

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
JUNE 27, 2007**

**Fresno, California
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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 27, 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 3:00 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.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Nayla Remington to Analyst, Human Resources.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Terri Edwards to Principal II, Columbia Elementary School.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Jeanetta McGensy to Principal III, Baird Middle School.
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Elizabeth Hayden to Principal III, Tenaya Middle School.
5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Jorge Ramirez to Vice Principal I/Program Manager, Olmos Elementary School.
6. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Rosalinda Gutierrez to Principal II, Calwa Elementary School.
7. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Frank Duran to Principal III, DeWolf Continuation School.
8. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Glenn Starkweather to Principal IV, Bullard High School.

President Mills acknowledged the passing of a former Board member and administrator of this district, Dr. Ronald Dangaran and asked for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Past Student Member Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

APPROVED, as recommended with revisions, the draft minutes for the January 18 and 19, 2007, Special Meetings, January 24, 2007, Regular Meeting, and February 3, 2007, Special Meeting.

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

Fresno Unified School District for Outstanding Implementation of our Local Wellness Policy

The Fresno County Office of Education and the Central Valley Healthy and Nutrition collaborative recognized Fresno Unified School District for outstanding implementation of the district's local Wellness Policy. The award is based on the assessment that the district completed and submitted. Director Idsvoog accepted the recognition on behalf of the district.

President Mills announced the Administration is pulling Agenda Item A-12 and noted the revision to Agenda Item A-11. Additionally, the public has requested to pull items: A-4, A-6, A-9, A-13, A-14, A-18, A-19, A-26, and A-28.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Davis the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-3, A-4, A-6, A-9, A-12, A-13, A-14, A-16, A-18, A-19, A-21, A-26, and A-28, approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills. 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 June 13, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Retiree Contract with Marilyn Wallace

PULLED for discussion.

A-4, New Job Description, Director of Choice

PULLED for discussion.

A-5, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Apriant, Inc.

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Apriant, Inc., to provide the District with Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) to facilitate processes and identify system requirements for the District's proposed implementation of an integrated software system. Apriant, Inc., will identify metrics, key performance indicators, business processes, and other functional requirements to write a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Human Resources, Benefits, and Payroll Technology System. The agreement will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end August 30, 2007. Funding will be provided through Coregis Technology funds for the Human Resources, Benefits, and Payroll Technology System.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-6, Four Agreements with the School Readiness Program through First 5, Children and Families Commission of Fresno County for Addams, Homan, Lowell and Burroughs Elementary Schools**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-7, Contracts With Various Vendors for First 5 School Readiness Programs at Addams, Burroughs, and Lowell Elementary Schools**
APPROVED, as recommended, a matrix regarding 10 requests for approval of contracts with various vendors for the First 5 School Readiness Program to provide School Readiness Coordinators, Home Visitors, Preschool Assistants, Program Assistants, a Social Services Specialist and counseling services for the Neighborhood Resources Centers at Addams, Burroughs, and Lowell Elementary Schools. All contracts will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end June 30, 2008. Contingent upon Board approval of the grant applications, funding will be provided through grants from the First 5 Children and Families Commission of Fresno County.
- A-8, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission for an Early Head Start Program at Addams Elementary School Readiness Program**
APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission with Early Head Start to recruit and service a total of 8 families through weekly screenings/assessments for infants and toddlers ages 0-3 years. New mothers will have the opportunity to participate in newborn care and parenting education using the curriculum, “Partners in Parenting Education”. The expectation is that children participating in Early Head Start will transition to the Addams School Readiness Program after the age of 3. The contract will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through Prop 10 funds from the First Five Fresno County grant in the amount of \$50,005.63.
- A-9, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation for Muir Elementary School**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-10, Renewal Agreements with Various Agencies for Fresno Adult School**
APPROVED, as recommended, a matrix regarding 28 requests for approval of renewal contracts with various agencies for the use of facilities for Fresno Adult School. Four of the contracts are for a one-year term and will commence on July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008*; Twenty-four of the contracts are for a three-year term and will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end June 30, 2010; Twenty- six contracts are at no cost to the District or Fresno Adult School; and Two contracts include costs to be paid by Fresno Adult School. Any costs included on the renewal contracts will be paid from Fresno Adult School Apportionment funds as noted on the backup material.
- A-11, Renewal Implementation Grant Agreement with Fresno City College and Modified Academic Calendar for Design Science High School**
APPROVED, as recommended, renewal of an implementation grant agreement between the Foundation for California Community Colleges and State Center Community College District for Design Science High School. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2004 and will end June 30, 2009. Also included is a request for revised calendar for Design Science High School for the 2007-08 school year. The proposed calendar is aligned with the Fresno City College calendar to allow students full alignment with the courses in which they are enrolled.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-12, Three Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Laura Longmire, Dorrier Underwood Consulting, and S. Stiles Consulting Ltd.**
PULLED for consideration from the agenda.
- A-13, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreements with Matthew Yang, Bee Xiong and Boun Xiong as Hmong Cultural Consultants**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-14, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Patricia Sweetman, LCSW for Birney Elementary School**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-15, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Pearl Heppner, LMFT for Lawless School**
APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Services Agreement with Pearl Heppner who will work with at-risk students who have been referred by teachers, administrators and Student Success Teams for behavioral, emotional and mental health issues that create barriers to academic achievement. Ms. Heppner provides services to families and parents for referrals to outside community agencies as well. The contract will commence on August 27, 2007 and will end June 15, 2008. Funding will be provided through Title I funds in the amount of \$25,000 and School and Library Block Grant funds in the amount of \$6,000 for a total cost of \$31,000.00.
- A-16, Two Master Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services for Academy for New Americans, Addams, Bakman, Carver, Fresno Adult School, Fresno High, Greenberg, Leavenworth, McCardle, Olmos, Rowell, Turner, and Williams Schools; SAP Programs; and as Needed at Various Sites for 2007/08 School Year**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-17, Master Contract with On-Site Counseling Program for Bullard Talent, Jackson, Centennial, Fremont, Burroughs, Heaton, Mayfair, Norseman, Sunset, and Viking Schools for 2007/08 School Year**
APPROVED, as recommended, an Agreement between FUSD and ten sites for On-Site Counseling Programs to provide counselors who work with students that have been referred by teachers, administrators and Student Success Teams for behavioral, emotional and mental health issues that are barriers to achievement for them and, sometimes, other students. Counselors also provide services to parents and referrals to outside community agencies. The contract will commence on August 13, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. The total cost of the contract for the listed schools is \$289,700.00. Funding will be provided through various funds as noted in the backup material for a total of \$289,700.00.
- A-18, Renewal Contract with FamiliesFirst, Inc., for Vinland Elementary School**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-19, Renewal of Two Agreements with the Department of Children and Family Services for Anthony, Balderas, Holland, Jefferson, Kirk, Lane, Lincoln, Lowell, Mayfair, Norseman, Roeding, Rowell, Wilson, Wishon, and Yokomi Elementary Schools and Project ACCESS for the 2007-08 School Year**
PULLED for discussion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-20, Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fresno, Marriage and Family Therapy Program through the Fresno Family Counseling Center (FFCC) for Jefferson Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, an Agreement with California State University, Fresno, Marriage and Family Therapy Program outlining the culturally competent services Fresno Family Counseling Center (FFCC) will provide to assist individual students, student groups, parents, and families in addressing issues related to school, social, marital, and family adjustment. These services are provided by advanced graduate students in Marriage and Family Therapy at California State University, Fresno, who work under the supervision of university faculty who are licensed professionals. The memorandum will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end June 30, 2008. There is no cost to the District. In kind facilities and utilities.

