2009/10 is \$514,394. Based on the assumption that all 200 students reside within Fresno Unified boundaries, fiscal impact was calculated based on total potential revenue limit income (\$1,131,844) minus the cost of teacher salaries (\$617,450).

Comments and/or questions were made by Member Mills, Davis, and Asadoorian.

The following individual addressed the Board with his support for this item:

- Tate Hill stated that he supports this Charter and urges the Boards support.

With no further discussion or comments, President Vang CLOSED the public hearing.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**C-17, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) CTW/CLC, Local 521 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2008/09 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. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) CTW/CLC, Local 521 is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal for the 2008/09 school year. This proposal shall be available for public view in the Board of Education Office from November 12, 2008 to November 19, 2008. This proposal will return to the next agenda for public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt by the Fresno Unified Board of Education.

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**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS – continued****C-18, Fresno Unified School District 2008/2009 Negotiations Proposal to Service Employees International Union (SEIU), CTW/CLC, Local 521**

RECEIVED in accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and there after shall be public record. The Fresno Unified School District is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal to Service Employees International Union (SEIU), CTW/CLC, Local 521 for the 2008/2009 school year. This proposal shall be available for public review in the Board of Education Office from November 12, 2008 to November 19, 2008. This proposal will return to the next agenda for a public hearing and adoption by the Fresno Unified Board of Education.

**C-19, Building and Construction Trades Council of Fresno, Madera, Kings, and Tulare Counties/AFL-CIO 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. The Building and Construction Trades Council of Fresno, Madera, Kings, and Tulare counties/AFL-CIO is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal for the 2008/09 school year. This proposal shall be available for public view in the Board of Education Office from November 12, 2008 to November 19, 2008. This proposal will return to the next agenda for public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt by the Fresno Unified Board of Education.

**C-20, Fresno Unified School District 2008/09 Negotiations Proposal to Building and Construction Trades Council of Fresno, Madera, Kings, and Tulare Counties/AFL-CIO**

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**C-21, Fresno Unified School District 2008/2009 Negotiations Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125, White Collar Unit**

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C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS – continued**C-22, Fresno Unified School District 2008/2009 Negotiations Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 143, Food Service Unit**

RECEIVED in accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The Fresno Unified School District is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 143, Food Service Unit for the 2008/2009 school year. This proposal shall be available for public review in the Board of Education Office from November 12, 2008 through November 19, 2008. This proposal will be return to the next agenda for a public hearing and adoption by the Fresno Unified Board of Education.

**C-23, Fresno Unified School District's First Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2008/09**

RECEIVED the first quarterly investment report for the period ending September 30, 2008. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on District investments. As of September 30, 2008, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments. District funds are invested in a manner that meets the primary objective of safeguarding the principal of the funds and serving the District's liquidity needs. District funds are invested as follows:

<b>County Treasury Investment Pool</b>	\$ 247,228,170
<b>Certificates of Participation</b>	\$ 176,154,104 **

\*\* 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.

In accordance with law and administrative regulations, this investment report also certifies that the Fresno Unified School District has sufficient cash on hand to meet the District's cash requirements for the next six months.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Board/Superintendent communications.

**D. ADJOURNMENT****Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

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



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the  
Board of Education

Board Approved: January 14, 2009