MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR 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.

Regular Meeting
At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on June 25, 2003, there were present Members Barr, Medina, Nuñez, O’Hare, Wright and President Johanson. Member Vang arrived at 3:47. Also present was Student Board Member DeWitt. Superintendent Wood and Student Board Member Francis were absent.

Closed Session
President Johanson convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to hear administrative panel recommendations on student expulsion and readmission cases and to discuss personnel, negotiations and litigation matters. The Board of Education reconvened at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Room.

Reporting Out Action Taken During Closed Session
1. Angel Durazo, Guidance Learning Coordinator at Tioga Middle School has been appointed to Vice Principal II, Carver Academy.
2. By a vote of 7-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to approve a settlement agreement with a management classified employee.
3. By a vote of 7-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to approve a final mediation agreement with a special education student, Case No. SN 03-01060.

Staff Present
Associate Superintendents Sarkisian-Bonard, Homola, Interim Associate Superintendent/CFO Stewart, Assistant Superintendents Carsten, Major, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Simerly, and Interim Assistant Superintendent Harris. Assistant Superintendent Cottrell was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Student Board Member DeWitt lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Minutes

APPROVED, as recommended, the draft minutes for the May 7, 2003, Regular Meeting. Member Barr moved for approval, seconded by Member Wright, which carried unanimously.

Resolution #03-43
Supporting Adoption of 2003-04 State Budget by June 30, 2003

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution #03-43 to join CSBA and statewide Education Coalition to register strong support on the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to adopt a state budget by the constitutional deadline of June 30, 2003. The State Budget passage by June 30, 2003 allows local school districts to adjust budgets to reflect the state adopted budget in a timely fashion and before the start of school. Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Barr, which carried a 8-0-1, on a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Student Board Member DeWitt, Board Members Barr, Medina, Nuñez, O’Hare, Vang, Wright, and President Johanson. Student Board Member Francis was absent.

A copy of the duly-executed resolution, as adopted, is filed in Volume 35, Addendum to the Board of Education Office.

Brenda Starks, R.N., Fresno Adult School

The Board and Superintendent recognized Fresno Adult School Nurse, Brenda Starks, R.N. for being named “Education Nurse of the Year” by the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations.

On motion by Member O’Hare, seconded by Member Wright, the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items A-3, A-4, A-5, A-14, A-15, A-16, A-22, A-27, approved on a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Student Board Members DeWitt, Members Barr, Medina, Nuñez, O’Hare, Vang, Wright, and President Johanson. Student Board Member Francis was absent. The Consent Agenda follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, Personnel List

APPROVED, as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A-1, 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 June 11, 2003, Regular Board Meeting. A list of pupils, their identifying number, and supporting evidence for these actions, is maintained in the Board of Education Office.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-3, New Job Descriptions for High School Resource Center Facilitator

PULLED for discussion

A-3a, Fresno County Plan for Expelled Youth per Education Code Section 48926

APPROVED, as recommended, the Fresno County Plan for Expelled Youth per Education Code Section 48926 that requires an update every three years.

A-4, Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services

PULLED for discussion.

A-5, Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services Counseling for K-8 Instruction Schools/Department

APPROVED, as recommended, the summary of contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services (CYS) for the K-8 Instruction Schools/Department to provide Student Assistance Program services to students and their families; social work/counseling services to individuals, family and group counseling; crisis interventions; and outreach to students, parents and the community at:

Burroughs Centennial Columbia
Ewing Fremont Greenberg
Lowell Lowell NRC Pyle
Rowell Slater Turner
Wilson Tioga Sequoia

Child Development Centers:
- Heaton - King - Webster - Scandinavian

The contracts will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 15, 2004. $576,706 has been budgeted in the various funds: Family Preservation Funds; Categorical Funds; Title I Funds; Prop 10 Funds; School Improvement Program; and The First Five Grant.

A-6, Annual Self Reviews for Preschool and Child Development Programs

APPROVED, as recommended, the Annual Self Reviews completed for the Preschool and Child Development programs. In accordance with the Desired Results for Children and Families accountability system, programs funded by the Child Development Division (CDD) of California Department of Education are required to complete and submit to CDD a self-study at the end of each fiscal year.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-7, Renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, Sanctuary Youth Shelter

APPROVED, as recommended, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Economic Opportunities Commission, Sanctuary Youth Shelter and the Office of State and Federal Programs to provide a part-time case manager (17 hours per week), under the McKinney-Vento Act for Homeless Education. The MOU will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $19,000 has been budgeted through the Title I funds.