A-21, Memorandum of Understanding with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
PULLED for discussion.

A-22, Amendment III of the SMART Model of Care Agreement for 2007-08

APPROVED, as recommended, Amendment III of the SMART Model of Care Agreement for the integrated system of health and Behavioral health and Child Welfare, which will ensure access to appropriate early intervention services for children (0-5 years of age) in Fresno County. The amendment III shall commence on July 1, 2007 and end on June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through the General Special Education budget in the amount of \$35,061.00 for the one-year extension.

A-23, Amended Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Price Paige and Company Accountancy Corporation for Internal Auditing Services for Fresno Unified School District

APPROVED, as recommended, an amended Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Price Paige and Company Accountancy Corporation to provide internal auditing services for Fresno Unified School District to close out current auditing projects as requested by the Internal Audit Committee. The amendment will extend the contract period until September 30, 2007. Funding will be provided through Unrestricted General funds in the amount of \$20,625.00.

A-24, APPROVE the Special Education Service Agreement Between Fresno Unified School District and Clovis Unified School District

APPROVED, as recommended, a Special Education Service Agreement with Clovis Unified School District that clarifies the procedures and costs of students with disabilities who reside in Clovis Unified School District and receive services in Fresno Unified School District. The agreement will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end on June 30, 2008. Clovis Unified will reimburse Fresno Unified School District \$300,000 for services to their students during the 2007/08 school year.

A-25, District's Workers' Compensation Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Fiscal Year 2007/08

APPROVED, as recommended, a summary of quotations received by the District's insurance broker for workers' compensation stop loss coverage. This coverage is purchased to protect the District from the cash flow swings of catastrophic high dollar occupational claims. The Superintendent recommends placement of the District's workers' compensation stop loss coverage with Praetorian Insurance Company, utilizing the base quote provided. The base quote provides the same coverage features as are currently in place, to include an annual "buy down" feature. Sufficient funds are available in the Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-26, Purchase of Cisco Networking Equipment from AT&T, using the County of Merced’s FOCUS (Fast Open Contracts Utilization Service) Contract**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-27, APPROVE Adult Education Course Offerings for the 2007/08 School Year for Fresno Adult School**
APPROVED, as recommended, a request for approval of Adult Education Course Offerings for the 2007/08 school year for Fresno Adult School. There is no course titles included that were not approved and offered in the 2006/07 school year; course titles and content remain the same. The California Department of Education, Adult Education Division requires annual approval by the local Board of Education, as well as approval by the state. Fresno Adult School received approval by the State Department of Education on May 17, 2007. Course outlines for all apportionment classes are on file and available for review at the Adult School. There is no cost to the district.
- A-28, 2007/08 Consolidated Application for Categorical Aid Programs, Part I**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-29, Filing of the Notice of Completion of or Bid #2646, Fire Restoration of Storage Building at McLane High School**
RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2646. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. Project completed and funded with Liability Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07.
- A-30, Claim #07-0601-0194 on Sean Radbill**
DENIED, as recommended, Claim #07-0601-0194 for damages from Sean Radbill. The matter has been referred to the District’s Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.
- A-31, Claim #07-0601-0195 on Naomi Radbill**
DENIED, as recommended, Claim #07-0601-0195 for damages from Naomi Radbill. The matter has been referred to the District’s Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.
- A-32, Claim #07-0601-0196 on Shannon Radbill**
DENIED, as recommended, Claim #07-0601-0196 for damages from Shannon Radbill. The matter has been referred to the District’s Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.
- A-33, Purchase Orders from May 3, 2007 through May 16, 2007**
RATIFIED, as recommended, the listing of purchase orders in excess of \$10,000, submitted for ratification by the Board. Purchase Orders/Contracts that are required by law to be competitively bid will be submitted as separate agenda items.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Alice McCoy**

She expressed concerns with her daughter's IEP individual education at Sunnyside High School.

President Mills questioned if an IEP is in place for next year?

Ms. McCoy stated that it is different from what she filed on the non-compliance and yes, there is a new IEP in place, but nothing like what she gave up and trusted staff.

