

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
JUNE 13, 2007**

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

Regular Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on June 13, 2007, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Mills convened the meeting at 3:30 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 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Members Sem and Sum present.

Staff Present

Associate Superintendents Hauser, Mecum, Tucker, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Interim CFO Fortson, and Assistant Superintendents Coronado, Franks, Jones, Locker, Marinovich, Persaud, Smits. *Assistant Superintendent Bengel was absent.*

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Ralph Meza to Director of Transportation.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote John Klang to Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Nicole Zieba to Executive Director of Human Resources.
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Debra Ryland, Financial Analyst I to State & Federal Programs.
5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Xee Yang, Manager to Community Family Engagement Network.
6. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Brendel Jackson, Manager to Community Family Engagement Network.
7. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Phyllis Grossman, Principal II to Holland Elementary School.
8. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Nancy Akhavan, Principal IV to School Leadership.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

9. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Rebecca Wheeler, Program Manager to McLane High School.
10. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Tammy Lynn Fay, School Psychologist to Special Education department.
11. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Leryle Lawless, School Psychologist to Special Education department.
12. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Patrick Hanks, School Psychologist to Special Education department.
13. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Karen Walker, Vice Principal on Special Assignment to School Leadership.
14. The Board was informed of the appointment of Juanita Montano Varela, Principal II, Addams Elementary School.
15. The Board was informed of the appointment of Juan Silva, Principal II, to Sunset K-8 School.
16. The Board was informed of the appointment of Robert Gaertig, Principal II to Roeding Elementary School.
17. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Roget Cooley – Case No. 201-1189.

Pledge of Allegiance

Leavenworth parent, Slaten Van Saun led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Van Saun is a valuable member of the Leavenworth community. He is an active parent and serves on the School Site Council, the PTA and regularly volunteers in his daughter's classroom.

Bullard High Coach Roy Verduzco who Coached his 500th Match of his Career

The Board and Superintendent recognized Bullard High Boy's Volleyball Coach Roy Verduzco who recently reached a coaching milestone by winning the 500th match of his career. In his 24 seasons at Bullard High as the Head Coach he has amassed a league record of 272 wins and 15 losses and an overall record of 501 wins and 87 losses.

Francis Munoz, AMAE Educator of the Year

The Board and Superintendent recognized Sunnyside High School Counselor Francis Munoz, this year's Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) Educator of the Year.

High School Forensic Students from Edison, Hoover and McLane

The Board and Superintendent recognized forensic students from Edison, Hoover and McLane High Schools. These students will compete in the National Forensics League Finals in June in Wichita, Kansas.

Sunnyside High School Counselor Diana Rodriguez

The Board and Superintendent recognized Sunnyside High Counselor Diana Rodriguez for her dedicated work with the Ivy League Mission. For 16 years, Ms. Rodriguez has taken over 300 students to visit Ivy League Schools and 50 of the students have been accepted and attended prestige's colleges around the country.

Fresno Unified Central Section Champions

The Board and Superintendent recognized the Central Section Champions from Fresno Unified. Edison's Boys and Girls Basketball, Roosevelt's Boys Soccer, Sunnyside High's Boys Tennis and Bullard High's Boys Tennis all received championship status.

Students from Hamilton School Recipients of the MESA State Championship

The Board and Superintendent recognized Coach Tracy Crutchfield and her students from Hamilton School who recently competed at the State Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) competition. Devinne Vaugh placed 1st in *Surf's Up* (web page design) and Andrea Hernandez and Audrey Benelli placed second in *Soil Science* (a soil testing and identification experiment).

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Davis the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-7, A-10, A-13, and A-29, approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-2 as follows: Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills. *Student Members Sem and Sum were absent.* Consent Agenda follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, Personnel List

APPROVED, as recommended the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

A-2, Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the May 23, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Resolution HR-02-2007 in the Matter of Reduction and/or Elimination of Classified Services for the 2007-08 School Year

ADOPTED, as recommended, the annual process, Resolution HR-02-2007, which authorizes the reduction and/or elimination of services in several classifications in the classified service. The District adjusts classified staff annually in collaboration with our unions to accommodate declining enrollment, boundary changes, and program changes to meet current needs of students. The majority of positions are categorically funded and will present no fiscal impact, however, the positions from the General Fund amount to a savings of approximately \$511,363.17.

