



**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**Fresno, California
February 13, 2008**

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 February 13, 2008, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

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 5 listed on the Closed Session agenda. *Member Johnson arrived at 4:10 p.m.* The Board of Education reconvened at 5:40 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Member Curry present. *Student Board Member Vasquez was absent.*

Staff Present

CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendents Hauser, Marinovich, Mecum, Tucker, Persaud, CTO Madden, CIO Turnbull, Assistant Superintendents Bengel, Coronado, Franks, Locker, Jones, and Smits.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the board took action in Closed Session to promote Jason Marshall to Autism Support Specialist to Special Education Department.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the board took action in Closed Session to promote Alissa Vasquez, Social Emotional Support System Coordinator to Prevention and Intervention.
3. By a vote of 6-0-1 *with Member Mills dissenting*, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Michael Rivard, Vice Principal III at Bullard High School.
4. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Ma Yang to Counselor at Sunnyside High School.
5. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Paul Idsvoog to Director in Fiscal Services.

Superintendent Hanson announced that on February 28th, the District will unveil the new A-G Requirement Posters for College Readiness and the Career Cruising Program - information posted on the District website. He stated that the District is one of two school Districts in California using this innovative Career Cruising tool that will help students connect with their future.

Superintendent Hanson – continued

He also extended an invitation to the all employees, parents, students, and community members to attend one of the many series of input sessions on Facilities that will be held throughout the community that will help the District identify what they need to do to provide an excellent education for students.

All forums will begin at 6 p.m. at the following sites:

- February 19, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunnyside High School Auditorium
- February 20, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Edison High School Auditorium
- February 21, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Bullard High School Auditorium
- March 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Fresno High School Auditorium
- March 5, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Hoover High School Auditorium
- March 6, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Wishon Elementary School Auditorium

Additional information is available on the District’s website at
www.fresnounified.org/dept/planning/masterplan

Pledge of Allegiance

Pyle Elementary parent, Noah Replogle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Replogle is a star parent and a valuable member of the Pyle family. She volunteers regularly and is a member of the Fresno Unified Calendar Committee.

Kings Canyon Middle School Teacher Annette Pascual as the Recipient of the California League of Middle Schools for Region VII “Educator of the Year”

The Board and Superintendent recognized Kings Canyon Middle School teacher Annette Pascual as the recipient of the California League of Middle Schools for Region VII “Educator of the Year.” Annette Pascual will now move on to the state level.

Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Representative Evelyn Moua from Sunnyside High School provided the board with an update from the Student Advisory Board meeting hosted at Sunnyside High School with Member Davis present.

Minutes

APPROVED, as noted with corrections by Member Mills, the draft minutes for September 26, 2007, October 10, 2007, and October 18, 2007, and October 24, 2007 Board Meetings.

Member Mills moved for approval with the noted revisions, seconded by Member Ryan with an 8-0-1 vote *with Student Member Vasquez absent*.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Ryan the Consent Agenda for approval on a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: Student Member Curry, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang. *Student Member Vasquez absent* Consent Agenda Follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, Personnel List

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

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

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the January 23, 2008, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Renewal of Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Stuart and Associates

APPROVED, as recommended, the renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Stuart and Associates to assist the District with communication and documentation with the State of California agencies relating to the State Building Program, State Allocation Board and the State Senate and Assembly. Updates and analysis are provided by this organization on school facilities and legislation regarding new school construction and modernization projects. In addition, Stuart and Associates has been instrumental in the potential relief for the material inaccuracy penalty. The agreement will begin February 14, 2008 through February 13, 2009 payable at the monthly rate of \$3,000, plus District-approved travel expenses. Funding will be provided through the Developer Fee Fund for a total cost of \$36,000.

A-4, Bid #2810, Burroughs Elementary School Modernization

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2810 for the modernization of Burroughs Elementary School to BVI Construction. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Measure K and State Facility Program Fund.