Michael O'Hare

Expressed concerns with AB1403, which can possibly affect the governance districts in the valley and throughout the state. He presented the board with a copy of a resolution from CSBA and possibly be placed on the agenda for board discussion and how this board will take a position on this item.

Martin Rodriguez

Thanked Member Manuel Nunez on working with them to present a resolution for the board to adopt on Youth Vote Week Program. This program is aimed to increase student participation in the program.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns with the inappropriate name calling by the director of CFEN towards him and two DELAC members at a meeting they attended to address the workshop on special education. The second matter is how a staff member at Facilities did not want to address the concern regarding the curtain at Aynesworth School. If he does not hear a response regarding the curtain at Aynesworth by the end of the next day, he will continue to file complaints regarding this district until they have the respect from the district and to have the district comply with the law.

President Mills stated that this matter has been referred to the Superintendent.

Francine Farber

She was very pleased with the number of preschool classrooms and programs that will be added to the district and that in September of 2005, this board passed a resolution in supporting the need for preschool throughout Fresno County. It is important to have quality preschools in Fresno Unified.

Olga Valle

Expressed concerns with the ongoing concern with the Laid Law transportation and the services provided to the students with the loss of instructional minutes for the special needs students.

Celeste Harold

Expressed concerns with an issue at the school site with her daughter's education at Tehipite Middle School. She addressed the issues with the staff and has not had a reply to her concern.

Ingram Tate

Expressed concerns with the college preparation at the high school level and the leadership programs for all African American students in the high schools.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

A-3, Retiree Contract with Marilyn Wallace

APPROVED, as recommended, a Retiree Contract with Marilyn Wallace to provide services with classified issues, such as classified compensations, reclassifications layoffs, reassignments, staffing, and training classified employees. Funding will be provided through Human Resources/Labor Relations budget in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Member Johnson questioned if the position was a regular position and is the position opened for recruitment?

Associate Superintendent Mecum stated this is a retiree contract to assist with the new hire of the position Ms. Wallace retired from. Ms. Wallace will assist with the classified issues.

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

A-4, New Job Description, Director of Choice

APPROVED, as recommended, the new job description for the Director of Choice to provide leadership for the district's School Choice Programs including No Child Left Behind, Enrollment Options such as Magnet Schools, Open Enrollment Transfers, Choice Transfers, and Charter and Alternative Education. This position will align resources and offices within the Fresno Unified School District that currently deal with school choice issues. This position is being created as part of the department reorganization. Funding will be provided through the District Title I program at an additional cost of \$16,000.00.

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

- Marry Curry stated she pulled a number of items from the agenda, because she feels these items need to be addressed under the "B" Agenda for the public to address.

Member Johnson questioned what the additional costs for this position and is this position opened for recruitment?

Associate Superintendent Mecum stated it will become an open position pending the approval by the board. Once approved, the position will become open for any individual to apply. The funds are being reallocated from State and Federal to the Prevention and Intervention Department for an additional cost of \$16,000 to move the coordinator position to a director.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-6, Four Agreements with the School Readiness Program through First 5, Children and Families Commission of Fresno County for Addams, Homan, Lowell and Burroughs Elementary Schools
 APPROVED, as recommended, four Agreements with First 5, Children and Families Commission of Fresno County through First 5 School Readiness Program to provide services to 60 families during Kindergarten Camp; 40 families will receive preschool education; a minimum of 30 families will receive home visitation services; parent workshops will be offered a minimum of 6 times per year; three family events will be offered annually; and a minimum of 20 families will receive assessment for health and social services. The agreements will commence on July 1, 2007 and will end June 30, 2011. Funding will be provided through First 5 School Readiness grants: Homan \$1,261,000, Addams \$1,421,000, Burroughs \$1,400,000 and Lowell \$1,345,000.

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

- Marry Curry expressed concerns with not having an opportunity to read the items that she pulled and cannot appropriately address the items at this point, but she feels that these items need to be addressed in public and the Brown Act states that the public business needs to be addressed in the public.

Member Johnson questioned the criteria used to select the schools?

Assistant Superintendent Coronado stated the students and families are selected if they live in the areas that have children between birth and 5 years old and families are recruited to participate in the grant.

Member Nunez questioned the evaluation process on the number of families that were served through the grant.

Assistant Superintendent Coronado stated that it can be included in the evaluation process.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously.

A-9, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation for Muir Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation (CTFF) to provide six college students who will work with students at Muir Elementary in grades K through 6. The six teaching fellows at Muir will work five days per week - four hours per day on a school day only basis. The agreement will commence on August 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through Title I and the State Compensatory Education Fund for a total of \$54,000.00.

Member Johnson expressed concerns with schools in need of math instructors and how are the schools selected for the sites in the low-performing areas to have this type of service? He stated that he would like to see this type of services at Carver School.

Associate Superintendent Hauser stated that there are 134 Teaching Fellows in Fresno Unified and 6 of those instructors are at Carver. Staff can look at expanding the number of instructors for this site and also look at the recruitment for certificated math teachers for Carver School.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-13, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreements with Matthew Yang, Bee Xiong and Boun Xiong as Hmong Cultural Consultants**

APPROVED, as recommended, the Independent Contractor Services Agreements for Matthew Yang, Bee Xiong and Boun Xiong, Hmong Cultural Consultants to perform a variety of socio-educational services and case management functions to identify students, provide supportive counseling and guidance for students with social/emotional and acculturation problems; make referrals to school and community resources for students and families; and develop programs and services aimed at removing barriers to learning and improving the social/emotional well-being of students. These contracts will commence on July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through title I funds in the amount of \$62,500.00 per consultant for a total of \$187,500.00.

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

- Marry Curry questioned the hiring process in the district and why is the district continuing to hire consultants? There are many employees in the district that are capable of dealing with these issues and she questioned why are these employees not dealing with these issues?