A-4, Reclassification of Paraprofessional Positions for the 2006-07 School Year

APPROVED, as recommended, the para-professional employees who have complied with the No Child Left Behind Act be reclassified to move up one grade on the salary schedule. To retain equity within this job classification, Instructional Assistants whose salaries were frozen because they did not pass the Language Proficiency Exam will also move up one grade on the salary schedule. These positions qualify for reclassification since there has been an increase in required education, knowledge, skills, and abilities and employees are meeting expectations. Below is a breakdown of estimated cost and funding source: Categorical Funding \$131,000 and Special Education Funds \$131,000.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-5, Annual Resolution HR-01-2007 Authorizing the Superintendent to Enter into Mutual Consent Agreements with District Teachers for Emergency Assignments**
ADOPTED, as recommended, the annual Board Resolution HR-01-2007 to enter into a mutual consent agreement with individual District teachers for emergency assignments not covered by the credential held by the teacher. Adoption of this Resolution is a prerequisite to emergency assignments and retention of teachers in current assignments. There is no fiscal impact to the district.
- A-6, District’s Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**
APPROVED, as recommended, the District’s annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. This certifies that an insufficient number of certificated persons meet the District’s specified employment criteria for the positions listed of the Declaration. The Declaration is a prerequisite to the issuance of limited assignment teaching or emergency permits (Library and CLAD) if shortages occur (Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80026). There is no fiscal impact to the district.
- A-7, Variable Term Waiver Request for Tiffany Vogt to Serve as a Speech Therapist**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-8, New Job Description, Coordinator, Mentoring**
APPROVED, as recommended, a new position description for Coordinator, Mentoring. This position is designed to coordinate all District mentoring programs, provide leadership to school sites and District departments in the implementation of mentoring programs. This position will provide support in the development of site based mentor programs with a special emphasis on students who are at risk of dropping out of school and/or demonstrate anti-social behavior. The cost of this position will be funded through the reallocation of existing funds.
- A-9, New Job Description, Network Security Specialist**
APPROVED, as recommended, a new job description for Network Security Specialist (NSS). The new Network Security Specialist (NSS) job description closes a critical gap in the operation and supervision of the District’s data and voice networks. Positions with similar responsibility are found in most organizations of FUSD’s size that also have a large internal network and telecommunications infrastructure. The NSS will apply network security best practices in design, operation, access control, and monitoring of the District’s network and computing equipment. The funding will be provided through Technology Services at approximately \$84,000.00 including benefits.
- A-10, New Job Description, Administrator, Constituent Services**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-11, New Job Description, School Safety/Security Specialist**
APPROVED, as recommended, a new job description for School Safety/Security Specialist. The position will provide assistance for supervision to more than 60 FUSD Student Safety Assistants, and train and assist site leaders in conducting proper and consistent supervision of secondary campuses. Funding will be provided through the General fund at an approximate cost of \$117,190 for two positions.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-12, New Job Description, Food Production Utility Technician

APPROVED, as recommended, a new job description for Food Production Utility Technician. This position was developed in collaboration with CSEA #143 to meet the needs in the new Packaging/Nutrition Center. This position will stock the designated production, preparation and packaging areas of the current and new facility. The individual will also assist in rotating, preparing and dating daily stock for use on the packaging and production lines. The net budget effect would be an increase of \$47,253 consisting of wages and benefits.

A-13, New Job Description, Executive Officer, School Leadership

PULLED for discussion.

A-14, Renewal of a Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Central Valley Children Services Network to Provide One Home Visitor for Mayfair Elementary School Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Central Valley Children Services Network to provide one home visitor who will make home visits through the Family Connections home visitation program at Mayfair Elementary NRC and provide services to approximately 20-30 toddlers and preschool students in the development of Social, Cognitive, Language, and Physical skills. The home visitor will monitor the administration of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE) review the initial responses, and coordinate activities to align with the children's needs. The contract will begin July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through the First Five Fresno County grant in the amount of \$37,258.00.

