MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Fresno Unified School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTER, 2309 TULARE STREET
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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Board Room, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California.

Special Meeting
At a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on March 6, 2003, there were present Members Barr, Nuñez, O’Hare, Vang, and Acting President Wright. Also present was Superintendent Wood. Member Medina arrived at 5:50 p.m. and President Johanson was absent.

Closed Session
Acting Board President Wright convened the meeting at 5:36 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to discuss personnel, negotiations and litigation matters. The Board of Education reconvened at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room.

Acting Board President Wright stated that there was no action to report out as a result of Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Member O’Hare lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Maureen Miller, Nurse, Health Services
Expressed concerns with the high school attendance policy and how to reduce the ADA to increase the revenue.

Sharon Hollis, Teacher, Hidalgo Elementary
Expressed concerns with the Special Education program.

Jose R. Castro, Parent
Expressed concerns with the following: expulsion and suspension process in the district; respect the parents rights; and make sure parents receive the information on the district’s policies.

Ernesto Cisneros, Parent
Expressed concern with information not being provided to parents from the school sites.
UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION - continued

Howard Watkins, Parent
Expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the Magnet and Music programs.

Paige Maltos, Parent
Expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the Music program.

Yolanda Abulail, Padres Activos en Education
Expressed concerns with the Special Education program at Roeding Elementary School.

Nancy Barth, Teacher, Dailey Elementary
Expressed concerns with the cost of testing in the District.

Florence Zepeda, Teacher, Lane Elementary
Expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the health benefits.

Olga Valle, Parent
Expressed concerns with the Special Education programs at Roeding Elementary.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-1, Personnel List
APPROVED, as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Barr, which carried a 6-1 vote, with President Johanson absent.

B-2, Resolution
Eliminating Particular Kinds of Services for 2003-2004 School Year
DISCUSS and ADOPTED, as recommended, the resolution to reduce or eliminate certain kinds of services in order to achieve a balanced budget. This Resolution will result in the elimination or reduction of particular kinds of services. As a result of the adoption of this Resolution, 739 FTE will be reduced. The Management is $6,100,000; Certificated Program Reduction $24,900,000.

Administrative staff gave an update to the elimination of particular kinds of services for the 2003-04 school year.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education expressing their thoughts and concerns with regards to this agenda item:
UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION - continued

B-2, Resolution
Eliminating Particular Kinds of Services for 2003-2004 School Year - con’t.

- Angela Belton
- Dianne Hamilton
- Melanie Halstend
- Mary Whitley
- Rudolph Ramirez
- Kirsten Paxton
- Brittney Hernandes
- Patty Shield
- John Lutes
- Tonia Habel
- Cynthia Green
- Michele Munt
- Jane Jackson Wagner
- Sara Heibert
- Curtis Carlton
- Deborah Johanson
- Steven Evert
- Dan Hamilton
- Diane Chrisman
- Michelle Asadoorian
- Sonny Rojas
- Phelisha Summerlin
- Lilianna Lazzari
- Paul H. Garcia
- Shirley Fraser
- Samantha Hickman
- Allison Manter
- Randy Berger
- Bob Russell
- Billie Valdez
- Sophia Hinojoza

Acting President Wright RECESSED the Board of Education meeting at 8:35 p.m. and RECONVENED at 8:45 p.m.

B-2, Resolution
Eliminating Particular Kinds of Services for 2003-2004 School Year - con’t.

- Ana Bustos-Ponce
- Lynda Hall
- David Bradley
- Kate Brown
- Arlene Sarabian
- Chris Alfaro
- Cynthia Baker
- Anthony Pinks
- Lydia Gonzalez
- Laura Sandham
- Sherry Wood
- Virginia Casarez
- Jim Barr
- Matthew McIntyre
- Olga Quercia
- Emma Clouse
- Kevin Bradly

Comments were made by Members Barr, Medina, Nuñez, O’Hare, Vang, and Acting President Wright.

Superintendent Wood stated that all employees will be notified, which is consistent with the law.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Medina, which carried a 5-1-1 vote, with Member Nuñez dissenting and President Johanson absent.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-3, Resolution Reducing Classified Management Services for the 2003-2004 School Year

DISCUSS and ADOPTED, as recommended, the resolution to reduces/eliminates three classified management positions for a lack of work/lack of funds. Management Reductions $400,000.

The following individual addressed the Board of Education expressing concerns with regards to this agenda item:

- Sherry Wood, expressed concerns with the layoffs and working together to make a difference for the students in this District.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a 5-1-1 vote, with Member Nuñez dissenting and President Johanson absent.

B-4, Resolution Reducing Classified Services for the 2003-2004 School Year

DISCUSS and ADOPTED, as recommended, the resolution to reduces/eliminates classified positions for a lack of work/lack of funds.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education expressing their thoughts and concerns with regards to this agenda item:

- Darryl Nelum, expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the Student Safety Assistant positions.
- Stephanie Vasquez, expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the Student Safety Assistant positions.
- Ray Mata, expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the Student Safety Assistant positions and the Music program.
- Corky Luce, expressed concerns with the reality of the budget and equity in the District.
- Ben Maddock, expressed concerns with the District’s budget crisis and cuts.

Comments were made by Members Barr, Nuñez and O’Hare.

Member Nuñez stated once again, if Plan B is adopted, he will resign from the Board of Education effective June 30, 2003.

Member Barr moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried a 5-1-1 vote, with Member Nuñez dissenting and President Johanson absent.
C. RECEIVE INFORMATION AND REPORTS

There were no reports or information to receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Wood Recognized Corky Luce a potential Member of the State Board candidate by the Governor.

Member Medina Requested information on the Attendance Policy.

Superintendent Wood stated information will be provided by staff.

Member Nuñez Attended the Fresno Compact luncheon with the Superintendent and other Board Members, which recognized programs in Fresno Unified.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment 10:34 p.m. With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Acting President Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

SANTIAGO V. WOOD, Ed.D.
Superintendent and Secretary