A-8, Migrant Scholars Program Contract Between California State University, University Migrant Services and the Fresno Unified School District Migrant Education Program

APPROVED, as recommended, the contract with California State University, Fresno, and University Migrant Services to provide Fresno Unified School District Migrant Education Program with Migrant Scholars Program at California State University, Fresno. The Migrant Scholars Program will provide nine classes for 20 selected Migrant students for two-week daily sessions including meals and transportation. $42,750 has been budgeted through the Migrant Education funds.

A-9, Submission of Community Technology Centers Grant to the United States Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, the submission of an application to the United States Department of Education to provide funding for Community Technology Centers. Fresno Unified is eligible to apply for up to $500,000 in grant funding to create centers using technology and the Internet for adult education and family literacy, including General Education Development, language instruction, workplace readiness, and adult basic education classes. The grant will cover up to 50% of the cost. Fresno Adult School monies and in-kind contributions such as use of facilities and equipment from community organizations, will fund the cost share. District indirect will be 7.79% of the grant.

A-10, Submission of Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant to the United States Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, the submission of an application to the United States Department of Education to improve and strengthen district and school/community emergency response and crisis management plans. Fresno Unified School District is eligible to receive up to $500,000 to provide training, conduct simulations, evaluate procedures, and revise plans as appropriate. The grant will cover all program costs. District indirect will be 7.79% of the grant.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-11, Submission of the Professional Development for Arts Educators Grant to the United States Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, the submission of an application to the United States Department of Education for implementation of high-quality K-6 Art Educators’ Professional Development Programs for eligibility students in Title I (not for low-performing students). Fresno Unified is eligible to apply for $325,000 over a 2-year period. Grant funds will cover all costs. District indirect will be 7.79% of the grant.

A-12, Submission of an Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grant Program to the United States Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, the application to the United States Department of Education to provide funding to support four elementary schools (Ayer, Ericson, Rowell, and Slater) in integrating the arts into the elementary curriculum, strengthening arts instruction, and improving students’ academic performance for low-performing eligibility students in Title I. Fresno Unified is eligible to apply for $750,000 over a 3-year grant period. Grant funds will cover all costs. District indirect will be 7.79% of the grant.

A-13, 2003-04 Application for Funding Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs, Part I

APPROVED, as recommended, the application requests to continue funding for Title 1, Title II Class Size Reduction, Title III, Title IV, Title V Innovative Programs, Economic Impact Aid/LEP, School Improvement Program, Tenth Grade Counseling, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE), School Safety, and Peer Assistance Review. The district will receive approximately $3,800,481 in indirect costs on a total amount of $62,347,780 for all programs.

A-14, Agreement with the National Center on Education and Economy (NCEE) for Greenberg, Hamilton, Lincoln, and Norseman Elementary Schools

PULLED for discussion.

A-15, Independent Contractor Agreement with Patricia Sweetman for Birney Elementary School

PULLED for discussion.
A-16, Contact with Foundation for California Early Literacy Learning for Turner Elementary School

PULLED for discussion.

A-17, Title VII Indian Education Formula Grant

APPROVED, as recommended, the Title VII Indian Education Formula grant for second year funding of a five-year available under Public Law 107-110. The grant is based on qualifying students and is not competitive. The grant provides funding for the Indian Education Program which is staffed by two community liaisons. The program goals are to provide academic assistance, coordinate district resources, increase parent involvement to Indian students so they will achieve grade level standard. If funded, this grant would provide $156,332 for services to Native Indian students for FY 2003-2004.

A-18, 2002-03 Governor’s Performance Award (API) - Plan Addendum for Anthony Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, the Governor’s Performance Award (API) - Plan Addendums for Anthony Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School. The School Site Council at each school site approved the requests. $24,081 for Anthony Elementary School and $23,154 for Jefferson Elementary School have been provided through the Governor’s Performance Award.

A-19, Independent Contract with the Pulliam Group for Yosemite Middle School for Year 3 Evaluation

APPROVED, as recommended, the agreement with the Pulliam Group to provide on-site evaluation services for the 2003-04 school year for Yosemite Middle School. The contract will begin on August 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $25,000 has been budgeted through the High Priority funds.