A-5, Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Projects Listed

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completions for:

1. Bid #2723 B & D, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Ericson Elementary School and Rata High School
2. Bid #2727, Parking Lot Improvements for Birney Elementary School

The 10% retention will be released after ratification of the Notice of Completions. Projects have been completed and funded with the following funds: Bid #2723 B & D, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Ericson Elementary School, and Rata High School 2007/08 Measure K and Deferred Maintenance Funds Bid #2727, Parking Lot Improvements for Birney Elementary School 2007/08 Developer Fee Funds.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-6, Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below (1 through 10)

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Change Orders and detailed backup information for the following bids. Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the following funds listed in the backup material.

1. **Bid #2725, Modernization of Ahwahnee Middle School - Change Order #1 for \$42,999.57**
The new contract amount is \$3,009,999.57
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, painting all existing ceiling tile grid work in Buildings F and B, rerouting power, painting the ceramic tile in the cafeteria and bathrooms, adding a wall to provide one additional classroom and removing, disposing and replacing lead tile in Buildings E and H. Funding through 2007/08 Measure K and State Facility Program Funding.
2. **Bid #2726A, Modernization of Dailey Elementary School - Change Order #1 for \$61,485.41**
The new contract amount is \$1,349,685.41
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, removing asbestos containing casework and floor tile, installing ceiling access panels, providing one additional sink in Resource Lab 1, rerouting EMS wiring, upgrading the acoustical grid to meet current code requirements, adding additional window blinds, revising door hardware, and the addition of tile at the drinking fountain and the Vestibule. The change order also includes fourteen (14) additional days. Funding through 2007/08 Measure K and State Facility Program Funding.
3. **Bid #2733, Portable Relocation Project - Change Order #1 for \$28,621.21**
The new contract amount is \$1,448,796.21
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, installing a new service line providing an additional 100 feet of fire line for a new fire hydrant and a new check valve, installing a new 20' chain link access gate at Winchell Elementary, removing an existing backstop that was a safety hazard at Storey Elementary, credits for deletions of siding and door hardware requirements, adding a concrete walkway and curb, and providing various low voltage items at numerous sites as needed. Funding through 2007/08 Developer Fee Funds.
4. **Bid #2703, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 2 & 3 - Change Order #1 for \$37,062.00**
The new contract amount is \$1,616,062.00
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, installing a new gas line, relocating piping and conduit, installing new light fixtures and repairing damaged duct work. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.
5. **Bid #2713, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 4 - Change Order #1 for \$13,747.06**
The new contract amount is \$1,622,747.06
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, replacing a transformer and conductors, installing new conduit on the roof, relocating casework and installing tack board not listed in the original contract. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.
6. **Bid #2731, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 5 - Change Order #1 for \$5,326.92**
The new contract amount is \$2,180,326.92
 This change order includes, but may not be limited to, installing new duct for returns, a credit for the deletion of one unit previously replaced, replacing exhaust fan motors and modifying the main switch board to create space for a new breaker. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-6, Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below (1 through 10)** – continued**7. Bid #2741, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 6** - Change Order #1 for **\$4,907.38***The new contract amount is \$1,604,907.38*

This change order includes, but may not be limited to, installing new concrete to extend the mechanical yard and replacing a chilled water pump. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.

8. Bid #2801, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 7 - Change Order #1 for **\$56,723.40***The new contract amount is \$2,756,723.40*

This change order includes, but may not be limited to, installing a new fence with a security cover to address vandalism issues, removing abandoned duct work and installing a new gas line, relocating an existing vent line, installing three new curb adapters for mechanical units, adding additional refrigerant lines, heat pump controls and solenoid valve and coils for six new furnaces. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.

9. Bid #2804A, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 8 - Change Order #1 for **\$89,532.84***The new contract amount is \$3,696,532.84*

This change order includes, but may not be limited to, adding heat pump controls for an additional twenty three classrooms, upgrade electrical feeders for multi-zone units to meet code requirements and replace 150 feet of chilled water piping. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.

