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Fresno Unified School District
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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 February 27, 2008, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Vang convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the purpose of the Board Workshop on Fiscal Services Management Oversight.

This workshop will include a presentation by staff on current operations and future initiatives pertaining to District fiscal issues, followed with a discussion by the Board and staff on any topics contained in the presentation or related to District fiscal issues. The topics covered during the presentation portion of the agenda are:

1. Fiscal Services Department Operational Overview
2. Budget Department Operational Overview
3. Fiscal Policy Overview
4. Debt Management Status and Update

Superintendent commented that this is the 3rd of a series of management oversight workshops, this workshop covering fiscal services, by CFO Ruth Quinto and staff. When the topic of reserved levels is reached they will discuss with the Board the potential development of policy around reserve levels during good times and bad and what it would look like, so that there is a better understanding of how they're developing the budget and why.

Administrator Canfield introduced the Leadership Team, their staff and committees they represent. Their leadership focus is on: 1) Budget – planning on how to use resources on following the policies that the Board passes; and 2) Compliance – making sure we're adhering for all monies on the accounting side and the independent audit.

Administrator Canfield introduced the Attendance Accounting Team and their responsibilities.

Director Kelstrom introduced the Accounting, Accounts Payable and the Payroll Teams and their functions.

Director Idsvoog introduced the Budget Team; they oversee 365 separate budgets that comprise \$1.1 Billion dollars.

Board Workshop on Fiscal Services Management Oversight – continued

Administrator Canfield reviewed the Support Team and the important role they play.

CFO Quinto provided information on the following items:

- Fresno Unified's Financial System, HR Payroll System and its new conversion. She also reviewed the Audit history for the District. The contracting of Perry Smith, as external auditors, has shown to be more committed in meeting timelines as requested by the District, especially with the introduction of GASB 34 that changed the way financial statements were presented and provided recommendations to be as compliant as possible.
- FCMAT reports, from the threat of State takeover in November 2004 to December 2005 confirming that the Districts financial information was accurate. She expressed the importance of the third party affirmation and the role its' played on the part of credibility for the District and its fiscal services
- 2006/2007 FUSD Reserves in the areas of Unrestricted General Fund, Workers Compensation, General Liability Reserve, Health Fund IBNP, Retiree Lifetime Health Benefits Liability, and Health Fund Unencumbered Reserves.

Superintendent Hanson commented on how they've grown the reserves while maintaining competitive packages for employees, improved programs, add to libraries, instructional supplies and continuing to improve on the instructional side.

CFO Quinto reviewed:

- 2008/08 Reserve Level and compared its' improvement with the 2006/07 Reserve. All Reserves were funded expect the Retiree Lifetime Health Benefits Liability.

Recommendations:

- The suspension of additional contributions to the Workers Compensation and GASB 45 reserve.
- 8% cut of centralized departments.
- In the area of Unrestricted General Fund keeping it at 10-15%.
- Workers' Compensation recommendation is to maintain it, as it currently is, 70%
- General Liability Reserve should be maintained at 100%.
- Health Fund IBNP recommendation is to maintain at 100%.
- GASB 45 liability - adhere to the 50-year plan that was submitted to the County in 2005 during stable times but during current volatile times they recommend suspending the unrestricted contributions but maintain the contributions provided by the health fund; Health Fund Unencumbered Reserves recommendation is to maintain but JHMB has a say on moving forward with this reserve.

She explained the Joint Health Management Board (JHMB) and what initiatives have been implemented. She also explained the Tax Override and how the shortfalls, overtime, have changed due to property value changes over the years. They currently show a savings of at least approximately \$2 million that are tied to bond issues and facilities.

Superintendent Hanson stated that the \$2 million still has some legal issues around it and hopes this can be used to complete some funded projects. Recommendations will come to the board once details are worked out.

Board Workshop on Fiscal Services Management Oversight – continued

Member Mills questioned if there are discussions with JHMB to offer a variety of Health Plans to employees?

CFO Quinto stated that the issue has come up but is not seriously being considered at this time.

