

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
APRIL 23, 2008**

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

Regular Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on April 23, 2008, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang. Also present was Acting Superintendent Quinto. *Superintendent Hanson was absent.*

President Vang convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6 listed on the Closed Session agenda. The Board reconvened at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room with *and Student Members Curry and Vasquez absent.*

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. The Board was informed of the promotion of Colleen Kuehter to Counselor, Middle School Leadership.

President Vang took a moment to address the tragedy that occurred last week at Roosevelt High School. On behalf of the Board of Education and all of Fresno Unified, he wished to expressed their sincerest condolences to everyone involved in the incident, particularly the Carrizales family and Officer Perry and his family and turned to Member Nunez who represents Roosevelt area to make a few comments.

Member Nunez stated that this has been a difficult week and nobody wants to lose a student in any way; particularly in a tragic situation. He stated that they needed to clarify a few things that as soon as the incident happened and it became a police matter. The only thing the staff could do was to look out for the safety of all the students, staff members, and classified employees. So therefore, there were some things that were done according to police procedure that they had no control over, but of course, they are being criticized for.

Member Nunez Statement – continued

He commended the Roosevelt staff, administration, and personnel that helped to make sure the students were safe and that they can be released to the parents at the proper time. The only thing that the district is doing at this point is abiding by whatever restrictions the police department has set upon the district and evaluating the situation to make sure that the district was able to do what was expected of them and if there were any mistakes that the district made that they could adjust them, but hopefully never have to use them.

Pledge of Allegiance

Starr Elementary Plant Coordinator, Brian Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian is a star employee and a valuable member of the Starr family. Brian has served on the School Site Council for 14 years, and has devoted many hours to the students and staff of Starr Elementary.

Minutes

APPROVED, as recommended with minor corrections by Members Mills and Asadoorian, the draft minutes for the March 12 and 26, 2008 Regular Meetings.

Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-2 *with Student Members Curry and Vasquez absent.*

Student Member Curry arriving at 5:40 p.m.

Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Board Member Curry thanked Edison High School for hosting the Student Advisory Board meeting with Members Asadoorian and Mills present and stated that there was no action to report from the SAB meeting. Member Asadoorian stated that the Sunnyside, Duncan, and Edison High Schools were the only sites present. Member Mills stated that due to a lack of a quorum, there was no business conducted; only an informal discussion.

Student Member Curry provided the Board with an update of the sites he had the opportunity to visit and where he has been accepted and scholarships received:

- *Been Accepted at:*
 - Berkley
 - UCLA
 - San Diego
 - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- *Received Scholarships from:*
 - Region Chancellors Scholarship to Berkley; not a full tuition
 - UCLA in the amount of \$30,000
 - Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the amount of \$126,000

He informed the Board that he is considering Worcester Polytechnic Institute, because of class size and their curriculum.

Fresno High School Varsity Baseball Head Coach Ken Papi

The Board and Superintendent recognized Fresno High School Varsity Baseball Head Coach Ken Papi for the outstanding accomplishment of 500 career wins. During his 34 years of varsity coaching experience, Ken has, besides reaching this current milestone, been inducted to both the Fresno State Baseball Hall of Fame and The California Baseball Coach's Hall of Fame, taught Business Education, and since 1999 has been Fresno High School's Athletic Director. Ken currently sits at 4th place with 509 career wins for the Central Section California Interscholastic Federation.

Acting Superintendent Quinto reported the following:

- **Youth Global Service Day – April 26**

April 26, is Youth Global Service Day, and they will join City of Fresno and Fresno Police Department officials at 11 a.m. at Fremont Elementary School for a joint press conference to talk about the importance of community working together to keep our neighborhoods free of graffiti and trash. The event includes volunteers working on various clean-up projects in Fresno neighborhoods.