10. Bid #2408B, Year Round Air Conditioning, Phase 9A - Change Order #1 for **\$539.14***The new contract amount is \$1,025,567.14*

This change order includes the relocation of an electrical main, conduit and cable. Funding through 2007/08 Year Round Air Conditioning (YRAC) Funds.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Karl Diaz**

Expressed concerns and disappointment of certain community members who are not parents of current or future students of the District and sit on ELAC or DELAC and School Site Councils. These community members have different agendas than student achievement, parental involvement, or collaborative planning. These community members are harassing committee members and he is requesting the Board to please look into and provide these individuals with the civility policy and remove anyone who shows a history of this type behavior from participating in parent driven committees.

Margarita Caballero

As a DELAC parent, she expressed concerns over the difficulty they are having with the Director of EL and a staff member canceling a meeting that was scheduled on February 12th. The meeting was cancelled because the director of EL could not attend and there will be no one to take notes or open the office. One of the staff members stated that they should not treat her like their employee because she is a volunteer after office hours. Ms. Caballero requested that they have two paid employees so that they can do what is needed at the meetings.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Ernesto Cisneros**

Expressed concerns to have minutes in every meeting carried out and all ELAC agendas, minutes and materials of trainings, notifications of meeting should be signed.

Juan Carlos Chavez

Concurred with Ms. Caballero and would like respect by the District at the DELAC meetings. The majority of the parents are volunteers and do not receive a pay. The parents make the decisions on whether the meetings need to be cancelled. He stated that if the Director of EL cannot attend the meetings then he needs to send a replacement.

Al Chand

Acknowledged the site visitation of administration and recently Member Ryan to their school but he has still not received his classroom supplies he ordered.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns over security at Del Mar Elementary School, last year they lost a student. They will have meetings in reference to security and requested the District to attend.

Isaias Zuniga

Expressed concerns with the Director of EL services calling his home to request a meeting with the ex-president of DELAC. He stated that he did not approve of this meeting and he needed to bring this matter up with the site principal.

Jake Turner

Expressed concerns of the comments that Mr. Diaz's made earlier and feels it has no credibility. Mr. Diaz lives in Madera County and doesn't know what's going on. Title I monies are always being misused.

Luisa Roedea

Expressed concerns over the last DELAC meeting, just because she and others did not share the same views as others on the committee, they were harassed. She is requesting the help and intervention of the District.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Member Nunez requested agenda item B-12 be moved up on the agenda. President Vang stated that they will address item B-7 first and then will move on to B-12.

B-7, Fresno Unified School District's Goals for 2008/2013

APPROVED, as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District's Goals for 2008/2013. These goals have guided our work for the past two-and-a-half years. The District's goals for 2008/2013 must clearly communicate the work and inspire the school sites, parents, students and community. They will establish a framework that links the District's goals with the Board Core Beliefs and Commitments and they will also drive the annual targets, improvement plans, and daily actions. The effectiveness of our actions will then be measured and presented in the Data Dashboard.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-7, Fresno Unified School District’s Goals for 2008/2013 – continued**

Superintendent Hanson provided the board with a summary from the last presentation of the last board meeting and proposed the District’s goals for 2008/2013 on:

- All students will excel in reading, writing and math
- All students will engage in arts, activities, and athletics
- Will demonstrate the character and competencies for workplace success
- Students will stay in school on target to graduate.

Member Mills questioned why other core subjects such as Science and History are not included?

Superintendent Hanson stated that without the basic reading, writing and math, students would not achieve in science and history.

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

President Vang moved the order of the agenda to address the B-12 as requested by Member Nunez.

B-12, Hmong Academy of Fresno (HAF) Charter Petition

PRESENT and DISCUSSED, the charter petition for the Hmong Academy of Fresno (HAF) Charter with revisions as of January 4, 2008. (The original petition was submitted on November 30, 2007). The corporate entity for the charter will be the Lao Veterans of America Institute, a California non-profit corporation. The lead charter developer is Dr. Wangyee Vang. The charter developers anticipate opening with 100 students in Grades K-3, building to a total population of 150 students in Grades K-6 by year 2010. HAF’s fundamental difference is the offering of an educational environment for primarily Hmong and Lao families. However, developers understand that their admissions requirements cannot contradict the requirement that a charter school must admit all students who wish to attend the school.