Executive Director Summers stated that the consultants work with the Hmong cultural to perform a variety of socio-educational services and are working very hard in bridging the gap and are fully credentialed.

President Mills stated since the district has hired staff to deal with these issues, why is there still a need to hire consultants?

Executive Director Summers stated these consultants provide a different type of counseling and consulting work for students. These consultants are on campus and are a link into the community, Hmong community, as well as the student population. The consultants provide services that go above and beyond and provide an outreach for specified and targeted need for a specialized population.

- Marry Curry expressed concerns with the amount of funds going into hiring consultants. She feels if the district is hiring some of these consultants, they should be able to provide these services.

Member Nunez stated these funds are out of Title I funds and the funds are utilized to hire on year-to-year bases, pending the funding source. He stated that the district needs to continue to provide these services as long as the need is there.

Member Johnson stated some of these consultants have a unique experience in working with these crises with students and he feels these funds are worth the money being spent in this area.

Member Ryan stated this is good money being spent and moved for approval, seconded by Member Nunez, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-14, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Patricia Sweetman, LCSW for Birney Elementary School**

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Patricia Sweetman who will work with at-risk students who have been referred by teachers, administrators and Student Success Teams for behavioral, emotional and mental health issues that create barriers to academic achievement. Ms. Sweetman provides services to families and parents for referrals to outside community agencies as well. The contract will commence on August 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through site Title I funds in the amount of \$46,900.00.

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

- Marry Curry stated that all items that she pulled from the agenda to address are items that are of interest to the public and need to be dealt in the public and not on the consent agenda. She expressed concerns with only 4 agenda items listed under the discussion, the board has completed all the public business in private and it needs to be noted.

Member Ryan moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried unanimously.

Executive Director Summers stated when these allocations for these types of programs requires the approval of the School Site Council and is discussed at the sites with their community and parents.

Superintendent Hanson stated that Ms. Curry's point is well taken about the significant dollars being spent for consultants and he wanted to point out for the public, it is statutorily required for the district to prepare a budget and adopted no later than June, whether or not the state has their budget in place. This is one of those meetings were as the budget is being adopted, that there are a number of contracts pending approval of the budget for services for the next fiscal year.

Legal counsel de Geode stated with respect to the items on the consent agenda, Board bylaws do provide that the board has the discretion to determine on whether or not to place an item on the consent or discussion agenda and that determination is made by whether or not there is anticipated significant discussion over a consent agenda item and the public has the right to make comments and the fact that the public can pull an item and request for additional information on the agenda item and having the item discussed by the board in public. The public business is the board's discussion of the matter in public.

President Mills stated there is a motion and a second and with no further discussion, she asked for all those in favor, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-16, Two Master Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services for Academy for New Americans, Addams, Bakman, Carver, Fresno Adult School, Fresno High, Greenberg, Leavenworth, McCardle, Olmos, Rowell, Turner, and Williams Schools; SAP Programs; and as Needed at Various Sites for 2007/08 School Year

APPROVED, as recommended, an agreement between FUSD and Comprehensive Youth Services to assist at-risk children and their families with issues impacting learning. In addition the SAP program is provided at all high schools, with services to middle and elementary school students and families to provide individual, family, group counseling; crisis assessment and intervention; student wellness team meetings; case management; classroom presentations; workshops for students, families, school staff; outreach; psycho educational groups; information and referral; parent education; and consultation with school personnel in Tiers 1, 2 and 3 of the Positive Behavioral Support framework. The master contracts will commence on July 1, 2007 and end on June 30, 2008, with various dates in between to meet the individual needs of the sites. Funding is providing through various sites as noted in the backup material for a total of \$1,306,327.00.

Member Johnson expressed concerns and questioned how effective have these consultants have been and whether it is cost effective and the type of services being offered to the families and how do they deal with the students and what type of relationship do they have with the teachers to resolve many of the issues that the students are exhibiting that would cause for expulsion or suspension?

Executive Director Summers stated Comprehensive Youth Services has been working closely with Fresno Unified for a number of years on a variety of different projects. These consultants do have a very close relationship with students and have a comprehensive referral plan. These types of services are coming at a strong request of the various high schools and the services provided to students and parents is highly confidential.

Executive Director Calhoun provided the Board with an evaluation of the services provided by Comprehensive Youth Services for the 2006/07 school year. Some of the information in the evaluation is gathered from reasons for referral for students to participate in the counseling program. The staff has been following approximately 618 students for several academic and behavioral indicators that are important for students to be able to become more successful. Students who are referred for counseling are often times referred because they are not successful with respect to areas in attendance, discipline issues, or academic performance. The staff has been able to identify some positive outcomes from these selected students.

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

- Michael O'Hare expressed concerns on how this information is being disseminated and does this information fall under the HIPPA law. He questioned who is keeping the student information and when a student transfers to another school site, will the information follow the student?

Executive Director Summers stated the district is working closely with the providers to ensure the HIPPA laws and guidelines are followed and to ensure there is a streamline process between one site to another and the student right to privacy is kept confidential.

Coordinator Davis pointed out that under Title IV – Safe and Drug Free and NCLB act, the district is required to provide these kinds of services.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-16, Two Master Contracts with Comprehensive Youth Services for Academy for New Americans, Addams, Bakman, Carver, Fresno Adult School, Fresno High, Greenberg, Leavenworth, McCardle, Olmos, Rowell, Turner, and Williams Schools; SAP Programs; and as Needed at Various Sites for 2007/08 School Year – continued**

Staff member from CYS addressed the HIPPA concerned and stated that all CYS staff consultants are HIPPA compliant and have been trained by a state/national consultant who specially trains for HIPPA compliance.