A-15, Renewal of a Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Central Valley Children Services Network to Provide One School Readiness Coordinator for Mayfair Elementary School Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Central Valley Children Services Network to provide one school readiness coordinator who will make regular home visits with the home visitor through the Family Connections home visitation program to ensure effective service delivery and for program compliance and provide services to approximately 180-200 toddlers and preschool students in the development of Social, Cognitive, Language and Physical skills. The coordinator will also monitor the administration of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE) review the initial responses, and coordinate activities to align with the children's needs. The contract will begin on July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through the First Five Fresno County grant in the amount of \$52,341.20.

A-16, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Center for Communication Skills Center to Provide Speech/Language Assessments and Services

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Communication Skills Center for students with IEP's listing one or more of the following services: licenses for Fast Forward, pre-assessment and training. Fresno Unified School District does not currently have these types of services. This contract period is from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Funding through general Special Education budget: \$61,918.75.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-17, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Wendy Salinas for One Student at Starr Elementary as Established by Center Valley Regional Center (CVRC) for In-Home Instruction

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contract Services Agreement with Wendy Salinas. These services are a continuation of in-home instruction which was originally established by CVRC. Our obligation started when student entered Special Education Preschool in accordance with the IEP. This contract period is from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Funding through general Special Education budget: \$20,280.00.

A-18, Three Independent Contractor Services Agreements with John F. Goodfellow, MOT OTR

APPROVED, as recommended, three Independent Contractor Agreement contracts with John F. Goodfellow, MOT (Masters in Occupational Therapy) OTR, to provide Fresno Unified School District with two qualified COTAs' (Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant) services (COTAs work to assist the Occupational Therapists (OTs) to facilitate the delivery of services to students with disabilities in accordance with their IEPs), to provide Assessment and Collaboration in OT Services at the Lori Ann Infant Program, and to provide sensory integration evaluations as mandated by the student's IEP. The contact period for these three contracts is from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The total cost for these contracts is \$175,380.00.

A-19, Renewal Individual Service Agreements for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services with South San Joaquin Center in Manteca, California

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Individual Service Agreements between Fresno Unified School District and South San Joaquin Education Center in Manteca, California, to provide special education and/or related services for two new individuals with special needs. The terms are from October 3, 2006 and will end June 30, 2007. Funds are included in the general Special Education budget. The amended total cost is increased to \$139,358.24.

A-20, Independent Contractor Services Agreements with Fresno Pacific University for Roosevelt High School

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Dr. Bobbi Jentes from Fresno Pacific University to provide the Learning Edge Program for 100 Roosevelt High School English language development students and eight staff members. The Learning Edge Program focuses on strengthening students' strategic approach to reading and writing, increasing their capacity to do academic work. The agreement will begin June 14, 2007 and will end May 31, 2008. Funding will be provided through site LEP funds in the amount of \$62,591.91.

A-21, Renewal Agreement with Shaw Walk-In Medical Center for Fresno Adult School

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal agreement with Shaw Walk-In Medical Center to provide a training site (3440 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite A) for students enrolled in the Adult Education Medical Training Programs. This program can include students from the Administrative and Clinical Medical Assistant, and Medical Billing and Coding Programs. This contract will begin on June 14, 2007 and end on June 30, 2010. There is no cost to the district.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-22, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Associates for Health Care, Inc., Billing Service for Fresno Adult School

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal agreement with Associates for Health Care, Inc., (AHCINC) Billing Service to provide a training site (2550 W. Shaw Avenue) for students enrolled in the Adult Education Medical Billing and Coding program. Associates for Health Care will provide all necessary training, materials, and instructional staff to administer the training program. This agreement will begin on June 14, 2007 and end on June 30, 2010. There is no cost to the district.

A-23, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with GrayMill

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreements with GrayMill to provide three, 3-day sessions of Generating Expectations for Student Achievement (GESA) training to elementary and middle school instructional coaches and administrators. The purpose of GESA is to help teachers examine the impact of biases on student achievement and retention and to discover what happens when they reduce bias in the classrooms. This training will be provided to 182 instructional coaches and administrators, all of whom will be involved in providing training to classroom teachers at their assigned schools. The first contract will begin June 25, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided by Title 1 centralized budget. Number of participants is 182 for a total of \$65,236.60.