Director Bessard opened the presentation for the Hmong Academy of Fresno Charter school petition and introduced Dr. Wangyee Vang, President and CEO for the Lao Veterans of American Institute who is also the lead petitioner for the proposed Charter.

President Wangyee Vang opened the public hearing. He introduced his guests and presented their Charter petition to the board for discussion.

Members Ryan commended their value to preserve their language and culture.

Member Mills commented that some members of the community questioned if K-6 is focused on academics without an attempt at assimilation to American culture, will that not create problems when they move on to middle school in an Americanized public school system?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-12, Hmong Academy of Fresno (HAF) Charter Petition – continued**

Dr. Vang stated that the school will be open to other minorities to assist in learning English and preserving their culture. He feels what they have to offer is not seen in other Fresno schools.

Member Davis questioned if the property is zoned for school?

Dr. Vang stated that they have submitted their permit to Fresno County for rezoning and hope to receive the answer by March.

Member Nunez recommended that the District staff look into the desegregated charter due to inclusion of an ethnic group.

Director Bessard and legal counsel and the charter team are reviewing the recruitment of students of all ethnicity for this charter and the petitioners.

The following individuals addressed the board with their support of this agenda item:

- Charles Vang stated that he supports the HAF charter and feels that his children are already Americanized but feels that they will learn faster in this type of school.
- Peter Vang stated that he feels that this school will benefit the students in their cultural heritage and language.
- Nea Long Wong stated that he wants this school to keep the Hmong traditions.
- Colonel Vang stated that this school will help their children learn the process; he believes the education they will attain will move them to a better life.
- Cha Vang Xiong stated that the parents request this special school, the culture training will help out children function in our community, and prevent them from joining gangs and it will set high standards and role models for them.
- Mr. Vang stated this school will allow their children to learn more about their culture and feels this will help their children beyond what Fresno Unified can do.
- Al Chand stated that he understands the need to know where they come from this allows them to know who they are. The Indian culture has parochial schools at their places of worship they have managed to achieve tremendous success not only in keeping the culture alive but also letting the next generation fall in line with knowing who they are and where they come from, keeping the language alive keeping the festivals, dance and all the other cultural events alive.

President Vang stated that it's very difficult for parents of immigrant children to understand the Public School system. He thanked the petitioners for their presentation.

President Vang RECESSED for a BREAK at 7:18 p.m. and RECONVENED at 7:28 p.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-8, Academic District Calendar Recommendation**

APPROVED, as recommended, Option 1 for the academic calendar recommendation for 2008/2009.

CAO Hauser presented the academic District calendar recommendations with Draft one starting school on August 18th through June 11th with a 3-week winter break; draft two starting school on August 25 through June 11th with a 2-week winter break. The committee recommended the adoption of draft one.

Member Mills motioned for the board to consider adopting a calendar of August 25 with a modification of a 3-week winter break.

CAO Hauser stated that would make an end date of June 18th and would create a discrepancy of 26 days between semester one and two for secondary students.

Member Nunez stated that Member Mills motion dies due to lack of a second.

Member Davis second Member Mills motion.

Member Nunez expressed concerns against the motion and is against starting later and ending later including the discrepancy of the 26-day difference between the semesters versus 16.

Member Ryan concurred with Member Nunez and disagreed with the motion and feels that it will destroy summer school and with so few education days in the first semester, she feels it will jeopardize student achievement.

Member Davis stated that Summer is for Summer School and starting later, August 25, will be better for the farming situation and the air quality issue. She feels this is what the community is asking for.

Legal counsel deGoede stated that the bargaining groups involved waived the right to bargain the calendar by sending a representative to the calendar committee to be a part of what options are being presented.