A-20, Music Advanced Placement (AP) Theory High School Pilot Course of Study

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Music AP Theory Pilot Course of Study, which has been aligned with the Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-21, Contracts with California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University for Three School Psychologist Interns

APPROVED, as recommended, the contracts with California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University to provide three school psychologist interns, to provide psychological services to students under the supervision of the Special Education Program Manager, which is a benefit to the individual, as this supervised training and support is required by the California Department of Education. The contracts will begin on August 13, 2003 and will end on June 18, 2004. $20,000 per intern for 165 days without benefits to be budgeted from the Special Education funds for a total of $60,000.

A-22, Contract with Princeton Review

PULLED for discussion.

A-23, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board

APPROVED, as recommended, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board that describes the services to be provided through the One-Stop System during the 2003-2004 school year for Fresno Adult School. This MOU will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2005.

A-24, Submission of Refugee Resettlement Grant

APPROVED, as recommended, the submission of Refugee Resettlement grant of one-three years to support enrichment projects for Hmong elderly and youth. $100,000 grant will cover program costs. District indirect will be 7.79% of the grant.

A-25, Renewal of Multi-Campus Status Application for Duncan Polytechnical High School

APPROVED, as recommended, the renewal application for Multi-Campus status for Duncan Polytechnical High School. Multi-Campus status is required to allow Duncan Polytechnical students to participate in athletic programs in their area of residence.

A-26, Contract Extension with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

APPROVED, as recommended, the contract extension with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission to provide youth employment and training services to students residing in the Fresno Unified School District boundaries. The contract allocation is intended to provide services to students from high school sites within the district. The contract will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $711,149 has been budgeted through the Workforce Investment Act funds.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-27, Renewal of an Agreement with California State University, Fresno, for the Federal Work Study Program  

PULLED for discussion.

A-28, Resolution Appointing High School Representatives to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for the 2003-2004 School Year  

ADOPTED, as recommended, the resolution to appoint school representatives and their alternates to the CIF for the 2003-2004 school year. This resolution is required by the Federated Council of the CIF in order to ensure that Board and District policies are represented.

A-29, Memorandum of Understanding with Children and Family Services for Tehipite Middle School  

APPROVED, as recommended, the Memorandum of Understanding with Children and Family Services for a K-6 Social Worker to provide families with mental health, physical health and attendance issues at Tehipite Middle School. $40,000 has been budgeted through the U.S. Department of Education funds.

A-30, Two Contracts with the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office for the KKIS Program  

APPROVED, as recommended, the contracts with the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office for the (KKIS) Program. One contract is an agency contract that describes the working relationship among the agencies that make-up the KKIS program. The second contract describes the services to be provided by the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office for the KKIS program. The contracts will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2005. $80,000 over a two-year period through the Safe Schools Healthy Students Federal grant. No impact to the unrestricted funds.

A-31, Agreement with the County Human Services System Department of Employment and Temporary Assistance for the National School Lunch Program  

APPROVED, as recommended, the agreement with the County Human Services System Department of Employment and Temporary Assistance for the National School Lunch Program application process to serve as an express Medi-Cal application. This is a pilot program funded by the California Endowment. The agreement became retroactive to the 1st day of July 1, 2002 and will end on June 30, 2004. $125,000 has been funded by the California Endowment. No impact on unrestricted general funds.
A-32, Contract with Maximus Inc., for State Mandated Cost Claiming Services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

APPROVED, as recommended, the continuing contract with Maximus Inc., for mandated cost services for fiscal year 2003/04. The District is entitled to reimbursement for mandated costs and the costs of claiming reimbursement. The cost of the service is a reimbursable cost limited to the costs that the District incurs when services of District employees are used to compile the information required and complete the necessary forms for reimbursement.

A-33, Resolution 03-39 Approving the Purchase of Real Property, Located at Belmont and Helm, from Van Ness Investment Company

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 03-39 to approve the purchase agreement for the purchase of real property from Van Ness Investment Company. The California Environmental Quality Act requirements and California Department of Education approval have been met for acquisition of the property for the construction of a new elementary school (Site “E”) at Belmont and Helm Avenues. Fully funded by Measure K.