Member Mills questioned the suspension of continuing contributions to Workers' Compensation and GASB 45 funds and does this have any impact on whether the District receives a positive or qualified certification on the budget?

CFO Quinto stated that they will be working in consultation with the County Superintendents Office and so far they have been receptive of it. To be positively certified is based on two aspects; the minimum required reserves and to have enough cash flow to pay the bills.

Member Mills questioned the copper wire loss and insurance to cover that loss?

CFO Quinto stated that the District does have insurance but they have a \$250,000 deductible per incident.

Member Mills questioned if there has been discussions with JHMB on how to handle the unencumbered balance?

CFO Quinto stated that they have quarterly financial updates that are provided to JHMB, so they are well aware of the growth of the unencumbered balance. The action of management and labor have been to maintain that level while knowing of the continued shift from active to retirees, as well as the increased cost of medical care.

Member Mills questioned whether the District would be able to get insurance to cover workers' compensation?

CFO Quinto stated that the District's liability is too big for someone to take on; even if they were to buy workers' compensation insurance they would still be responsible for the actuarial liability that exists. If they sell that liability the cost of that would be too high and they would be better off handling it themselves at this time.

Member Ryan stated that the external auditor was able to finish on time, which was due to the great cooperation from the staff and wants to commend them for that. Because of the new Payroll system coming she wants to make sure that there is a communication plan in place with employees when a mistake is made and the problem adequately fixed. She complemented the staff on the explanation of the reserves.

Member Davis questioned if there is a working model on the policy of reserves?

CFO Quinto stated that yes there are guidelines provided by a variety of oversight entities statewide. Right now the guideline for GASB 45 is 5-15%.

Board Workshop on Fiscal Services Management Oversight – continued

Member Davis stated that when recommendations come to the board that they are tied to the core beliefs, values and commitments of the District. She also questioned if discussions can be brought forth to the legislators on our particular situations in the valley, such as bad air days?

Administrator Canfield stated that they would have to have the data to present and she believes they don't have that information at this time. There has been a lot of discussion about changing on how they're being funded; current legislation is looking at funding from enrollment instead of attendance.

Member Nunez stated that there are several Districts' that will be suing the State for the budget cuts and questioned if the District will be joining them on that lawsuit.

Superintendent Hanson stated that at this point they have not but if this moves forward and if it's something they wish to consider it will be brought to the Board.

Member Nunez requested to have an early recommendation on this issue as soon as possible. They also need to regain the property from the Running Horse situation and would like to here from the Superintendent on what they can do. He also requested to know what they're going to do with the 5 acres near Storey; it's too small for a school site but could be additional revenue to the District.

Superintendent Hanson stated that some of his issues would be addressed and brought back to the board. He also wanted to comment, although they will be sustaining painful cuts, they are trying not to interrupt the classrooms of our students.

Member Nunez commented that any cuts will effect improving the achievement gap of the District and recommended they join other Districts' in the lawsuit with the state.

Member Asadoorian questioned the oversight for student body funds and is that also for different booster organizations and do they provide training for them? And if so, what does the training involve?

Administrator Canfield stated that the oversight does not include booster clubs; they are not a part of the District overview. The District has annual training that goes over compliance, finances, reporting and keeping books in order to prepare them for audits. They go over their bank statements and give any guidance if needed.

Member Asadoorian commented on the new payroll system and questioned if employees will be able to access their own deductions?

Administrator Canfield stated the ultimate goal is for any paper action the employee had to complete, they will be able to do at home on the Internet.

Member Asadoorian commented on the reserve levels and questioned if it's standard practice to set policy for those levels and are there other schools that have set policies for those reserves?

Board Workshop on Fiscal Services Management Oversight – continued

CFO Quinto stated that yes and yes, it is a best practice policy that is practiced in all organizations private and public. Guidelines and schools who practice this policy will be brought back to the board.

Superintendent Hanson stated that it will cost approximately \$2.5million for the payroll system implementation and will cost twice as much once completed. They don't have the money right now to do it.