- Jose Castro stated that this item has been addressed many times on how the needs can be met in the district for students. The district needs to conduct a study to see where the problematic areas are in the district and provide the necessary assistance to the students and parents prior to expulsions, which is a critical crisis in this district. The absentee and expulsions is the major cause of this district not meeting the AYP and the loss of funds.

Member Nunez stated that when he requests information on the evaluation process from the consultants, he is not requesting confidential information. He is looking for number of students who participated in the services, improvement in attendance, behavior or other issues and if there were no improvements in these areas, what was the reason and what are the alternatives for improvements.

Member Johnson concurred with Member Nunez regarding the services provided for students and parents and how cost effective is this program to assist all the needs.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan which carried unanimously.

A-18, Renewal Contract with FamiliesFirst, Inc., for Vinland Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Contract with FamiliesFirst, Inc., to provide a counselor to work with at-risk students and their families that have been referred by teachers, administrators and Student Success Teams for behavioral, emotional and mental health issues that are barriers to achievement at Vinland Elementary School. FamiliesFirst will conduct psychosocial assessments, and will provide crisis interventions, individual and family counseling, and support groups. The contract will commence on August 20, 2007 and will end June 15, 2008. Funding will be provided through the following School and Library Block Grant in the amount of \$10,000 and State Compensatory Education in the amount of \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000.00.

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

Marry Curry suggested that in the future all of the items that have been pulled need to be placed on the discussion agenda.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-19, Renewal of Two Agreements with the Department of Children and Family Services for Anthony, Balderas, Holland, Jefferson, Kirk, Lane, Lincoln, Lowell, Mayfair, Norseman, Roeding, Rowell, Wilson, Wishon, and Yokomi Elementary Schools and Project ACCESS for the 2007-08 School Year**

APPROVED, as recommended, two renewal Agreements with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide K-Six Social Workers at the schools listed above for the K-Six Program and provide a collaborative partnership which responds to the needs of children (kindergarten through sixth grade) and families within the FUSD school community. Additionally, the Project ACCESS program provides collaborative K-Six case management services to homeless children and their families, who reside within the FUSD boundaries. The agreements will commence on August 1, 2007 and will end on June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through various site funds in the amount of \$15,000 per school for a total of \$225,000; Project ACCESS—McKinney-Vento funds for Homeless Education totaling \$40,000.00; and the remainder of salaries and benefits for each K-Six worker is provided by the Department of Children and Family Services.

President Mills stated this item was pulled by Ms. Curry and had no further comments.

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

A-21, Memorandum of Understanding with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to implement the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP), a pilot program modeled after the FUSD Keep Kids In School (KKIS) program. This multi-agency and multi-district standardized attendance follow-up countywide provides strong enforcement for worst offenders, sends a united message from participating districts, and gives continuity of services between districts and multi-agency involvement that include Central, Clovis, Fresno County Community Schools, Fresno Unified, Kerman, Sanger and Sierra. The Memorandum of Understanding will commence on July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008. Total cost to the district will be \$158,000 for the 2007/2008 period. Funding has been included in the current budget development process.

Member Johnson questioned the type of program that is being offered through Fresno County.

Executive Director Summers stated this will be a multi-agency program and will work with students having major attendance issues and links the families with the district attorney's office to provide strong enforcement for worst offenders, sends a united message from participating districts, and gives continuity of services between districts and multi-agency involvement to help in improving attendance.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan.

Member Ryan questioned if is this model is different from the KKIS?

Executive Director Summers stated that this is a totally different program with stronger consequences and to make sure students are attending school.

President Mills stated there is a motion and second and with no further discussion to this agenda item, called for all those in favor, which carried unanimously.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-26, Purchase of Cisco Networking Equipment from AT&T, using the County of Merced’s FOCUS (Fast Open Contracts Utilization Service) Contract**

APPROVED, as recommended, a network upgrade Contract for Optic Fiber to every school that was awarded to AT&T. This project, funded under E-rate, will deliver high-speed fiber-optic network services to all school sites. The next layer of the network upgrade project requires new routers & switches for over 40 of FUSD’s school sites. These are schools that didn’t qualify for E-rate (based on free & reduced lunch), so their equipment was not upgraded in the past. Also an upgrade of the “network core” equipment for the Network Data Center is required. Of the \$1.8 million total, \$874K, which covers the cost of the central office equipment located in the Ed Center, will be funded from IT’s current fiscal year budget. \$924K, which covers the cost of the school-site equipment, will be funded from the portion of the Coregis funds set aside for technology. The estimated annual savings from reduced maintenance contracts from old equipment that will be replaced will be over \$400K per year beginning in the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

President Mills stated Ms. Curry had pulled this item and hearing no comments regarding this agenda item, Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried unanimously.

A-28, 2007/08 Consolidated Application for Categorical Aid Programs, Part I

APPROVED, as recommended, an overview of programs and budget highlights included in the Consolidated Application for Categorical Aid Programs, Part I. The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs. The application requests continued funding for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Economic Impact Aid, School Safety and Violence Prevention, Cal-SAFE, Peer Assistance Review, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE), and Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program. Total funding for categorical programs included in the Consolidated Application is \$80,166,149.

President Mills stated Ms. Curry had pulled this item and hearing no comments regarding this agenda item, Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried unanimously.

B-34, 2007/08 Proposed Budget

ADOPTED, as recommended, the 2007/08 Proposed Budget. As required by Education Code 42127, a public hearing was conducted on June 13, 2007. A copy of the 2007/08 Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the Board of Education office. Budget information is available in the backup material in the Board Office or in Fiscal Services department.

Interim CFO Fortson commented that at the June 13 board meeting, a public hearing was held as required by Ed Code 42127 and the total adoption of the District’s budget. This budget is a balanced budget and the district has met the requirements to adopt an annual budget by June 30 and will be able to meet all financial obligations and will be able to maintain on average of a 4.5 percent reserve.

Member Ryan requested clarification of the districts methodology in estimating the revenue increases.