- **Getting the Word Out about State Budget Cuts**

Joined CTA and FTA representatives at Addams Elementary School to highlight the impact of the proposed state budget cuts. They thanked the labor partners for their ongoing efforts to communicate information about the potential impact of the proposed cuts on education at the state level.

- **Gibson, Homan, Kratt Elementary Schools Receive 2008 Virtues and Character Education Recognition Award from Bonner Center**

Pleased to report that three of our elementary schools – Gibson, Homan, and Kratt received the 2008 Virtues and Character Education award from Fresno State's Bonner Center for Character Education Kremen School of Education and Human Development. The schools were honored last week and are three of 25 schools to be recognized for their outstanding work in Character Education.

- **Subway National Spokesperson Jared Fogle to Visit Thomas Elementary**

Pleased to report that Subway's national spokesperson, Jared Fogle, will visit Thomas Elementary School at 9:45 a.m. on May 1 as part of the "Jared & Friends School Tour." His healthy lifestyle message supports our health and wellness efforts in Fresno Unified.

- **Sunnyside Students Receive Dell Scholarships**

The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's Scholars Program awarded 254 new Dell Scholars with \$5,000,000 in scholarship funds this week and four of those scholarship awardees are Fresno Unified students. Evelyn Ramirez, Punam Patel, Marlene Yang, and Wichai Yang are Sunnyside High School AVID students who are each recipients of the prestigious \$20K Dell Scholars Award.

- **Malloch Student Wins First Place in Young Author's Faire**

Carly Patterson, a first grade student at Malloch Elementary, won first place county wide in the Young Author's Faire. Congratulated Carly, her family and her teachers at Malloch for inspiring in her a love of, and obviously a talent for writing.

- **Baird Middle School Dedicated Armenian Genocide Memorial**

Monday of this week, she attended, along with several Trustees, members of the community, students and staff, a dedication for the Armenian Genocide Memorial as part of Baird Middle school's Peace and Tolerance Plaza. The event was a wonderful demonstration of collaboration among students and teachers at the school, and in particular Tom Snyder who led the project, with parents, community and business leaders who sponsored and supported the initiative.

President Vang stated that here has been an amendment to Agenda Item A-7. Pearly Grove Baptist Church agreement has been pulled and the Board would take action on 3 contracts for Fresno Adult School.

On motion by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Nunez the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-4, A-7, A-8, A-21, approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: Student Board Member Curry, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang. *Student Member Vasquez was absent.*

Member Ryan announced that Agenda Item A-13, Hoover High School will also be included in this grant and Hoover will be offering a course in Mandarin Chinese next year.

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 April 9, 2008, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Waiver Requests for a Group of Special Education and 504 Students for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

APPROVED, as recommended, a group of waiver requests from District administration on the certification for accommodations/modifications for Special Education and 504 students for the California High School Exit Exam as per Board Policy 6162.52.

A-4, Renewal Agreement with the Fresno County Office of Education for the Regional Occupation Program for Funding Year 2007/08

PULLED for discussion.

A-5, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (First5) for Kindergarten Camp in Summer 2008