A-34, Resolution 03-41 to Use School Facilities Program Funding for the Construction of Minimum Essential Facilities at Eight Sites

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 03-41 authorizing staff to make application for use of growth grants for non-classroom minimum essential facilities at eight sites. The projects include two cafeteria/multiuse buildings, and six library/media centers. No general fund impact. Fifty percent matching funds from the State School Facilities Program to be matched with Measure A funds.

A-35, Authorization for the Executive Director of Purchasing to Conduct District Salvage Sales

APPROVED, as recommended, for the District to conduct salvage sales several times a year. All items will be sold under the supervision of the Executive Director of Purchasing. The Superintendent requests authorization for the Executive Director of Purchasing to conduct such sales during the 2003-2004 fiscal year, as required. Revenue from this sale is deposited to the general fund or food service fund, as appropriate.

A-36, Authorization for Administration to Award Contracts Prior to August 12, 2003

APPROVED, as recommended, to expedite business operations between July 10, 2003, and August 12, 2003, the first regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in August, it is recommended that the Board of Education provide the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer the authority to award contracts during this time. This authority will be used only when the recommended award is to the lowest legally responsive, responsible bidder. Award of these contracts will be presented for ratification by the Board of Education. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘02-’03 and ‘03-’04.
A-37, Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2227A, Construction of New Multi-Purpose Buildings at Columbia and Sunset Elementary Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order #1 to Bid #2227A for changes and modifications at Columbia and Sunset Elementary Schools. The amount of Change Order #1 is $29,675.20; and the new contract amount is $2,903,531.20. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Developer Fee account. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03.

A-38, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2227A, Construction of New Multi-Purpose Building at Columbia and Sunset Elementary Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, Bid #2227A for the construction of new multi-purpose buildings at Columbia and Sunset Elementary Schools. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications.

A-39, Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2304, Bullard High School Weight Room Modernization

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order #1 to Bid #2304 for changes and modifications to Bullard High School. The amount of Change Order #1 is $1,483.50; and the new contract amount is $84,756.50. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the County School Facilities account. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03.

A-40, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2304, Weight Room Modernization at Bullard High School

RATIFIED, as recommended, Bid #2304 for the modernization of the weight room at Bullard High School. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications.

A-41, Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2318B, Parking Lot Improvements at Del Mar Elementary School

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order #1 to Bid #2318B for changes and modifications at Del Mar Elementary School. The amount of Change Order #1 is $7,465.65; and the new contract amount is $124,015.65. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Measure A-Series G-Bldg. account. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-42, Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2318E, Parking Lot Improvements at Holland Elementary School

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order #1 to Bid #2318E for changes and modifications at Holland Elementary School. The amount of Change Order #1 is $9,565.00; and the new contract amount is $159,250.00. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Measure A-Series G-Building account. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03.

A-43, Bid #2340, Fresno High School Multi-Zone Units Installation – Academic North

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2340 for the installation of eight (8) District-provided multi-zone HVAC units at Fresno High School – Academic North Building to Nolte Sheet Metal, in the amount of $171,834.00, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Deferred Maintenance account. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03-’04.

A-44, Bid #2341, Construction of New Library Media Centers at Baird and Holland Elementary Schools, and Wawona Middle School

REJECTED, as recommended, Bid #2341, Construction of New Library Media Centers at Baird and Holland Elementary Schools, and Wawona Middle School. All bids exceeded the budgeted amount. The scope will be revised and the project will be rebid at a later date.

A-45, Bid #2342, New Library Media Centers at Roeding and Carver Elementary Schools

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2342 for the construction of new Library Media Centers at Roeding and Carver Elementary Schools to Durham Construction, in the amount of $1,164,800.00, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Measure A-Series F, Special Reserve, and Measure A-Series E accounts. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year ‘03-’04.