President Vang thanked the staff for the presentation.

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

President Vang RECESSED at 3:55 p.m. for a BREAK and RECONVENED at 4:00 p.m. to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6 on the Closed Session agenda.

Member Davis reported out that the board will reconvene at 5:45 p.m. in the board room.

The Board Members RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room and Member Davis reported action taken during Closed Session. Student Members Curry and Vasquez present.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Job Melton to Head Counselor at Duncan Polytechnical High School.

President Vang announced the passing of Elizabeth Hanson on February 9th and asked for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Robinson Elementary parent, Carmen Lockett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Lockett is a star parent and a valuable member of the Robinson family. She volunteers on a daily basis and helps wherever she is needed.

Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Board Representative Evelyn Moua provided the Board with an update from Student Board Representatives hosted by Sunnyside High School with Members Nunez, Ryan, and Davis present. She acknowledged the student ambassadors' from Cooper Middle school present in the audience.

Minutes

APPROVED, as revised as noted by Member Mills the draft minutes for the October 30, 2007 special meeting, November 7, 2007, regular meeting, November 14, 2007, regular meeting, December 6 and 7, 2007 special meetings, and December 12, 2007 regular meeting.

Member Mills noted corrections to the draft minutes and moved for approval as corrected, seconded by Member Davis, which carried unanimously.

Week of the School Administrator – March 3 through 8, 2008

APPROVED, as recommended, a resolution proclaiming March 3 through 8 as “Week of the School Administrator.” All School leaders in Fresno Unified are to be commended for the contributions they make to successful student achievement. Member Asadoorian acknowledged the resolution for Week of the School Administrator and Assistant Superintendent Coronado accepted the resolution on behalf of the administrators.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 9-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Superintendent Reported on the following topics:

- Fresno Unified District learns corrective action from State for PI III Status
- Board Attended CRSS Training in Arizona
- Target-setting Meetings to Achieve the 2008-2013 Goals to help prepare Career Ready Graduates
- Irvine Foundation Visit – Teacher of Tomorrow Academy Partnership
- Facilities Department Working hard to Gather Input on Master Plan
The District has held three community forums to gather input for the Facilities Master Plan that is currently under development to chart the course for our facilities. I also want to commend the outstanding work of our Facilities Department, as well as the ongoing support of the FAAC. There are three more forums planned that families, community members and school employees can attend.
 - March 4, 6:30 p.m. at Fresno High School
 - March 5, 6:30 p.m. at Hoover High School
 - March 6, 6:30 p.m. at Wishon Elementary
- Middle School Technology Competition on March 1 at Terronez Middle School
- Roosevelt Students Join City Leaders to ‘Paint the town’ Gold and Green on March 1

Board President Reported on the following topic:

- FUSD Leaders win 10 of 18 Regional ACSA Awards
 - Michael Hanson, Superintendent of the Year
 - Rick Lopez, Edison High School Principal for Secondary Principal of the Year
 - Mike Ribera, Sequoia Middle School Principal for Middle School Principal of the Year
 - Dr. Rufus Taylor, Edison High School for Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year
 - Susan Bedi, Communications for Classified Manager of the Year
 - Ruth D. Looney, School Leadership Office for Confidential Employee of the Year
 - Barbara Lehman, Adult Education for Adult Education Administrator of the Year

Board President Reported on the following topic – continued

- Karen M. Dockery, Special Education, Special Education Administrator of the Year
- Pete Summers, Prevention and Intervention, Pupil Personnel Administrator of the Year
- Robert Davidson, Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year

President Vang congratulated all of the administrators who do incredible work every day with and on behalf of all students.

President Vang announced the Administration is pulling Agenda Items A-9 and A-13 from the consent agenda item and no action will be taken on these items.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Davis the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-8, A-11, and A-18, approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: Student Members Curry, Vasquez, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang.