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (First5) for Kindergarten Camp The overall purpose of K-Camp is to serve as a comprehensive kindergarten transition activity. The overarching outcome is to assist the child and parent in better understanding what to expect from the kindergarten experience. The three week Kindergarten Camps will be offered at the following 12 sites to children who will be entering Kindergarten in Fall 2008: Burroughs, Centennial, Del Mar, Greenberg, Homan, Jefferson, Lincoln, Leavenworth, Slater, Storey, Viking, and Wolters. The contract will commence upon Board approval and will end September 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through Fresno County First5 in the amount of \$285,000.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-6, Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Arts and Science Academy Charter School**
APPROVED, as recommended, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fresno Unified and the Valley Arts and Science Academy Charter School. The MOU details the relationship between the District, the Charter Corporate Entity and the Charter School regarding operation, oversight and monitoring. The term of the Agreements shall be coterminous with the term of the Charter school (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2011) granted by the District's governing board. There is no fiscal impact to the District.
- A-7, Contracts for Fresno Adult School**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-8, Implementation Grant Agreement Renewal Between the Foundation for California Community Colleges and State Center Community College District on Behalf of Fresno City College for an Early College High School**
PULLED for discussion.
- A-9, Master and Individual Service Agreements for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services with Diamond Learning Center Inc.**
RATIFIED, as recommended, a Master Agreement for nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency services and an Individual Service Agreement with Diamond Learning Center Inc. Under California law, the District is responsible only for costs of providing education services to special education children in residential placements (see California Government Code Section 7570 et seq.). Thus, the District must bear the costs of the nonpublic school component of the student's placement. This placement fulfills the District's obligation under AB3632, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and related California law that provides this student with a free and appropriate public education. The contract began February 18, 2008 and will end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through the Special Education budget in the amount of \$24,138.30.
- A-10, Amendment to an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Cullinan Education Center for FUSD Students, as Required by IEPs and Due Process Agreements**
RATIFIED, as recommended, an Amendment to an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Cullinan Education Center to increase educational tutoring services for FUSD students, as required by IEPs and Due Process Agreements. This is an estimated increase to an existing contract for anticipated services; the effective dates are 7/1/07-6/30/08, and this is an ongoing agreement. These services are required as part of the students' IEPs and under settlement agreements; thus, the District is responsible to remit payment for these services. Funding will be provided through the Special Education budget in the amount of \$60,300.00. The range and cost of services vary by student and are based on the students' IEP. This also includes any charges for reports or meeting attendance, if needed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-11, Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Education for the School Leadership Program**

APPROVED, as recommended, the application material for the School Leadership Program grant to assist districts to develop/enhance innovative programs that recruit, prepare, and support talented individuals to become principals and assistant principals. Programs should include (1) rigorous selection criteria, as well as (2) preparation that is both aligned with national, state, or local standards, and includes job-embedded training linked to a well articulated and designed mentoring and coaching strategy. The District's application will build upon linkages already in place through the Aspiring Administrators Program, California Department of Education Administrator Training Program and FUSD/CSUF Leadership Preparation Program. All program costs will be provided through the grant. A maximum of \$750,000 is available per year for the five year grant period.

A-12, Submission of a Grant Application to the California Department of Mental Health for the Early Mental Health Initiative for Aynesworth, Figarden, Fremont, Mayfair, Muir and Storey Elementary Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, an application material for the Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) grant from the California Department of Mental Health. The program is designed to provide services to students in grades K-3 who are experiencing mild to moderate school adjustment problems, but do not need counseling or professional mental health services. A maximum of \$42,000 per school site is available for each of the three years of the grant period. Applications will be submitted on behalf of six of these schools: Aynesworth, Figarden, Fremont, Mayfair, Muir and Storey. The grant period will begin July 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2011. All program costs will be provided through the grant for a maximum of \$42,000 per school site for each of the three years of the grant period.

A-13, Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Education for the Foreign Language Assistance Program

APPROVED, as recommended, an application material for the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) to establish or expand articulated programs of study in languages critical to national security. McLane has a Chinese program and staff has been working on the concept of developing a middle school program. Chinese is the only foreign language currently taught in FUSD that qualifies as "critical" for inclusion in this grant application. Grant funds would be used to enhance the current program at McLane, develop articulated programs of study at feeder middle and elementary schools, and possibly expand the program to other high schools and feeders. A dollar for dollar match is required. Matching funds will be provided through time commitment of the District Foreign Language/AVID Coordinator and state categorical funding for professional development for a maximum grant amount of \$300,000 per year for five years.