Interim CFO Fortson stated Fresno Unified is in a declining enrollment the district is paid on the higher of the current year ADA or the prior year ADA. One of the few advantages for a school district in a declining enrollment situation has, it has the ability to use the prior year’s ADA knowing the district will always be paid at that funding level. Also, there are many good organizations that can assist school districts.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-34, 2007/08 Proposed Budget – continued**

Member Ryan questioned what are the things that this board and community can assure a long-term fiscal health of the district?

Interim CFO Fortson stated that continue to rely on the professional services with School Services of California and the Legislative Analysis Office and the commitment of the district to get the reserves above the state minimum. In a district of Fresno's size, the district has a requirement that there be a minimum of 2 percent reserve for economic uncertainties. The district is working towards trying to maintain that level at 4 percent.

President Mills questioned if the funds include the offer made to FTA?

Interim CFO Fortson stated the funds are included in the budget.

President Mills questioned if the district is looking to increase the supply funds for schools.

Interim CFO Fortson stated that the majority of supply funds come from categorical funding and staff is looking at different ways to address this concern. He mentioned that in one of his previous districts, in addition to unrestricted supply budgets, which were being allocated on a per student basis, that all schools receive a base amount and then an amount per student over and above that.

Member Davis questioned if the district can build a formula per student with unrestricted and categorical funding?

Interim CFO Fortson stated that is certainly an option, but the district is not at the point of formulating a specific recommendation.

Member Ryan requested Superintendent Hanson to come back to the Board with a solution regarding classroom supplies.

Superintendent Hanson stated he will commit to come back to the Board with an answer that will not be perfect for everyone, nor will it be sustainable, but it will attempt to assist some of the most egregious areas that are underfunded.

President Mills questioned how much money is the district spending on an annual basis for consultants and is the district projecting in reducing the number of consultants as this district has hired high quality staff?

Superintendent Hanson stated staff is working on this information and will provide to the board with a break down once the information is available.

Member Vang questioned the projection fees for legal costs for the next three years and what will be the expenditures for the next year?

Interim CFO Fortson stated that it is based on the budget year projection and the number of enrollment and other factors.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-34, 2007/08 Proposed Budget – continued**

Administrator Canfield stated the staff looked at the legal costs for this year and it did not look like they were going to be fully spending that legal services budget, so the staff is maintaining a status quo for legal services and for future years. She stated she will look at further information and provide the Board further information through a Board Communication.

Member Nunez questioned the lottery allocations supplies for teacher/student/classroom.

Administrator Canfield stated that the restricted lottery funds are handled through IMC Office to make certain the funds are being utilized and re allocated based on the needs in the district.

Member Nunez expressed concerns that some of these lottery funds need to be set aside every year based on the number of students per classroom.

Interim CFO Fortson stated the budget does have in lottery revenue; unrestricted of \$9.2M and \$1.5M in restricted and the restricted is designated for supplies. How that breaks down he could not provide the board with full detailed information and will provide the information through a Board Communication.

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

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

B-35, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings

DEFERRED to another Board Meeting for further discussion the current draft Board Meetings and Committees policy based on the Center for Reform for School System sessions.

President Mills stated she had conversations with the CSBA consultants and they suggested that at this point, it is premature to be discussing this policy at this time and it would be best if this could be tabled to a future meeting.

Member Ryan requested clarification on President Mills request to table to a future meeting.

President Mills stated there is a need to get further clarification and cleaner copy with the suggested changes and CSBA had some legal concerns and received some information from legal counsel deGoede and she believes that there is a suggestion that it would be best if the board had some portion of the single district training and the new board members had a better understanding of their role and what needs to be accomplished during the board meetings and what changes are needed.

Member Vang commented and requested to table this item and to make sure the board is clear and receives input from the community and CRSS. He expressed concerns that changing from two board meetings to one is a concern and the community needs to be informed on the workshops that are forthcoming.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-25, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings – continued**

Superintendent Hanson stated that this is a significant change and would like to have the CSBA consultant engaged into this and he has not heard from CSBA about waiting until the board has gone through the single district training and if so, it will put them in a very difficult spot and to do staff work. The board needs to have a full discussion and get a consensus and adopt this policy when they meet again with RGA next month.

Member Ryan stated this is one of the reasons the committee choose to break this up into two sections and only discuss and adopt the first section that dealt with the meetings.

President Mills stated that Member Vang motion to table this item and she seconded the motion.

Member Johnson stated he had received calls from the community expressing concerns on how this district was going to operate with this new board policy and he concurs with Member Vang's request.

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

- Michael O'Hare read board policy 9320 on the open meetings to the public and the posting of the agendas for the public. Questioned who is the officer requesting the special meetings?

President Mills requested legal counsel address Mr. O'Hare's concern regarding the special meetings in writing.

- Julia Balders expressed concerns as a meeting of a whole or workshops and feels these meetings are illegal and is against the Brown Act. She does not want this school board to be doing things that are illegal.

Superintendent Hanson stated that a committee of the whole is subject to the Brown Act and it is publicly posted meetings.

- Robert Harris questioned if the board requested a change in the bylaws? Community members have a right to address this board with public input.
- Marry Curry expressed concerns with the proposed board changes and questioned if the community will have input at the workshops and will action be taken?
- Eva Ruiz expressed concerns on the proposed board changes and the community needs to be informed new changes and will community input be allowed.
- Gloria Ponce Rodriguez expressed concerns with the proposed board changes.

President Mills stated that there is a motion and second to table to a future meeting.

Member Ryan stated that she would like to see the board discuss this item before this item is tabled. She feels there is some misperception in the public and it would be a disservice to the public if the board votes to table without a discussion.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-25, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings – continued**

Superintendent Hanson concurred with Member Ryan and would like to discuss the high level piece that this board is attempting to complete and have the sub-committee board members discuss the purpose and drafting of this item. He heard from a number of community members reference that board members were not involved. He requested legal counsel provide an overarching view of the big shift of what is currently in place and what is being proposed as it will relate to the Brown Act.