A-46, Purchase Orders

RATIFIED, as recommended, the purchase orders as submitted.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals expressed concerns with the removal of the GATE program at Calwa Elementary School:

- Sarah Palmer
- Maria Sahaguen
- Flor Sanchez
- Christine Palmer

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard stated an update will be provided to the Board in the Friday Board Packet.
Jose R. Castro Expressed concerns with Board Policy 5121 and requesting the District give his son 10 credits that he earned.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

| A-3, New Job Descriptions for High School Resource Center Facilitator | APPROVED, as recommended, the new job description for High School Resource Center Facilitator. No impact to the general fund. The position is funded 75% from our successful Workforce Investment Act Grant through FAWIC, and 25% from our federal Perkins funds. Member Nuñez requested clarification of this position and is this for one or all high schools and does this position require a Bachelors Degree, because the job description states two separate sentences and it does not state the work “or” as well as who will supervise these positions. Roosevelt High School principal Maria Escobar stated that candidates may have a Bachelors Degree or equivalent experience. Human Resources is aware of the requirement of BA or equivalent experience. These positions will be working closely with the head counselors of the high schools. Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried unanimously. |
| A-4, Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services | APPROVED, as recommended, the contract with Comprehensive Youth Services to provide Student Assistance Program services to students and their families at the district high schools and provide expanded services at the middle school level. The contract will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $445,000 has been budgeted through the Safe & Drug Free Schools and Tobacco-Use Prevention Education budgets. Student Board Member DeWitt questioned how will these services be provided at the sites. Teacher on Special Assignment in Curriculum and Instruction Terri Davies stated that a variety of schools have special funds to cover K-12, but due to the funding sources, counselors are available only at the comprehensive high schools, two days a week. The continuation high school students are best served at their |
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

A-4, Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services - con’t.

comprehensive high school. Additional counselors at the sites are funded by Title I, Title IV, and TUPE at each site.

Member Nuñez commented on the Comprehensive Youth Services evaluation plan in terms on how the students are benefitting from these services.

Teacher on Special Assignment in Curriculum and Instruction Terri Davies stated has worked with Safe Schools Healthy Students and Project Office and Comprehensive Youth Services to provide this evaluation plan.

Member Nuñez questioned if in the evaluation plan can state the desire outcomes of each individual student.

Terri Davies stated that it can be added.

Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member Wright, which carried unanimously.

A-5, Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services Counseling for K-8 Instruction Schools/Department

APPROVED, as recommended, the summary of contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services (CYS) for the K-8 Instruction Schools/Department to provide Student Assistance Program services to students and their families; social work/counseling services to individuals, family and group counseling; crisis interventions; and outreach to students, parents and the community at:

Burroughs Centennial Columbia
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The contracts will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 15, 2004. $576,706 has been budgeted in the various funds: Family Preservation Funds; Categorical Funds; Title I Funds; Prop 10 Funds; School Improvement Program; and The First Five Grant.

Member Nuñez questioned why is Lowell Elementary being serviced by two different contracts.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

A-5, Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services Counseling for K-8 Instruction Schools/Department - con’t.

Assistant Superintendent Ramirez stated that two different funding sources are being provided for different services. The first contract for the Lowell NRC with Comprehensive Youth Services is funded with the HIPPY Grant, which provides at home preschool services.

Lowell Principal Ray Avila stated that one of the funding sources is to hire a home educator to work with the 0 to 5 age population and their parents for educational preparedness and the other funding is for social services and counseling.

Member Vang questioned how do the school sites know when a student needs help.

Lowell Principal Ray Avila stated that through the Student Study Team or the Child Intervention Process is how the sites determine the help.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried unanimously.

A-14, Agreement with the National Center on Education and Economy (NCEE) for Greenberg, Hamilton, Lincoln, and Norseman Elementary Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, the agreement between the National Center of Education and the Economy (NCEE) with Greenberg, Hamilton, Lincoln, and Norseman Elementary Schools for America’s Choice School Design Program for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. This agreement will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $10,000 for Greenberg Elementary have been budgeted through High Priority funds and $69,888 per site at: Hamilton, Lincoln, and Norseman Elementary Schools have been budgeted through their Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration funds.

Member Vang questioned the dollar amount of funds for each site.

Member Nuñez questioned how does this impact the Professional Development at the sites and questioned the evaluator.

Principal Carolyn Calmes from Greenberg Elementary stated that the cost is for its third year and going into their fourth year. The contract for the consultant basis only and is not for the full contract. The cost for the full contract covers conferences, on-going regional meetings, working with other schools in California and a large portion of training in professional development for the staff, which drives the standards-based instruction. The evaluation is very positive and the training has seen a growth at the sites.

Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried unanimously.
A-15, Independent Contractor Agreement with Patricia Seweetman for Birney Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, the independent contractor agreement with Patricia Sweetman, LCSW to provide counseling services with individual students and in small groups; crisis intervention with students and families; work with parents in building a united effort which provides success for students in the school and home setting; attends SST meetings and IEP’s; and work closely with community resources at Birney Elementary School. The contract will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. $45,000 has been budgeted through the Title I funds.

Member Vang questioned if the contract with an individual person.

Assistant Superintendent Rodriguez stated that this is a site choice.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried unanimously.

A-16, Contract with Foundation for California Early Literacy Learning for Turner Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, the contract with the Foundation for California Early Literacy Learning staff to provide Turner Elementary School with CELL/ExLL staff development. These programs provide professional development designed to help teachers strengthen their teaching of reading and writing. This agreement will serve approximately 30 teachers; one Support Staff; and one Administrator at Turner Elementary School. The contract will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on May 30, 2004. $28,250 has been budgeted through the High Priority funds.

Member Nuñez stated his questioned was answered.

Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried unanimously.

A-22, Contract with Princeton Review

APPROVED, as recommended, the contract with Princeton Review for remediation classes. The contract will begin on August 1, 2003 and will end on July 30, 2004. The cost will be offset by revenue generated from remediation classes offered at several of the high schools for summer school 2003.

Member Nuñez questioned if the high school sites will be using the Princeton Review due to the cost factor.

Dan Resciniti, TSA for Secondary, stated that Princeton Review is providing a formative assessment tool for the teachers to use to supplement the instruction. The District is looking at ways to collect data on the improvement of students by using the Princeton Review.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued


The Homework.com Princeton Review product is aligned with the test standards and with the pre-test the teacher can target the strands and what standards the student needs help with. This will also be available for students on the website.

Member Wright questioned if Board Members can get access for this program.

Dan Resciniti stated that the Board Members can get access to this program.

Member Nuñez questioned if there is a backup plan or are there other programs that the District is looking into to help students pass the class.

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard stated that a first and second quarter analysis report of the pass-rate using Princeton Review will be provided in December and end of January.

Member Nuñez questioned if the middle schools are being included and what are they doing.

Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member Medina, which carried unanimously.

A-27, Renewal of an Agreement with California State University, Fresno, for the Federal Work Study Program

APPROVED, as recommended, the agreement with California State University, Fresno, for the Federal Work Study Program to provide university students in Education or Pupil Personnel majors to gain valuable experience assisting Fresno Unified students in attendance and guidance issues, and obtaining work permits. The agreement will begin on July 1, 2003 and will end on June 30, 2004. No District match is required. Work Permit Program is dependent on this program. The level of funding is anticipated to be $56,000.

Member Nuñez questioned if the university students can work for Fresno Unified while school is in session and was informed that the Federal Government will not allow this. The students can only work while their semester is in session.

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard stated will work with staff to prepare this for the July 9, 2003, Board meeting.

Member Nuñez moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried unanimously.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-47, Proposed Board of Education Dates for the 2003-2004 School Year

APPROVED, as recommended, Plan A or Plan B for the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Approval of these dates will not preclude either additions or changes any time.

President Johanson stated he has a conflict with Board meetings on Thursday.

Member Nuñez stated that he would prefer Wednesday night meetings.

Member O’Hare stated that he would prefer Thursday night meetings.

Member Medina stated that if the Board President has a conflict with Thursday night meetings, then we need to keep Wednesday meetings. The first Thursday of the month, I will have a conflict.

Member Barr stated that she would prefer Wednesday night meetings.

Member Barr moved for approval, seconded by Member Nuñez, which carried unanimously.

B-48, High School Attendance Board Policy - 5113

PRESENT the High School Attendance Board Policy - 5113.

Bob Reyes, Principal of Fresno High School gave a brief overview of the Board Policy 5113 on High School Attendance.

The next steps:

- Principals to work with all stakeholders
- Several schools to pilot
  - grades earned are grades given
  - when attendance is main reason for failing grade an F/A will be given
- Data will be collected
- Full report and recommendation January 2004

Comments were made by Student Board Member DeWitt and Members Barr, Nuñez, O’Hare, Wright, and Vang.