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

APPROVED, as recommended, the 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, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Young Scholars Program

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Young Scholars Program, a college preparatory program. This program is a support project which increases the academic performance and college eligibility of underrepresented students. The program objectives promote a belief in one's academic abilities, assists students in developing individualized life plans to help them be successful, teaches life skills as well as college preparation skills, and trains and empowers parents to be advocates in their child's quest for a college education. The agreement will begin The contract will begin February 28, 2008 and end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through District Title I funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-5, Two Agreements with the Californian Hotel and Sierra Gateway Apartments for Fresno Adult School (FAS)**

APPROVED, as recommended, two agreements for use of facilities at the Californian Hotel and Sierra Gateway Apartments for Fresno Adult School to provide classes in various subjects to the adults residing at the facilities. The contracts will begin February 28, 2008 and end on June 30, 2012. No cost to the District.

A-6, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the California Teaching Fellows for JE Young, Edison, Hoover, and DeWolf High Schools

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation to provide 15 tutors to JE Young, Edison, Hoover and DeWolf high school students in the 11th and 12th grade who have taken but not passed one or more sections of the California High School Exit Exam. The tutoring provided by the Teaching Fellows Foundation will occur during existing intervention classes and/or after school. Hours will be based on need by each school. The contract will begin February 28, 2008 and end on May 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through the District CAHSEE funds in the amount of \$27,500.00.

A-7, Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Evaluation with Nancy Gray

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Nancy Gray to provide evaluations by the approved outside evaluator for the 2004/2007 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant, the 2007/2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant and the current Smaller Learning Community Grants at both McLane and Duncan High Schools as described, approved and financed in the current federal grant programs. This agreement shall begin on February 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through current federal programs with total contract costs of \$44,000.00.

A-8, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Educational Resource Consultants

PULLED for discussion.

A-9, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with One by One Leadership for the 2008 Summer Enrichment Program

PULLED for consideration from the agenda.

A-10, Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rael & Letson Consultants

APPROVED, as recommended, an amendment to an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rael & Letson Consulting, for health benefit consulting services. The amendment provides for an extension of the contract term effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The services of Rael & Letson are needed to further promote and support the Joint Health Management Board goals and responsibilities. The District and the Joint Health Management Board recommend approval of the amendment with Rael & Letson. The monthly fee for services is \$11,666.66 or \$140,000.00 annually. Sufficient funds are available in the Health Internal Fund.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-11, Submission of the Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education

PULLED for discussion.

A-12, Out of State Field Trip for Bullard High School Volleyball Team

APPROVED, as recommended, a Request for Out of State Travel for the Bullard High volleyball team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for the Las Vegas Invitational Boys Volleyball Tournament. Fifteen (15) students and three FUSD chaperones will travel March 16 through 19, 2008. Total cost of lodging and transportation for students is \$2,250.00, will be paid with fundraising. Chaperones will pay their own way.

A-13, Submission of a Community Based Initiative Special Projects Grant to First 5 Fresno County

PULLED from consideration from the agenda.

A-14, Submission of Kindergarten Camp Initiative Grant Application to First 5 Fresno County

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Application material for the First 5 Fresno County Kindergarten Camp Initiative 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. It provides an opportunity to allow children (whom have not had a prior early care and education experience) to engage in socialization time, expose children to the kindergarten environment and routine, and to ensure that children have had all the necessary health screenings prior to kindergarten entry. Kindergarten Camp will be offered at the following sites: Centennial, Del Mar, Homan, Jefferson, Lincoln, Leavenworth, Slater, Storey, Viking, Wolters, Addams, Burroughs, Greenberg, and Lowell. Grant funds will cover all program costs.