A-14, Submission of the Heroes Program Grant to the Coca Cola Foundation for Burroughs Elementary School

APPROVED, as recommended, an application material for the Heroes Program grant to the Coca Cola Foundation to enrich the lives of low performing students by providing the tools necessary to become upstanding citizens. Coca Cola accepts applications for education programs that promote youth leadership, community service and positive school culture. Burroughs Elementary has requested submission of an application to the Coca Cola Foundation on behalf of the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) for the Burroughs Heroes program. Grant funds will pay for supplemental pay for NRC staff, travel for study trips, curriculum supplies and materials for leadership activities, and community service projects. Grant funds will cover all program costs for a total of \$25,000.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-15, Renewal Property and Liability Insurance Placement for 2008/2009**

APPROVED, as recommended, renewal coverage related to our Property, General Liability, Boiler & Machinery, Designated Lessees and Excess Liability requirements. The contract period will be from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 of Option 1 and placing coverage with Traveler's Genesis, Mt. Hawley, Everest National and Arch Specialty. Option 1 would maintain coverage with the District's existing carriers and does not include terrorism coverage. Sufficient funds are available in the District's Liability Internal Service Fund.

A-16, Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

APPROVED, as recommended, the Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials. For students in K-8, the instructional materials were purchased from an approved standards-aligned state adoption list as required by *CCR, Title 5*, Section 9531. For students in grades 9-12, the instructional materials were adopted by the local governing board following district review of the materials and their alignment with state content standards as required by *CCR, Title 5*, and Section 9531. Funding has been provided by the textbook allocation and categorical budgets.

A-17, Recommendations for Board Policies Revision

ADOPTED, as recommended, the draft revision to Board Policy being recommended to reflect the April 25, 2007 adoption of the Constituent Services Board Policy and CSBA recommendation. This item was received by the Board of Education on March 26, 2008.

- Board Policy 1312.1 – Complaints Concerning District Employees

A-18, Change Order for Project Listed Below

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order and detailed backup information for the following bid.

Bid #2737, Construction of Parking Lot and Backstop Improvements at Fresno High School. Change Order #1 for \$115,446.75. *The new contract amount is \$2,634,146.75.* This change order includes, but may not be limited to, the removal and replacement of concrete curb, an additional 5,600 square feet of asphalt paving, new bollards at three locations, tree removal for parking lot, irrigation system revisions, installation of new chain link fence, raising the homerun fence, adding erosion control matting and the addition of retaining wall and planter at the administration building.

Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the 2007/2008 Deferred Maintenance and Measure K Funds.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-19, Authorization for the Superintendent or the Associate Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer to Award the Following Bids

APPROVED, as recommended, the authorization for the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer to award the following bids to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for the following projects:

1. Bullard High School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), Classroom Casework, Painting and Fire Lanes
2. Modernization of Yosemite Middle School
3. Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Portable Relocation and Upgrade Project
Fiscal Impact for items 1 through 3 are from: Measure K and/or State Modernization Funds
4. J.E. Young Roof Project
5. Asphalt Reconstruction Projects
6. Painting Projects for Exterior Painting of Yosemite, Scandinavian and Ahwahnee Middle Schools and Locker Rooms at Cooper Middle School
Fiscal Impact for items 4 through 6 are from: Deferred Maintenance Funds

Purchase orders will be presented to the Board for ratification at a future Board Meeting.

A-20, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2817, Asbestos Abatement/Lead Paint Consulting Services

APPROVED, as recommended, RFQ #2817 for the contracting of a professional service firm to augment staff in the area of asbestos abatement, lead in paint and indoor air quality issues to the following best qualified bidder.

- *Hazard Management Services, Inc. Fresno, CA*

Funding will be determined on a project by project basis, as needed. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal years 2008-2011.

A-21, Bid #2820, Modernization of Calwa Elementary School
PULLED for discussion.

A-22, Bid #2825, Provide and Install Athletic Lockers at Wawona Middle School

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2825 for new athletic lockers for Wawona Middle School to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

- *Southwest Interiors \$160,482.00*

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Fund.