A-24, Representative Agreements with Legal Firms for 2007 through 2008

APPROVED, as recommended, a list of 28 legal firms that have agreed to provide legal services to the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. Each firm has provided a Fresno Unified School District standard representative agreement to the Administrative Services Division. All the firms listed in the attachment, 26 firms continuing from the current year plus two (2) firms new to Fresno Unified, were contacted regarding their ability to provide legal services to the District and their current billing rates. Sufficient funds for projected legal services expenses are budgeted in the unrestricted General Fund, Workers Compensation Fund and Liability Fund.

A-25, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Maximus Inc., for State Mandated Cost Claiming Services for Fiscal Year 2007/08.

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal contract with Maximus Inc., for mandated cost claiming services for fiscal year 2007/08 for fiscal year 2006/07 claims. 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. The contract amount is for \$61,700 from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Sufficient funds are included in the Unrestricted General Fund.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-26, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Saltzman & Johnson

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Saltzman & Johnson to provide consulting legal services to the Joint Health Management Board. The agreement is for the period effective January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The proposed contract amount is based upon a monthly retainer fee of \$5,500.00. Sufficient Funds are available in the Health Internal Service Fund. The annual contract expense is \$66,000.00 and the total contract expense is \$165,000.00.

A-27, Resolution No. 2007-09 Amending Lease Agreement on 2001 Certificates of Participation

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Resolution amending Lease Agreement on 2001 Certificates of Participation - (COP) for \$10.7 million. The District leased the Greenberg School for the issuance. The official description of the property included the undeveloped land on the north side of the campus (5.98 acres). On May 22, the FUSD Educational Facilities Corporation approved its Resolution No. 2007-01fc approving this land to be removed from the description of the issuance. The underwriter cost for their services is \$5,000. The cost will be supported by the revenue received from the sale of the property to the City of Fresno.

A-28, Out of State Field Trip to Wichita, Kansas for High School Forensics Students from Edison, Hoover and McLane High Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, a Request for Approval of Out of State Field Trip to Wichita, Kansas involving 13 students from McLane (1), Edison (10), and Hoover (2) to attend the National Forensics League Finals June 16–23, 2007. The students will be chaperoned by three district employees (1 male, two female). The students will not miss school. Student participant and chaperones costs will be covered by the District and will require a ratification of waiver to be approved by the State Board of Education. Total cost is \$24,000, including travel, lodging, and meals.

A-29, Special Education Local Plan Document, Annual Service Plan, Annual Budget Plan, and CASEMIS Service Description for 2006-2007

PULLED for discussion.

A-30, 2007/2008 Membership in the Council of the Great City Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, the 2007/08 Membership to the Council of the Great City Schools. The Council is a coalition of 66 of the largest urban school systems in the United States, representing 7.4 million students. The Council serves as the national voice for urban educators, provides ways to share promising practices and address common concerns, and speaks with a single voice about the successes, challenges and needs of urban schools and the students they serve. *USA Today* calls the Council “a crusader for urban education,” and it is considered one of the four most effective education groups in Washington D.C. Fresno Unified has been a member of the Council of the Great City Schools for many years and has benefited in significant ways. Our membership for fiscal year 2007/08 of \$36,134 (based on enrollment) is due at this time. Funds are provided through unrestricted general funds in the amount of \$36,134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-31, Healthmaster HealthOffice Additional Software Installation Costs

APPROVED, as recommended, additional installation costs for HealthMaster HealthOffice for the software health management system for schools, which was Board approved on May 23, 2007. The additional cost of \$14,511 was verified too late to be included in the original Board presentation. Additional cost of \$14,511 will be funded through one time salary savings.

A-32, Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

APPROVED, as recommended, the Deferred Maintenance Program Five Year Plan for Fresno Unified School District. The State Allocation Board (SAB) requires the Board to annually approve the District's five-year plan for major repairs or replacement of building systems. Attached is a two-page summary of the plan by year and category. A copy of the plan is available in the Board Office and in the Maintenance Department; it describes each project by year by school. Upon approval from the SAB, the projects become eligible for funding utilizing the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Expenditures will be from the 2007/08 fiscal year.

A-33, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-C, Asphalt Rehabilitation at McLane High School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-C. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07.

A-34, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-E, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Scandinavian Middle School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-E. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07.

A-35, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-F, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Yosemite Middle School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-F. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07.