Member Ryan questioned the understanding of legal counsel's explanation and that this option would bring up other issues with the bargaining groups, since it was not proposed by the calendar committee.

Member Mills stated that calendar she proposed was raised at the last Board meeting and the FTA representative was present for that.

Legal counsel deGoede stated that there was a specific waiver and they have an obligation under the Education Employees Relations Act to negotiate the start and end date of a calendar, and if the June 18th date was not contemplated then they would be in violation of the waiver with FTA and even a possible Unfair Labors practice.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-8, Academic District Calendar Recommendation – continued**

Member Asadoorian questioned even if they have a representative in the committee?

Legal Counsel deGoede stated that this was not an option that was discussed, in the absence of that their representative had no input.

Member Asadoorian expressed concerns that a large part of the population was left out and that they need to change the way they move forward on this calendar for future years and motion to adopt draft 2.

Member Nunez stated that there is a motion on the floor and therefore there could not be another motion and recommended legal counsel address the illegal motion made by Member Mills and the board take action on Option 1 or 2.

Associate Superintendent Mecum informed the Board that all unions waived the right to bargain at the table on this item, the committee with the union representatives represents their bargaining unit. The committee did not have any input on this new proposal and so therefore they have not bargained this current proposal.

President Vang stated that based on legal counsel, the motion is out of order and return to the staff recommendations and the options being presented.

Member Nunez motion to adopt draft 1, seconded by Member Ryan.

Member Ryan stated there is a motion and a second on the floor and the Board needs to take a motion on this prior to moving on to another motion.

Member Asadoorian commented on Superintendent Hanson's statement of 'the best they can do' and she feels the best they can do is to provide all segments of community equal access to respond.

Superintendent Hanson stated they have to keep in mind that this is a bargainable item not to be pulled into the community. The involvement of the community is only because of the cooperation of the labor groups.

Member Asadoorian stated that she understands what Superintendent Hanson is saying and that the Teachers in the central District are the ones who decide the calendar.

Member Ryan questioned if the bargaining members were in favor of option one.

CAO Hauser stated that in a conversation with FTA leadership, they were in favor of Option 1.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-8, Academic District Calendar Recommendation** – continued

Student Member Curry questioned which calendar had the longer first semester?

CAO Hauser stated that Option 1.

Student Member Curry stated that he was in favor of option 1 and is more beneficial for students.

Member Asadoorian expressed concerns that there were several school sites that did not have any input.

Student Member Curry departed the Board meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

- Katie Little stated that as a parent and based on the people she has spoken to, most wanted August 25th start date.
- Carrie Zulewski stated that she feels people don't care about the number of weeks for winter break but most people want to start on August 25th.
- Deborah Johnson stated that as a parent she would have liked to have had some input, but the email survey didn't work for her and many other parents.
- Smadar Sievert stated that as a parent, she is in favor of starting later in August and is upset on the lack of communication on the polling.
- John Stallsmith, CSEA President stated that he wants it to be known that as a representative, they have never waived their rights.

President Vang called for the vote.

Member Mills questioned if the board would be allowed more discussion.

Member Ryan stated that issue would be the same no matter when school started or ended or what kind of winter break there was and stated that she was in favor of option 1.

President Vang stated that he favors Option 1 because students need to spend more time in the classroom and stated that there is a motion on the floor to adopt option 1 and called for a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Members Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan; NOES: Asadoorian, Davis, President Vang; and ABSENT: Student Members Curry and Vasquez, which carried a 4-3-2 vote.

Member Mills stated that she objects to the fact that she has to vote when the alternative calendar was brought up as a suggestion and was not looked into.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-9, Targeted Improvement Action Focus, Intensive Reading Intervention Update and Impact**

PRESENT the Targeted Improvement Actions built on the foundation of the Board's Core Beliefs and Commitments and driven by the Theory of Action, the Fresno Unified School District has aligned and targeted resources (time, money, people, materials, facilities and energy) toward identified District and school goals. Four types of Targeted Improvement Actions (TIAs) were identified to support the comprehensive and differentiated needs of our schools.