A-23, Bid #2826, Concrete Replacement for Computech Middle School

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2826 for concrete replacement at Computech Middle School. The bid was advertised as required by law on March 11, 2008, and March 5, 2008 to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

- *Lockwood General Engineering Inc. \$32,562.00*

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Fund

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-24, Filing of the Notices of Completions for the Projects Listed Below**

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notices of Completions for:

1. Bid #2737, Parking Lot and Backstop Improvements at Fresno High School
Fiscal Impact: Measure K and Deferred Maintenance Funds
2. Bid #2807 C, Exterior Painting at Sequoia Middle School
3. Bid #2807 D, Exterior Painting at Roosevelt High School
4. Bid #2811 A & C, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Aynsworth and Del Mar Elementary Schools
5. Bid #2811 B & E, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Columbia and Kirk Elementary Schools
Fiscal Impact for items 2 through 5 are from: Deferred Maintenance Funds

The projects have been completed according to plans and specifications.

A-25, Purchase Orders from February 26, 2008, through March 20, 2008

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Ernesto Cisneros**

Expressed concerns with the incident that happened at Roosevelt. He commented that the officer was hit and his reaction was to defend himself by firing his weapon and questioned what if he would have hit someone else. He feels that a police officer should not carry a weapon on campus and should have other means of doing their job. The District needs to have a regulation that there should be no guns on campus by students or police officers.

Juan Carlos

Expressed concerns with the incident at Roosevelt High School and as a parent, he would not like to receive a call that his child has been shoot by police. He understands that a police officer is trained to resolve any kind of situations they are in, but if the police officer is not capable in handling these situations, they should not be allowed on campus.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Maria Silva**

Expressed concerns with the incident that happened at Roosevelt High School. As a parent of a student that was present; she too fears and would not like to receive a call that her child has been shoot by police. She feels that police officers at the school sites need to have training. She stated that this incident has caused a lot of trauma to the community and that is something that cannot be erased from the heart or mind. She hopes there would be a resolution to some of the problems that has occurred with the police on campus.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns with Zero Tolerance policy in the District where it states that – It is not permitted to bring weapons to public schools and nowhere does it state that police can bring weapons onto schools. He questioned why the security is not working on the campuses? Students have a right to go to school without fear and threats and schools are temples of wisdom. The policies are not being followed to protect students including special ED students. He stated that the law is clear in stating that they do not permit weapons and it doesn't say that police can bring weapons. As Director of the Committee for the Rights in Education, he requested an investigation.

Laneesha Senegal

Announced an event to help and teach students how to serve a community. The event of 1000 Youth Skate for Change will be held on May 22, 2008, with real live exhibits. She expressed concerns with the need of additional funding in the amount of \$8,700 to make the event a success and would like to communicate this information with school sites.

President Vang referred CIO Turnbull to meet with Ms. Senegal to address this item.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**A-4, Renewal Agreement with the Fresno County Office of Education for the Regional Occupation Program for Funding Year 2007/08**

RATIFIED, as recommended, a renewal Agreement with the Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) for the Regional Occupation Program (ROP). The contract period is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. There are 48 sections of ROP courses on instruction, with the majority of sections offered at Duncan Polytechnical High School. ROP courses are offered at Cambridge, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt, and Sunnyside High Schools. ROP courses are aligned to California Department of Education Career Technical Education Standards, and can offer college articulation and certification. Funding was revised and confirmed February 2008. Funding will be in the amount of \$2,600,037.00.

Member Nunez questioned the following: 1) which classes are going to be offered and what sites; 2) how is this information being disseminated to students and parents; 3) is it possible for students to attend other campuses during the day; and 4) are there introductory or advanced courses being offered.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-4, Renewal Agreement with the Fresno County Office of Education for the Regional Occupation Program for Funding Year 2007/08 – continued**

Administrator Resciniti stated that that the ROP offerings are at Cambridge, Duncan, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside high schools and when students are interested in taking a course not offered at their home school, bus transportation is available. She will provide a list of offerings and the sites for next school year through a Board Communication. The ROP information is shared with parents and students during 8th grade registration for 9th grade planning.