A-36, Claim #06-1101-0307 on Kathy Sandoval

DENIED, as recommended, a Claim for Damages from Kathy Sandoval #06-1101-0307. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

A-37, Purchase Orders from April 12, 2007 through May 2, 2007

RATIFIED, as recommended, a listing of purchase orders, in excess of \$10,000, submitted for ratification by the Board.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Jake Turner**

Expressed concerns with the short supplies of funds in the classroom and a luncheon provided for staff.

Joe Barron

Had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the STAR curriculum for Autism instruction. This is not a curriculum that is delivered to students; it is a collection of strategies that is delivered to students by teachers utilizing a practice known as Applied Behavior Analysis. He expressed concern with the urgency to present through Special Education and to this Board a curriculum that was standardized servicing of instructional practices for kids on the spectrum, but yet the district does not standardize additional instructional methodologies, which students also require.

Greg Gadams

Expressed concerns with the teacher salaries and safety in the classroom and funds for supplies.

Jose Castro

Questioned why are bilingual teachers not recognized in the district? These individuals do so much for the EL students of this district with very insignificant salary and feels they deserve a raise.

Francine Farber

Thanked Kurt Madden and Susan Bedi in facilitating the telecasting of the Board of Education meetings on the next evening, rather than a week later on Channel 96 at 6 p.m.

Superintendent Hanson noted for the record that during Classified Employees' Week, a luncheon was provided for staff and recognized the great work of the classified staff.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**A-7, Variable Term Waiver Request for Tiffany Vogt to Serve as a Speech Therapist**

APPROVED, as recommended, a waiver request to hire Tiffany Vogt as a Speech Therapist. The Variable Term Waiver Request allows the commission to hire a candidate to fill a position who has not yet completed all requirements to receive a credential. Ed Code sections 44225 (m) allows the commission to grant a waiver to fill unanticipated needs in an area deemed hard to fill. The District uses the Variable Term Waiver to fill speech Therapist positions as an alternative provisional certification. Ms. Vogt has completed all necessary coursework and will complete her comprehensive exit exam in October 2007. A credentialed speech therapist is not available; therefore, we request a waiver for this applicant. There is no fiscal impact to the district.

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

- Joe Barron requested the district to provide a contingency and a support plan is in place for this position to service students.

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

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-10, New Job Description, Administrator, Constituent Services

APPROVED, as recommended, a new job description for Administrator, Constituent Services. This position is designed to facilitate, coordinate, and expedite services to constituents through actions of the Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent. The cost for this position will be funded by the Office of the Superintendent. The approximate annual cost will be approximately \$120,000.00.

President Mills stated she wanted to highlight this agenda item for the public and provided an update of what the position will entail.

President Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-2 vote with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

A-13, New Job Description, Executive Officer, School Leadership

APPROVED, as recommended, a new position description for Executive Officer, School Leadership. This position is designed specifically to deliver high-quality, well-aligned programs and activities to improve student achievement, develop instructional programs, professional development, and curriculum services in support of secondary sites, Special Education, District departments, and School Leadership Services. The work of this person will focus on schools designated with additional support through the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA). The cost for this position will be funded by School Leadership at approximate annual cost of \$135,000, including benefits.

President Mills stated there had been some inquires about this position and wanted to clarify for the public this agenda item and the position for Principal on Special Assignment that was approved in Closed Session.

A-13, New Job Description, Executive Officer, School Leadership – continued

Superintendent Hanson stated the positions will be doing similar, but distinct work. The district is one of the highest percentage school districts in the state to receive funds under the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) for the next seven years and this position will work specifically with the three high schools that are eligible under the QEIA. This position for the Principal on Special Assignment will assist the K-8 schools and will work closely with the Chief Academic Officer and the Assistant Superintendent of middle schools.

Member Ryan stated for the public that if the district does not utilize the funds properly, the district can lose the grant. A position is needed to oversee the program and make sure the district can show results.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-2 vote with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-29, Special Education Local Plan Document, Annual Service Plan, Annual Budget Plan, and CASEMIS Service Description for 2006-2007

APPROVED, as recommended, the 2006-2007 Amended Special Education Local Plan, Annual Service Plan and the Annual Budget Plan for FUSD. Each SELPA will develop/revise and adopt any amended Local Plan document, the Annual Budget Plan and the Annual Service Plan descriptions and services according to the governance and policymaking process established in the SELPA's Local Plan. A signed certification of Annual Service Budget Plan (AS&BP-03) must be submitted to the California Department of Education, Special Education Division by June 30, 2007. The total SELPA budget for 2006-2007 is \$94.3M.