CAO Hauser and Director Maldonado provided the board with an update on the Targeted Improvement Action Focus.

Superintendent Hanson stated here is a great example, in support of the Districts Core Beliefs, to put more actions in place, in talking to site staff about targets and what they need to meet in support of district-wide goals and district-wide targets. He was very proud of all the work done by staff and teachers for what they've been able to do under the Fast Track program.

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

President Vang thanked staff for the presentation.

A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the Board Office upon request.

President Vang announced that B-10 has been pulled by administration and deferred to the February 27, 2008 meeting.

B-10, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fresno Regional Foundation for Establishment of Fresno Unified Education Foundation

PULLED for consideration from the agenda. Item has been deferred to the February 27, 2008 agenda.

B-11, Measure K Annual Report

PRESENTED the Annual Report of the Measure K Oversight Committee for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 by Oversight Committee Chair Tom Richards.

Member Mills questioned if the priority one projects are covered with the \$62M?

Committee Chair Richards stated that the staff is providing the estimated costs as of today and does not include inflation that would occur in the next 4 years.

CFO Quinto stated for clarification that the remaining priority one projects are all included in that estimate.

Member Mills questioned if the district does not build the remaining 6 schools would they have \$34 million for priority two projects?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-11, Measure K Annual Report** – continued

CFO Quinto stated that further policy discussion by the board would have to be completed before any funds can be directed to priority 2 projects.

Committee Chair Richards stated that the committee would strongly suggest getting the opinion of the Bond Counsel.

Member Ryan questioned if they could go back to the voters and request that the \$30 million be used for other projects that were not listed on Measure K?

CFO Quinto stated that is a possibility, but legal consideration would have to be looked into. They will provide the board with an update and will bring this item before the Measure K and Oversight committee.

Member Nunez stated that he had made that recommendation to take to the Measure K committee before. He also wanted to emphasize the need for Site M in Southeast Fresno.

Superintendent Hanson stated that he is working with staff on strategies to bring back to the board and by then they should have some bond counsel feedback.

Member Nunez requested some type of a timeline brought back to the board so a decision can be made.

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

A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the Board Office upon request.

B-13, School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) Charter Renewal Petition

PRESENTED and DISCUSSED the Charter Renewal petition from the School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL), for five years commencing July 1, 2008. The renewal petition is being submitted for discussion and formal consideration.

Director Bessard stated that SOUL has petitioned for another five-years commencing July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. The District Charter Review Team will be providing final review documents to the board to ensure that any concerns are addressed. Dr. Wilson and staff will return on March 26th for a decision by the Board. Director Bessard introduced Roger Palomino, Executive Director of EOC.

Roger Palomino stated that they have been in line and supportive of the School District and have worked as a complementary service to them. He introduced Dr. Wilson, Chief Academic Officer who proceeded with the presentation and the successes of SOUL school including the increased services to students, the alignment of Curriculum to State Standards and the Explicit Direct Instruction.

Members Nunez, Mills, and Asadoorian commended the SOUL staff on their successful work with high-risk students and providing students with encouragement towards a better education.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-14, Fresno Unified School District's Second Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

RECEIVED the second quarter investment report for the period ending December 31, 2007. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on District investments. As of December 31, 2007, Fresno Unified is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments. District funds are invested in a manner that meets the primary objective of safeguarding the principal of the funds and serving the District's liquidity needs. District funds are invested as follows:

County Treasury Investment Pool	\$301,270,622
Certificates of Participation	\$215,004,142**

**This amount represents escrow funds held by trustees at U.S. Bank. These funds are invested in United States Treasury Bills and Notes, which are backed by U.S. Federal Government.

In accordance with law and Administrative Regulations, this investment report also certifies that the Fresno Unified School District has sufficient cash on hand to meet the District's cash requirements for the next six months.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Vang declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the
Board of Education