Member Nunez questioned if there is a high demand in one of the courses, is there ways to expand the courses?

Administrator Resciniti stated that the demands will be met.

Member Nunez commented that recently Clovis Unified received a large sum of funds for their Vocational program and questioned if Fresno Unified is in line to receive any funds in the future?

Administrator Resciniti stated that Member Nunez is referring to Prop 1D, the Career Vocational Education and what the district was able to do under the requirements of the funding captured a grant for \$50,000 for Bullard High School to provide additional facilities use for the law magnet course and the students that attend CART will benefit from the funds that was given to CART for their facilities upgrade. She stated that one of the district's difficulties was a match requirement in the funding that could not be matched, but was able to meet that match at Bullard High School.

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

A-8, Implementation Grant Agreement Renewal Between the Foundation for California Community Colleges and State Center Community College District on Behalf of Fresno City College for an Early College High School

APPROVED, as recommended, renewal of a previously Board approved grant agreement between the Foundation for California Community Colleges and State Center Community College District on behalf of Fresno City College for an Early College High School in Fresno Unified School District, also known as Design Science High School. As the fiscal agent, FCC will refund billable amounts quarterly to Design Science High School. This renewal was originally sent for and received Board approval on June 13, 2007, after which FCC made additional corrections, which necessitates resubmission for approval. Having met foundation performance benchmark requirements, approval of the renewal agreement allows funding to continue for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$68,719.00.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-8, Implementation Grant Agreement Renewal Between the Foundation for California Community Colleges and State Center Community College District on Behalf of Fresno City College for an Early College High School – continued**

Member Mills commented that reading through the implementation grant agreement looked like they were expecting 400 students; not even close to the enrollment and questioned if the District is at-risk of having to give funding back if not fully enrolled?

Associate Superintendent Marinovich stated that in the initial Gates Foundation grant proposal targeted an enrollment after 4-years of 400 and it does not look like the District will reach the enrollment even though the 3rd cohort is at an estimate enrollment of 170. Design Science High School has met all requirements annually to sustain the program and keep the funding. He stated that there is no loss of funding or the need to give money back if not fully enrolled.

Member Mills questioned if the agreement will secure about \$68,000 for next year?

Associate Superintendent Marinovich stated that was correct.

Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried an 8-0-1 vote with *Student Member Vasquez absent*.

A-7, Contracts for Fresno Adult School

APPROVED, as recommended, Three Contracts for Use of Facilities for Fresno Adult School:

- Cornerstone Church
- Fresno Rescue Mission
- ~~Pearly Grove Baptist Church (pulled)~~
- Reading and Beyond

Classes to be taught will include General Education Development (GED) preparation, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, Career Technical Education, and other adult education classes. All contracts begin on April 24, 2008 and end on June 30, 2011. There is no cost to the District.

The following individual addressed the Board of Education with their thoughts regarding this agenda item:

- Charles Dickerson stated an interest in housing the Adult Learning Program through Fresno Adult School at the Pearly Grove Baptist Church, which is located in the West Fresno School District. He was informed by the District staff of the prerequisites and has met them all to set up a computer lab. He stated that if there are further bureaucratic hurdles that need to be taken care of; please notify them so they can move forward.

President Vang referred Mr. Dickerson to meet with Associate Superintendent Marinovich to address his concern.

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

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-21, Bid #2820, Modernization of Calwa Elementary School**

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2820 for the modernization of Calwa Elementary School to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

- *BVI Construction, Inc.* \$2,024,500.00

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Measure K Fund.

The following individual addressed the Board of Education with their thoughts regarding this agenda item:

- Jose Castro stated that he was in agreement with this item for Calwa Elementary School and would like the Board to take into consideration the installation of cameras at this site due to the vandalism of graffiti at this school site. If possible, he would like the Board to consider including the installation of cameras with this item to capture the vandals that are causing the District a huge amount of money in clean-up.