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

- **Joe Barron** stated that the outgoing CAC Chair Margaret Carter will not sign off on the SELPA Plan due to some problematic issues with the referral process of students for services. He stated as the incoming CAC Chair, he is willing to work with the district staff.

Assistant Superintendent Jones stated the local plan went through a number of public hearings and through the required process. This issue addressed was not addressed, but if it does remain an issue, he will work with the CAC Chair or other concern parents.

Member Nunez questioned if an outline of services will be met and the type of services to be provided to parents?

Assistant Superintendent Doug Jones stated there is an outline of information for optimum services to stakeholders and parents.

Member Nunez inquired if the district has results from last year on have services were provided to parents?

Assistant Superintendent Jones stated there was a survey compiled of parents and staff is reviewing the service delivery.

Member Vang questioned if the material or translation is available in different languages for parents?

A-29, Special Education Local Plan Document, Annual Service Plan, Annual Budget Plan, and CASEMIS Service Description for 2006-2007 – continued

Assistant Superintendent Jones stated the department has been able to deliver the material and provide translation in different languages for parents and continue to work with parents.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-2 vote with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-38, Recommendations of the Fresno Unified School District Commission on School Safety

Chief Probation Officer Penner presented the board with the Fresno Unified School District Commission on School Safety and the recommendations to improve school safety. Throughout the month of May, members of the Commission met with students at middle and high schools; teachers at elementary, middle, and high schools; classified staff at elementary, middle, and high schools; parents of special education students; union leaders; maintenance supervisors; as well as hosting four community meetings to gather suggestions to improve school safety and facility security. As experts in the fields of emergency services, law enforcement, human services, restorative justice, health services, parks and recreation, and probation, the commissioners also conducted site visits and reviewed district policies and procedures. She presented the board with recommendations in four key areas: 1. Student and Staff Support, 2. Community Partnerships, 3. Facilities and Equipment, 4. Organizational Support.

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

- **Joe Barron** stated the CAC had input regarding this report there were many concerns from the parents regarding the function of the commission and what is the end result that the board is going to embrace. One of his concerns is the utilization of law enforcement at the school sites. The example he used with the jurisdiction of the county and city limits.
- **Pat Cigala** expressed concerns with the safety of the students and teachers.
- **Jose Castro** stated the following: happy the report was presented on the security and the recommendations; asking too much from the teachers; need to teach the parents; send a letter to the police department and remind them why that department was created; and be vigilant of the security of all the public schools.
- **Mr. Finley** stated the following: very happy that the committee gave a wonderful report; and there was only 1 student on the committee; where are the students to make sure their campuses are safe; students have to be a part of this safety plan; find out from students on what they need to make their campus safe; and take a look at this and give the students an opportunity to be a part of making school safe,

Member Johnson expressed concerns with no students on the committee and questioned if the report was a comprehensive report?

Chief Penner stated the report represents recommendations by the commission.

Member Vang commented that the report was very well done. He recommended the commission do a teacher/staff survey and maybe include parents.

Chief Penner stated the Healthy Kids survey was reviewed.

President Mills inquired as to why the commission is asking for a study on cameras rather than placing cameras on campuses. She questioned if the commission is recommending additional campus safety assistants which is a different recommendation from increasing the hours of the existing campus safety assistants.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-38, Recommendations of the Fresno Unified School District Commission on School Safety - continued

Chief Penner stated cameras are expensive and felt they should be put particularly on those campuses as staff reviews needs, the commission does support the use of cameras. No specific recommendation of hours or addition of campus safety assistants has been discussed. She stated the commission feels this deserves a hard look by an individual that is in charge of campus security.

Chief Penner and commission committee were acknowledged by the Board.

Comments were made by Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, and President Mills.

President Mills RECESSED for a short BREAK at 8:13 p.m. and RECONVENED at 8:25 P.M.

B-39, Facility Assessment and Community Participation Update

At the May 23, 2007 Board meeting, the Board discussed the establishment of guidelines for the Facility Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee (FAAC) to move the District forward on the facilities front, including development of the Facilities Master Plan. Staff proposes to allocate one-time funds for athletic facility priorities throughout the District and will present the framework for an athletic facility assessment, community participation, and prioritization of limited one-time funds. No action for funding is being requested at this time.