A-15, Submission of Career Technical Education Facilities Program Proposition 1D Applications to the California Department of Education for Bullard High School

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Application material to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) for Bullard High School to create instructional spaces that enhance Career Technical Education opportunities for students. The maximum total project cost will be \$100,000 (\$50,000 from CTEFP funding and \$50,000 from Measure K funds). Because Bullard is currently undergoing facilities modernization, it is the only other high school for which matching funds can be identified. The program requires a dollar for dollar match. District match will be provided through Measure K funds.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-16, Submission of Concurrent Courses Pathways to College Initiative Application to the James Irvine Foundation**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Application material for the Concurrent Courses Pathways to College Initiative that supports collaborative partnerships between school Districts and Institutions of Higher Education that enhance Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. This is a new initiative of the James Irvine Foundation intended to strengthen college and career pathways for students who are low-income, struggling academically, and/or underrepresented in higher education by providing them with rigorous, supportive, and career-focused dual enrollment opportunities. The initiative will run through December 2010. Grant funds will cover all program costs.

A-17, Submission of the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Program Grades Nine through Twelve Competitive Grant Application to the California Department of Education

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Application material for the Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program to the California Department of Education to develop and/or continue prevention education, intervention and cessation programs, and youth development programs directed at the reduction of tobacco use among high school students. The grant period is June 29, 2008 through June 28, 2011. Grant funds will cover all program costs.

A-18, Revised Board Policies Based on Legal Mandates and Categorical Program Monitoring Review

PULLED for discussion.

A-19, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2706, Security Hardware Installation at 85 Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2706, Security Hardware Installation at 85 schools. The projects have been completed according to plans and specifications. The 10% retention will be released after ratification of this Notice of Completion. Projects have been completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance and Routine Restricted Maintenance Funds.

A-20, Request for Proposal (RFP) #2812, Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

AWARDED, as recommended, RFP #2812 for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel. Fuel will be supplied to the District based on a discount from the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), Daily Rack Average for Fresno. This RFP is for a one (1) year contract with the option to renew for a second and third year in one (1) year increments at the discretion of the District to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

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| • General Petroleum Corporation | Diesel Fuel | \$0.0250 discount |
| • Robert V. Jensen, Inc. | Unleaded Gasoline | \$0.0345 discount |

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Transportation Fuel Budget. The estimated cost for one (1) year is \$1,350,000.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-21, Purchase Orders from December 5, 2007, through January 11, 2008

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Isaias Zuniga

Expressed concerns over the security issue of the canals near Del Mar School and would like the boards support.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns with the safety of the students at Del Mar School and extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Del Mar meeting to show support of protecting students.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued

Ernesto Cisneros

Expressed concerns over the responsibility of the Board President to the parents.

Robert Mitchell

Expressed concerns with Carver Middle School, and is disappointed that no action is being taken on the situation of a part-time principal at this school site and the lack of leadership.

Superintendent Hanson commented that they have 15 people in support of the classrooms, 3 full time fully credentialed school administrators on the campus, and within a month it will be corrected.

Cadet Rivera and Major Wise

Expressed concerns with the budget cuts to the JROTC program at McLane High School.

Member Nunez requested Associate Superintendent Marinovich meet with the JROTC students.

Joe Barron

Requested the Board look for additional staffing for CAHSEE Math and English for the SDC classes.

Monique Tuck

Expressed concerns for her children at Ahwahnee and Robinson schools and would like for school to start at 8:30 a.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

A-8, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Educational Resource Consultants

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Educational Resource Consultants to provide evaluation services for the After School and Education Safety (ASES) and 21st CCLC grant programs for the 2007/2008 school year to the 31 school sites (Academy for New Americans, Ahwahnee, Anthony, Bakman, Edison Computech, Del Mar, Easterby, Ericson, Ewing, Fremont, Hamilton, Holland, Kratt, Lawless, McCardle, Norseman, Powers, Pyle, Robinson, Roeding, Thomas, Viking, Vinland, Yokomi, Columbia, Greenberg, Homan, Jefferson, Kirk, Leavenworth, and Webster). Reports will be completed and submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) on or before due dates to be established by CDE. Reporting will include all information requested by the California Department of Education. This agreement will begin February 28, 2008 and will end June 30, 2008. Funding will be through the Fresno Unified School District ASES and 21st CCLC Grant in the amount of \$56,000.

Member Asadoorian questioned the evaluation of the services provided?

Administrator Resciniti stated that she would provide the Board with a report of the services provided by Educational Resource Consultants.