Legal counsel deGoede stated that under the Brown Act, each of the meetings contemplating under the new policies are public meetings governed by the Brown Act in which members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on any item on the agenda. She stated that her office has reviewed the new policies to make sure it is consistent with state law, Brown Act and all other requirements in addition to the board policies and bylaws. There are areas of overlap in place that need some minor changes in board policies and bylaws. All though it is a different structure of the way in which the board business will be conducted because of the three meetings and that is a major shift. The rest of the requirements that are contained in the policy are very consistent with what already exists in board policies and bylaws.

President Mills questioned who is on the sub-committee members who worked on this?

Member Davis stated she is part of the sub-committee along with Member Nunez and Member Ryan joined the last two subcommittee meetings.

Member Nunez stated that the sub-committee made some committee assignments to each of the areas that were going to be discussed with the nature of the meetings. After discussions with the sub-committee and Executive Director Harris, they presented the ideas to the board as a whole with some additional comments. These changes were reviewed by legal counsel and a representative from CSBA. He stated that this is not a completed document, but a draft. He hopes the board will have an opportunity to discuss this item to determine if it is workable, legal and will it produce better results on how the school board conducts the meetings. He feels this will need to be tabled for further discussion and have time to make changes before the board makes a recommendation.

President Mills stated that it is clear that additional revisions need to be made on whether it is done to the committee or the meetings and with comments from legal counsel and from CSBA. She feels that this needs further work by the sub-committee and discussion with additional alternatives that could be looked in terms of changes for meetings.

Member Ryan stated that this board has written this policy and this board began discussing this topic at publicly noticed meetings several months ago. It has also been through the sub-committee and its time for this board to discuss this item in an open meeting as a whole. She does not want the community members to get the impression that someone else is writing this policy. These ideas are coming from board members. She stated that there are other districts that are operating in this way and are highly effective and highly achieving districts and that is where the idea came from because this was a more efficient way of conducting board meetings. This board is going from two meetings a month to three meetings a month. All the meetings will be publicly noticed and these meetings will have an opportunity for public discussion and this board is not trying to reduce the amount of public input, this board is trying to increase it.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-25, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings – continued**

Member Asadoorian stated she had a conversation with a board member in Florida and she was intrigued by the comment she made about their board meetings. How they have one board meeting a month and the second board meeting is held in the trustee area high school; there are seven trustees on their board. This board does not want to limited public input, but increase public input. She feels that this item does need more discussion.

Member Johnson stated there are some minor revisions to the language on the policy, because community members are not comfortable with the language. He expressed concerns on the language were it states that board members are asked to keep comments to three minutes, he feels that a different kind of euphemism that is within a reasonable time span. There are a number of things that appears to want to limit public input. The board has discussed having meetings in the community and if so, there will be greater participation.

President Mills stated that she received some feedback from the CSBA's legal department and this board does not have committee as a whole. If so, that would be the board meeting. She has some concerns with the size of this district and having one business board meeting a month.

Member Davis stated that when the board meets with the CRSS and CSBA consultants, the board can go into a full discussion with this board and would like to have the full support of the board before they move forward with this policy and called for the questioned.

President Mills stated that there is a motion to table this item and take no further action at this time and the motion has been seconded with Member Davis calling for the questioned. She asked for all those in favor, which carried.

B-36, Appointments to the Facilities Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

APPROVED, as recommended, the appointments to Fresno Unified's newly established Facilities Ad hoc Advisory Committee (FAAC). Approval of the nominations will allow a FAAC organizational meeting to be convened in advance of the master plan consultant selection process that begins on July 10, 2007. The FAAC will be advisory to the Board, and serve in an ad hoc capacity solely for the purpose of (and duration of) partnering with staff for the development of a facilities master plan for the District.

President Mills stated that the board has received the names of the recommended committee members.

Member Vang moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis.

Member Ryan stated Mr. David Pollock from CSBA stated some concerns about the board appointing ad-hoc committees for the following reasons: 1) ad-hoc committees should serve to inform the superintendents recommendations to the board and the board can always accept or reject the superintendent's recommendations, but it is not helpful to have committee make recommendations to the board that might be inconsistent with the superintendent's judgment; 2) the composition of the ad-hoc committee will be more balanced and inclusive if the superintendent and staff work it out rather than having board members make appointments in isolation of the whole; and 3) when the board sets up an ad-hoc committee that is appointed by the board, it is subject to open meeting laws and subject to notice of the meetings. He recommended that the committee be appointed by the superintendent for those reasons.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-36, Appointments to the Facilities Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee – continued**

President Mills stated that she had requested Mr. Pollock to attend tonight's meeting, but he could not adjust his schedule. She believes that it was not Mr. Pollock's intent to make those recommendations in the memo shared by Member Ryan.

Member Ryan stated that CSBA is recommending this committee be appointed by the superintendent with the recommendations mentioned. She expressed concerns with the board appointing members to the committee and not take action on this item and allow the superintendent to select a committee as recommended by both CSBA and CRSS.

President Mills stated that CSBA does not have policy against board committees and CSBA does not oppose board committees. She does not have a problem having the committee meeting in open meetings. This will allow the community and the public to know what the committee is doing.

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

- Marry Curry stated that committee appointed by the board is a good thing. This will allow community members to give input and she feels the public business needs to be conducted in the public.
- Julia Balderas stated that the community elected the board members and they represent the community and she feels the board needs to appoint the committee.

President Mills stated that when the board decided to form this committee and it was decided at that time that the board would appoint members to the committee and work with key members of the staff and help and assist with the creation of the facilities master plan.

Member Vang moved for approval of the committee, seconded by Member Johnson.