Member Nunez questioned the terms of the \$5.7 million to improve rather than to build new facilities?

Interim CFO Fortson stated it would be left to the committee on the recommendation of how best to use these funds.

Member Asadoorian requested clarification on the cost and who would provide that plan?

Superintendent Hanson stated the district sent out a statement of qualifications to 15 firms and it indicated an interest in submitting a request for proposal in doing the work.

Member Asadoorian questioned how long it would take for the selected group to come up with a plan?

Interim CFO Fortson stated it would determine on the size of the firm selected and the district's AD-Hoc committee goes through the process. The firm must be able to take on a district of this size and the estimated timeline would be 12 to 18 months.

Member Asadoorian questioned who will be selecting the firm?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-39, Facility Assessment and Community Participation Update – continued

Executive Director LeBlanc stated the hire of a consultant by September 2007. The Ad-Hoc committee will be selecting the firm and bring forward to the Board.

President Mills questioned if the Facilities Advisory Committee will be assisting with the development of the Master Plan which would have included all types of facilities including athletic since they are now talking about a Blue Ribbon Commission and what committee will be coming back with the recommendation; and how are both committees going to work together.

Interim CFO Fortson stated the committee would be assisting the Ad-Hoc committee as it relates to athletics. Setting priorities both in educational and athletic facility recommendations.

President Mills questioned if the Blue Ribbon committee would be giving recommendations to the Facilities Ad-Hoc to include in the Master Plan.

Interim CFO Fortson stated he envisions this is how it would work.

Member Nunez stated he doesn't feel the need to have the consulting firm deal with athletic facilities for elementary schools.

Interim CFO Fortson stated the review would be of the 7-12 grade levels. The process is to evaluate the play fields, its conditions, sprinkling systems that are part of that K-6 system as well.

Superintendent Hanson stated once again that the Board of Education is the body that will be deciding what to do and how they do it. They will be provided with recommendations in some form by the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee. This board is the ultimate authority on this topic.

Member Asadoorian questioned how they would form the Blue Ribbon Committee and who would select the committee?

Superintendent Hanson stated that has not been formed.

B-40, Public Hearing and DISCUSS the 2007/08 Proposed Budget

Interim CFO Fortson, and staff presented the 2007/08 Proposed Adopted Budget. As required by Education Code 42127, a public hearing was conducted to provide an opportunity for discussion and utilization of AB825 Block Grant transfers. A copy of the 2007/08 Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the Board of Education office. Additional copies will be provided for the public at the June 13, 2007, Board meeting.

President Mills opened the Public Hearing.

Member Ryan questioned the training for classified staff and paraprofessionals.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-40, Public Hearing and DISCUSS the 2007/08 Proposed Budget – continued**

Associate Superintendent Tucker stated that all classified employees will be provided with the necessary training.

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

- Nancy Richardson
- Mrs. Fredrickson

Board President Mills called attention to the time and under Board Bylaws they need to conclude the meeting at 10:30p.m., unless there is a motion to extend the time. There are a total of 6 items left on this agenda and the Board does need to address the public hearing on the agenda item B-43.

Member Ryan motion to extend the meeting at 10:27 p.m., seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a 7-0-2 vote with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

Comments were made by Members Davis, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills.

Hearing no other comments regarding this agenda item, President Mills closed the public hearing

Member Vang requested to take the action items first prior to the discussion items.

B-41, Board of Education Theory of Action

APPROVED, as recommended, the Theory of Action based on the May 9th Board meeting discussion and the Center for Reform for School System sessions held on May 16th and June 1-3.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a 7-0-2, with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

B-42, Board Meetings and Committees Policy

Item deferred to the June 27, 2007 Board meeting.

B-43, Resolution No. 2007-10 OPPOSING Petition for Transfer of Territory from Fresno Unified School District to Clovis Unified School District (District Reorganization Request)

On April 13, 2007, the District received from the County Office of Education a Petition for Transfer of Territory signed by 25% of the registered electors residing within the petition area. The petition is for the transfer of an area within east-central FUSD boundaries from Fresno Unified School District to Clovis Unified School District. Any change in boundaries would then take place on the following July 1st. Adoption of the Resolution No. 2007-10 opposing the Petition for Transfer of Territory will help strengthen the District's position against the requested reorganization.