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard stated that the High School Principals will agendized the attendance policy at there first
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-49, High School Attendance Board Policy - 5113 - con’t.

meeting. When dates have been calendared, it will be provided to the Board of Education and will also be available on the District website. A full and final report on the Administrative Regulations to Board Policy 5113 will be presented in January.

Director of Technology Services Oliver Valenzuela will look into the PowerSchool capability of sending a generic email message to parents at home regarding the absence of their students.

B-49, Resolution for Lowell Elementary and School Site Plan for Lowell Elementary School for the 2003-04 School Year

DISCUSSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED, as recommended, the resolution and the School Site Plan for Lowell Elementary School for the 2003-2004 school year. The site plan has been developed collaboratively with staff, parents, and community and has been approved by the School Site Council for the 2003-2004 school year at their June 9, 2003, meeting. If the School Site Plan is not approved by the Board of Education, it will place approximately $1.19 million of Lowell funding at-risk.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education to encourage the approval of the Site Plan for Lowell Elementary School:

- Joanie Martin
- Marty Martin

Member Nuñez moved for adoption, seconded by Member Wright, which carried a 7-0 on a roll call vote.

B-50, Resolution Reducing a Classified Management Service for the 2003-2004 School Year

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Resolution to eliminate one classified management position for lack of work/lack of funds.

Member Wright moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a 7-0 on a roll call vote.
RATIFIED, as recommended, in accordance with AB1200 (Statutes of 1981, Chapter 1213), 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. Included in the Board binders is the tentative agreements between the District and the California School Employees Association, (Chapter 125, White Collar), California School Employees Association, (Chapter 143, Food Service), Service Employees International Union, AFL/CIO, (Local 535), and non-represented employees Management, Confidential, and Supervisory and the projected savings of this agreement. Including all represented and non-represented units approximately $7.2 million in expenditure reduction in unrestricted funds and $1 million expenditure reduction in restricted and other funds attributable to changes in the health and welfare program, beginning in the 2003-04 school year.

Member Wright moved for approval, seconded by Member Medina, which carried a 6-0-1 roll call vote, with Member O’Hare stepping away when the vote was taken.

Member O’Hare stated for the record that while stepping away when the vote was taken, he indicated his approval of this agenda item and in doing so, let the record show the vote is 7-0.

APPROVED, as recommended, Tentative Phase II restoration of programs/personnel following ratification of tentative agreements with CSEA 125, CSEA 143 and SEIU.

Member Barr questioned if all the nurses have been restored.

Assistant Superintendent Harris stated that all nurses have been restored.

Member Medina questioned what management positions have been restored and did not get restored.

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard stated that there is still approximately $8 million dollars in positions that have not been restored, which are:

- Vice-Principal on Special Assignment of the Year-Round Achievement Center
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-52, Phase II Recommended Restoration Plan - con't.

- Half of the GIS at the Year-Round Elementary
- 5 Business and 5 Sociology for Living Teachers at the High Schools
- 3 Psychologist

Associate Superintendent Homola stated that all of the management positions of the central office that were eliminated have not been restored. Many of the management positions in Facilities of the 2.7 have not been restored and also assistant coordinators and coordinators were not restored.

Member Medina requested a list of positions that were not restored and clarification of the authorized position control of the unrestricted and restricted.

Administrator Canfield stated that if Phase II is approved, it will increase the number of authorized positions. The authorized positions does not mean the number of people because there are some vacancies.

Interim Associate Superintendent/CFO Stewart stated that not knowing what the State budget is, and will not know for some time, the District has a commitment with the collective bargaining groups and this reflects the commitment on this restoration. An update of the action taken by the Board of Education tonight will be provided to the Board of Education in a Friday packet.

Associate Superintendent Homola stated that the central office positions that have been changed are the following:

- Associate Superintendent of Special Education has been lowered to an Assistant Superintendent
- Associate Superintendent of Middle School/REA/Instruction was eliminated
- Assistant Superintendent to the Superintendent has been eliminated
- Legal Coordinator and Public Information Officer have been eliminated
- Combined 3 continuation principals

Member Nuñez questioned the job description for Special Education and stated the District could be in violation of IDA terms of position requirements. It requires someone that can drive a car and their
B.  CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-52, Phase II
Recommended Restoration Plan - con't.

could be applicants who are very capable of filling the position and
are not able to drive a car.