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

A-11, Submission of the Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education because Fresno Unified School District failed to meet Title III Accountability Goals for 4 consecutive years and is based on Student Success Strategy 1.2 of the District Improvement Actions and also adheres closely to the District's Master Plan for English Learners. The data sources used to develop the Action Plan included a District-wide self-assessment, and two instruments designed by WestED: the English Learner Sub-group Self Assessment and the English Learner School Level Tool. The Title III Year 4 Action Plan will be funded through existing revenues in the Title III and Economic Impact Aid budgets.

The following individuals addressed the board with his thoughts and concerns regarding this item:

- Jose Castro expressed concerns with the District's violating the federal laws and the parents' rights and provided the board with a copy of the federal laws and requested the board not take action this item.
- Roberta Contreras requested respect for parent rights and take the parents into account.
- Ernesto Cisneros expressed concerns with the District violating federal laws and requested documentation of how he can get his money back from copies that were made.
- Margarita Caballero expressed concerns on why they are not considering the parents in DELAC to approve the Master Plan, they disapprove the passing of this agenda item until the parents and executive board of DELAC have approved it.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-11, Submission of the Title III Year 4 Action Plan to the California State Department of Education** – *continued*

- Juan Carlos Chavez expressed concerns that any changes in the English Learners programs should go through DELAC.
- Augustina Rivas expressed concerns that the board should respect the rights of the parents.

Member Mills questioned if parents were involved in the development of this plan?

Director Garcia stated that items on the action plan were presented to the previous DELAC executive board including the new ELD assessments, the new way they determined ELD levels, the ELD curriculum that was adopted 2 years ago, and how they would like to group students for ELD instruction. This information was also disseminated to the DELAC membership.

Superintendent Hanson stated that they do have a Management Oversight Workshops on EL and the Board, as well, recognized that they are in a transition in leadership and the needs of English Learners is critical to them.

Member Nunez stated this is the plan, which guides the District in meeting the needs of EL students and from his understanding the parents do not have input into the Master Plan but at the school sites.

Director Garcia stated that the parents do have input into the Master Plan and have provided changes to that plan to which they will address.

Member Nunez commented that the action plan was required because District failed to meet Title III accountability goals for 4 consecutive years, so this is an indication that they will be moving towards meeting the needs of EL students.

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

A-18, Revised Board Policies Based on Legal Mandates and Categorical Program Monitoring Review

ADOPTED, as recommended, the drafts of revised Board Policies being recommended in response to legally mandated changes and Categorical Program Monitoring review include:

- Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
- Board Policy 1312.3 – Complaints Concerning Special Education Programs/Due Process. *CSBA recommendation to delete policy since material is covered in Administrative Regulation and replace with BP 1312.3 – formerly BP 1312.31 Uniform Complaint Procedures.*

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-18, Revised Board Policies Based on Legal Mandates and Categorical Program Monitoring Review** – *continued*

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

- Jose Castro expressed concerns with submitting several complaints and that office of the Constituent Services needs to provide a translator for parents when submitting complaints.
- Joe Barron expressed concerns about developing information that will clarify childcare and developmental programs, especially when this District is servicing more children under the age of 5. Also consider language under evaluation status and requested that the board look at the pamphlet on dispute resolution.

Member Mills requested as the policies are being brought forward it would be helpful that each color coded key be included with the revisions. She also stated concerns that the confidentiality of complainants and the identity that can be disclosed.

Administrator Pinheiro stated that there might be times where it would be disclosed and other times where it would not, depending on the situation.

Superintendent Hanson stated the recommendation to the Board Policy is as it stands.

Member Ryan stated CSBA recommends the revisions and moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried unanimously.

B-22, Agreements with Fresno Regional Foundation for Establishment of Fresno Unified Education Foundation and Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund

APPROVED, as recommended, two draft agreements between Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Regional Foundation (FRF) to create a *Fresno Unified Education Foundation* (FUEF) and *Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund* (FUSF). The Scholarship Fund requires a separate contract to comply with IRS regulations. Approval of the agreements will enable the District to begin accepting contributions to the funds, which will be managed and administered by the FRF. Minimal direct expenditures from Communications Office budget for promotional activities.