Member Nunez stated that the process for the installation of cameras will need to go through a bid process and cannot be added to this item.

Acting Superintendent Quinto stated that she will provide the Board with detailed information on the process.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Mills, which carried an 8-0-1 vote with *Student Member Vasquez absent*.

B-26, DRAFT Agenda Topics for the Reform Governance in Action (RGA) Workshop, May 8-9, 2008

APPROVED, as recommended, the key agenda topics which will be covered during the RGA workshop on May 8-9, 2008 which will take place in the Board Room. Major topics include:

- Review key learnings from the Sustainability Institute in February
- Discuss revisions to the Accountability, Professional Learning and Data Dashboard draft policies
- Develop plans for communicating and monitoring implementation of reform policies
- Briefly discuss the Theory of Action
- Review progress in populating data dashboard and completing remaining work
- Review effectiveness of management oversight workshops
- Review Sustainability program information
- Establish a list of commitments the board makes to one another

Executive Director Harris provided the Board with an update of the draft agenda and informed the Board that on May 8th the Board will do the collective work they have been doing in terms of revising and discussing the reform policies that are in process both in Professional Learning and Accountability and looking at an updated draft of the Data Dashboard policy with discussion on the implementation of those items going forward. There will also be discussion about the Theory of Action and the Sustainability Institute that was discussed in March. Day two will be different in where the Board will discuss among themselves creating a board compact.

There were no discussions on this item from the Board and Member Ryan moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried an 8-0-1 vote *with Student Member Vasquez absent*.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-27, Development Fee Justification Study

RECEIVED the Development Fee Justification Study conducted by Paoli & O'Dell, Inc., supporting an increase to developer fees. In accordance with Education Code Section 17260 and California Government Code Section 65995, school districts are authorized to collect fees on new residential and commercial/industrial development for the purpose of constructing or reconstructing school facilities. In January 2008, the State Allocation Board approved the maximum allowable fees at \$2.97 per square foot for residential development, and \$.47 per square foot for commercial development. The District is currently charging \$2.63 per square foot for residential, and \$.42 per square foot for commercial development. State law requires districts to conduct a study to justify increasing developer fees to the newly adopted statutory limit. The District's last fee increase was in 2006.

Member Mills questioned if the District should charge the maximum amount which might discourage development within the District.

Member Nunez stated that there is a requirement that the District charge the maximum.

President Vang stated that the staff will bring this item back for discussion.

C-28, Recommendation for the Kindergarten through Algebra Baseline Mathematics Instructional Materials

RECEIVED the recommendation for the Kindergarten through Algebra Baseline Mathematics Instructional Materials. The following committees: K-6 Baseline, Grades 7-8 Baseline, and Algebra I; consisted of teachers from every school site, representatives from Community Family Engagement Network, English Learner Services, Gifted and Talented Education, Research Evaluation and Assessment, Special Education, Technology Services, Parent Teacher Association, and central office administrators. Publishers provided grade level samples of the Teacher Edition, Student Edition, and ancillary materials. Each of the committee members received training on the State Framework criteria for evaluating materials, grade level standards, text structure in mathematics books, and use of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Mathematics Adoption Toolkit. Recommended programs are:

- Grades K through 6 – *California enVisionMath* by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley
- Grade 7 Foundations – *California Mathematics: Course 2* by Holt, Rinehart and Winston
- Grade 8 Algebra Readiness – *Ramp-Up to Algebra* by America's Choice, Inc.
- Algebra – *California Mathematics: Algebra* by Holt, Rinehart and Winston


Adoption of these materials will meet District goals 1, 3 and 4. The Kindergarten through Algebra Baseline Mathematics Instructional Materials will be returned to the May 14, 2008 Board agenda for adoption.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There was no Board/Superintendent communication.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Vang declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the
Board of Education