Associate Superintendent Homola stated that she would include it
the job description.

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

B-53, Resolution 03-38, Resolution of
Necessity, Authorizing Site N
Property Acquisition through Eminent
Domain Proceedings

HOLD Public Hearing and ADOPTED, as recommended, the
Resolution 03-38, determining that the public interest and necessity
require acquisition of real property for public purposes and
authorizing proceedings in eminent domain for the Proposed Site N-2,
better known as the Downtown School. Fully funded by Measure
K, following CDE approval and school design completion,
application for State reimbursement will be made for AB16 funds.
Board President open the public hearing and hearing no speakers
closed the public hearing.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Wright,
which carried a 7-0 on a roll call vote.

B-54, Resolution 03-40, for Submittal of
Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA)
Findings to the California Department of Toxic
Substances Control (DTSC) for Final
Approval for Site I, Also Known as the
Fruit/Dakota Proposed Elementary School Site

HOLD Public Hearing and ADOPTED, as recommended, the
Resolution 03-40, approving findings of a Preliminary
Endangerment Assessment for the proposed new elementary school
site (Site I), and holding the public hearing to invite public review
and comment. The notice of hearing was published in the Fresno
Bee on June 6, 2003. The assessment is available for public review
in the Facilities Management and Planning Office. Fully funded by
Measure K. Board.

Board President open the public hearing and hearing no speakers
closed the public hearing.

Member O’Hare moved for approval, seconded by Member Medina
which carried a 7-0 on a roll call vote.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-55, Resolution 03-42 for the Refunding of the 1993 Certificates of Participation

DISCUSSED and ADOPTED, as recommended, the Resolution #03-42 approving refinancing of 1993 Certificates of Participation (COP’s), authorizing delivery and sale of not to exceed $12 million principal amount of refunding COP’s and approving related documents and actions. The Board of Directors of the FUSD Educational Facilities Corporation has adopted its Resolution 03-42fc approving the refinancing. This refunding will save the District at least $0.8 million in debt service payments in the Tax Override Fund.

Member O’Hare stated that the committee requested that there be a minimum of $750,000 savings to the District to have it proceed.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member O’Hare, which carried a 7-0 on a roll call vote.

B-56, The 2003-04 Proposed Budget

ADOPTED, as recommended, the proposed 2003/04 budget and certification of the SACS Financial Report to be filed with the Fresno County Office of Education.

Interim Associate Superintendent/CFO Stewart stated that a public hearing was held on June 11, 2003 and the District has met the State’s requirement prior June 30th and by approval of Phase II restoration will be included in the proposed budget.

Member Nuñez questioned if there were changes to the budget before June 30th what can the District do to make those changes.

Interim Associate Superintendent/CFO Stewart stated that by law the District has 45 days to make changes.

Member Barr moved for approval, seconded by Member Wright, which carried unanimously.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-57, Art and Technology I Pilot

RECEIVED, the Art and Technology I Pilot, which has been aligned with the current state and district standards and the Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve.
C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS - continued

C-58, Introduction to Medical Careers, Grade 7, Course of Study

RECEIVED, Introduction to Medical Careers, Grade 7, Course of Study. This course has been aligned with the Health Framework and content standards for California Public Schools.

C-59, Introduction to Nutritional Science A, Grade 7, Course of Study

RECEIVED, Introduction to Nutritional Science A, Grade 7, Course of Study. It has been aligned with the Home Economics Careers and Technology state framework and content standards.

C-60, Revised Board Policy 6158 Instruction, Independent Study

PULLED from consideration on this agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Associate Superintendent Sarkisian-Bonard

On Monday, June 30, 2003, 4:00 p.m. at Terronez Middle School the Board of Education will hold it’s Third Study Session on Special Education.

The Third Annual Open House at the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) will be held on Friday, June 27, 2003, 9:00 to 12:00.

The Board of Education will hold two community forums on the West Fresno Middle School Issue to be held on July 2, 2003, at the Edison High School Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.

Member O’Hare

Attending the Sunnyside High School Doctor’s Academy Orientation.

Member Barr

Thanked The Fresno Bee for the positive stories, reporting, and great comparisons.

Adjournment at 7:50

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

[Signature]
Superintendent and Secretary