CFO Quinto provided a brief summary of this agenda item and Administrative Analyst Temple provided the board with information on the Fresno Regional Foundation, to serve as an umbrella for the Fresno Unified School Districts' Scholarship Fund.

Member Nunez commented that he is pleased with this process and the ease of donations to specific programs.

Superintendent Hanson stated that he feels this is possible because of Dan Desantos and his leadership.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-22, Agreements with Fresno Regional Foundation for Establishment of Fresno Unified Education Foundation and Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund** – *continued*

Member Mills questioned the fundraising for other organizations?

Administrative Analyst Temple stated that this was a type of service to assist the basic needs of organizations that work with Fresno Unified such as Read Fresno.

Member Mills commented on the advisory committees and questioned if the District staff can be part of these committees and bringing in community members as well?

Administrative Analyst Temple stated that the Superintendent will make those recommendations.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis.

Member Asadoorian commented on the advisory committee and questioned if a board member can be on the committee?

Member Nunez stated a board member can sit on the committee as a non-voting member.

Superintendent Hanson stated that he can entertain having a board member on the advisory committee.

Member Mills commented that they should have a significant representation of community members that live within Fresno Unified.

President Vang stated that there is a motion and a second and called for all those in favor, which carried unanimously.

B-23, Potential of Continuing the Reform Governance in Action Sustainability Program

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Education to discuss participation in the Reform Governance in Action Sustainability program. The purpose of the Sustainability program is to continue the reform policy work started during the board's participation in the Center for the Reform of School Systems (CRSS) process. The Sustainability program will consist of four on-site workshops over a two-year period starting in the late fall of 2008. The workshops will feature two annual sustainability Retreats and two interim progress review/work sessions held in Fresno.

Member Ryan stated that she is pleased with the cost and would like the board to move forward continuing the Reform Governance in Action Sustainability Program and is in favor.

Member Mills stated that if the board is considering the continuing program, please consider the scheduling of dates and times of these dates and Thursdays and Fridays make it kind of difficult to attend.

Members Davis, Johnson, Asadoorian, and Nunez were all in support of continuing the program.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Asadoorian

- Requested a report on safety measures for students that were noted in the Fresno Bee.

Superintendent Hanson commented that safety measures would be addressed.

- Commented on the dress code adopted by the Board in (March of 2002) and entertained the Board if they would like to have a future discussion regarding the dress code policy.

Member Nunez commented that a uniform dress code would be appropriate for elementary schools.

Member Mills concurred with Member Asadoorian with a discussion on the dress code policy.

Member Ryan recommended the staff contact Long Beach Unified and have them provide the District with information on why they moved away from a uniform program.

Student Board Member Vasquez stated that on the freedom of expressing themselves, the District needs to look at the current fashions and alter the dress code in that respect. She also spoke on the loss of the JROTC at McLane High School.

Member Nunez

- Attended the Black Men Conference in Clovis and acknowledged the attire of the students that were present at this conference and how it brings out a positive attitude.
- Acknowledged that students graduate every year that don't have any hope in attending college due to financial aid because they are undocumented; he spoke with Fresno State and found that admissions is very tight and that the District needs to take a step further and take an active role in trying to encourage state government to build capacity for our kids to go on to the next level.

Superintendent Hanson commented on the exceptional students that are undocumented and their career cruising would fall short because of this status. It is an area that needs to be addressed especially here in the Central Valley.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued

Superintendent Hanson

- Baird placed first on the Elementary Girls Basketball Tournament at Hoover High School.
- Announced the Annual Boys Basketball Tournament that will be held at Hoover High School.

President Vang

- Requested the board revisit the time change of the board meetings to begin at 5 p.m.

President Vang RECESSED for a BREAK at 7:55 p.m. and reported to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. for unfinished business.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There was no action to report out of closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Vang declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



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