Comments were made by Members Asadoorian, Davis, Nunez, Ryan, President Mills, and Superintendent Hanson

Member Nunez questioned who will this committee report to and feels the committee needs to report to the Superintendent.

Members Ryan and Asadoorian questioned who will the committee be reporting to?

Superintendent Hanson stated that the ad-hoc committee will come to the board and the recommendations will come through him and will work with staff. The committee will be advising the board of the development of a facilities master plan. There will be a lot of feedback with the committee, staff, board and superintendent. The Facilities staff will be working closely with the committee along the future there will be a need to include a vendor who will work closely with the committee in the development of the facilities master plan. He did not view this committee in charge in developing a master plan and isolating the superintendent or staff.

Member Nunez expressed concerns with an ad-hoc committee not having a beginning or ending timeline.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-36, Appointments to the Facilities Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee – continued**

Superintendent Hanson stated the end of this committee is the development of a master plan within an 18 month period.

President Mills stated that at the formation of this committee was an 18 month period and stated that the item on the agenda is the approval of only the membership.

Member Davis called for the questioned.

President Mills stated there is a motion and a second and Member Davis calling for the questioned.

President Mills asked for all those in favor, which carried.

B-37, Proposed Board of Education Dates for the 2007/08 School Year

APPROVED, with the addition of July 10 to the schedule, the proposed Board of Education Dates for the 2007-08 School Year. Approval of these dates will not preclude either additions or changes any time.

President Mills expressed concerns with the meetings in July and questioned the district's legal counsel when will the board respond to the Grand Jury?

Legal Counsel deGoede stated that the board will need to respond by July 13, 2007.

President Mills stated that the board will need to have a special meeting to address the report and there has also been a request by a community member and CSBA to address legislation pending on AB1403. She questioned if there is a date in July to address these items before July 17?

Superintendent Hanson stated there will be a need to call a special board meeting to address the Grand Jury and AB1403.

President Mills suggested a special meeting be called on July 10 at 4 p.m. to address these two items.

President Mills moved for approval with the addition of July 10 to the schedule, seconded by Member Johnson.

Member Asadoorian questioned if there will be a conflict with the CRSS training dates scheduled for February?

Superintendent Hanson stated he would look into this request and provide the board with further information at the first or second board meeting in August.

Member Ryan stated that there would be a conflict with the meeting date in February.

President Mills stated if the February 13th meeting needs to be modified; it could be moved to February 6.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-37, Proposed Board of Education Dates for the 2007/08 School Year – continued**

Superintendent Hanson recommended moving the February 13th board meeting to February 11.

Member Ryan recommended not making any changes for now and if it will be a conflict, it can be addressed at another board meeting.

Superintendent Hanson recommends looking at the calendar and having staff chart out the outcomes of moving the board meetings and requested to come back to the board in August with recommendations. He will have the board secretary call each board member for availability of suggested dates.

President Mills stated there will be no changes to the February dates in 2008 with the understanding that there may be modifications and with the addition of July 10 board meeting.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a 6-0-1 with Member Johnson stepping away.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items to receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**Member Nunez**

- Requested an update on the petition of the transfer of property to CUSD and questioned what is the plan or action the district is taking?

Superintendent Hanson stated there was a Board Communication to the Board and will have Interim CFO Fortson provide Member Nunez with an update. He has been operating under the assumption with a 6-0-1 vote on this topic that district pursue this aggressively through whatever means to hold on to the property the district currently owns. The district will be preparing on the legal front for appeals should this go forward.

Member Nunez stated since Member Mills voted against the item, she should reconsider her vote to show a united front on the district and he is willing to bring this item up for another vote to give her an opportunity to change her vote to show a unanimous vote.

Interim CFO Fortson provided a brief update regarding the second meeting with the transfer of property. With the public meetings, the district has been in contact with the County Office of Education and the County committee and they are planning a meeting in August in which they will meet in the county complex and deliberate on the information received from the petitioners and from Fresno Unified as well from the comments put in from the neutral Clovis Unified School District. The district has also been informed by the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization that their attempt is to request staff to do an analysis of the financial impact as presented by the petitioners and Fresno Unified staff and to be able to report back to the committee on their findings of the financial data.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued

Interim CFO Fortson – continued

He has been in contact with School Services to provide the district with a financial analysis and present this information to the committee. The meeting in August is an open meeting to the public, but it is not open to public comments. If the committee approves or denies the petition that will set in motion the timeline for the calling of an election and the committee will have to determine the area of the election. If the petition is approved, the district has the right to appeal the decision to the State Board of Education and the district will have a right to appeal the area of the election.

President Mills

- Requested that the item be tabled on the July 17th agenda to nominate two seats to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization to be must be submitted by August 1, which requires action by the board.

Member Nunez stated that he would like to be nominated to this committee, but he feels that on this issue, the district will not be able to vote since it is the area being discussed.

President Mills stated that there are restrictions and are voted by supervisorial areas and that would be areas two and five that have the openings and in one of the areas, the incumbent is seeking re-election.

Member Asadoorian

- Requested to be formerly notified of the date and time of the meeting with the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization.

Member Nunez

- Nominated Michael O'Hare to the committee.

President Mills stated that he can nominate Mr. O'Hare, but it does require board approval.

President Mills

- Suggested that students in the 10th grade have an opportunity to take a practice test on the PSAT.

Member Nunez

- Concurred with President Mills and if the district is going to review the practice test, that it be reviewed on a Saturday.

Member Asadoorian

- Informed the board that she and Member Ryan have been reviewing the Board Policies and if there is another board member wishing to join them, they will be meeting next Tuesday at 1 p.m. to complete the task.

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

- Questioned what is the position of the board on AB1403?

President Mills stated that this is the item coming to the Special Board meeting scheduled for July 10th.

Member Ryan stated that the board has not taken a position, because the board has not decided.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned 9:18 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the
Board of Education