Interim CFO Fortson provided the board with an update of the petition for transfer of territory from Fresno Unified School District to Clovis Unified School District. The state laws requires if such of transfer of property is to take place, that there are certain conditions under the Ed Code 35753 that must be substantially met in order for the State Board of Education to approve such a reorganization.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-43, Resolution No. 2007-10 OPPOSING Petition for Transfer of Territory from Fresno Unified School District to Clovis Unified School District (District Reorganization Request) - continued

The district will be responding with a petition at public hearings with the first hearing being held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Viking Elementary School and the second hearing to be held next Tuesday at Tarpey Elementary School. This can have serious implications for Fresno Unified with the attendance area with 460 students residing in this petition area. The population of Viking Elementary School would drop by 64%, with an attendance of 260 students with lost revenue of \$5.3M and a loss of 31 teaching positions. He recommends that the Fresno Unified School Board take a position of approving the resolution in order to prevent the transfer of territory and prevent the lost of students.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan.

Member Nunez questioned if the district was going to respond to the nine conditions.

Interim CFO Fortson stated staff will provide full detail to the conditions.

Member Davis called for the questioned.

President Mills stated the questioned has been called and this item is a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and NOES: President Mills, which carried a 6-1-2 *with Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

B-44, Receipt of the Fresno Teachers Association Negotiations Proposal for the 2007-2008 School Year

In accordance with Section 3547 of the Government Code, all initial proposals of exclusive representative are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer. The Fresno Teachers Association 2007-2008 negotiations proposal was initially made public at the May 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees. This proposal is hereby returned to this agenda for formal presentation, public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt.

President Mills opened the public hearing regarding this agenda item and hearing none, closed the public hearing.

Member Vang questioned why this item was not a “C” item.

Associate Superintendent Mecum stated that the first process is to be placed as a receive item and then returned to the Board as a “B” item.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-45, Fresno Unified School District’s Proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association for the 2007-2008

In accordance with Public Notice Section 3547 of the Government Code, all initial proposals of public school employers and employee bargaining units are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. Included in the Board binders is the Fresno Unified School District's proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association for the 2007-2008 school year presented at the May 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption.

President Mills opened the public hearing and hearing no speakers, closed the public hearing.

Member Johnson and Nunez expressed concerns with word “guaranteed” and would recommend a change.

Associate Superintendent Mecum stated unless the board directs staff in a different way, the word “guaranteed” will continue to be used as per legal counsel’s direction.

Member Davis moved for adoption, seconded by Member Ryan which carried a 7-0-2 with *Student Members Sem and Sum absent*.

Comments by Member Nunez, Ryan, Vang, Johnson, and Superintendent Hanson.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-46, School Improvement Progress Reports and Summaries of the Essential Components for Muir and Pyle Elementary Schools Prepared by Action Learning Systems, the School Assistance and Intervention Team Provider

RECEIVED the fifth School Improvement Progress Reports, and Summaries of the Essential Components regarding the implementation of Corrective Actions for Muir and Pyle Elementary Schools. Both schools were identified as State monitored schools in September 2005, and assigned a School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT). A requirement of the SAIT process is to provide school improvement progress reports to the local Board of Education after each monitoring visit. On March 27 and 28, 2007, Action Learning Systems (ALS) conducted site visitations to review and evaluate progress on Corrective Actions. Four progress reports were previously submitted to the Board, the first on March 22, 2006 (Item B-14), the second on June 28, 2006 (Item C-53), the third on November 1, 2006 (Item C-23), and the fourth on February 7, 2007 (Item C-21).

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Vang

- Publically acknowledged the hard work with CRSS training and a good experience for all administrative staff.

Superintendent Hanson

- Stated that it is deeply appreciated from; likewise from staff to see such board dictation to the important work.
- Thanked the board for the deep connection and involvement last week's graduation ceremonies. He heard from the community that it went well.

President Mills

- Questioned the meeting with the community with regards to the closing of Dailey School and the use of the facility and would like the district to start scheduling some public meetings.

Superintendent Hanson stated staff will provide the board with some updates in the next several weeks.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the
Board of Education