



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

**Fresno, California
November 14, 2007**

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 November 14, 2007, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, and President Mills. Also present was Superintendent Hanson. *Member Nunez arrived at 3:40 p.m. and Members Ryan and Vang absent.*

President Mills convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5 listed on the Closed Session agenda. The Board of Education reconvened at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Members Curry and Vasquez present.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 5-0-2, *with Members Ryan and Vang absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Shelly Cha, Financial Analyst I to Fiscal Services.
2. By a vote of 5-0-2, *with Members Ryan and Vang absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Risk Management settlement on Bonnie Griffith, Case No. 2004-0518.
3. By a vote of 5-0-2, *with Members Ryan and Vang absent*, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Risk Management settlement on Lupe Munoz, Case No. 95-0694.
4. The Board was informed of the promotion of Christine Stevens, Accounting Manager to Fiscal Services.
5. The Board was informed of the promotion of Phillip Puente, Area Operations Coordinator to Maintenance and Operations.

APPROVE Minutes

APPROVED, with revisions noted by Member Asadoorian, the draft minutes for the May 23, 2007 and June 13, 2007, Regular Meetings.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayfair parent, Beatriz Arreola led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Arreola is a dedicated, reliable parent and a valuable member of the Mayfair family. She volunteers where she is needed and works in the cafeteria every morning as a breakfast assistant, seating students and attending to their needs.

2007 Fresno County Educator of the Year Award Recipient Sam Hines

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognized Samuel M. Hines, Principal at Cambridge High School for being named the 2007 Fresno County Administrator of the Year.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Davis the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-3, approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-2 as follows: Student Members Curry, Vasquez, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, and President Mills. *Members Ryan and Vang were absent.*

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 October 24, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Resolution Proclaiming November 12-16, 2007 as “School Psychology Awareness Week”

PULLED for discussion.

A-4, Provisional Internship Permit for Jirlesa Montoya

APPROVED, as recommended, one (1) Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) for Board approval to hire Jirlesa Montoya to teach Special Education, effective November 7, 2007. Jirlesa Montoya is recommended for hire on a PIP in the area of Special Education, Moderate/Severe to teach students at Greenberg Elementary School. No financial impact to the District.

A-5, High School Out of State/Country Field Trip Matrix

APPROVED, as recommended, the High School Out of State/Country Field Trip Matrix for the following high schools:

- Sunnyside High School (Choir) to Toronto Canada on May 1-4, 2008
 - *Purpose: Competition*
- Sunnyside High School (Dr. Academy) to London, Paris, Rome on March 13-22, 2008
 - *Purpose: Cultural Awareness*
- Sunnyside High School (French II-IV) to France on June 10-24, 2008
 - *Purpose: Experience with the French Language*
- Roosevelt High School (Drama) to Oregon on February 28 – March 1, 2008
 - *Purpose: Shakespeare Festival*

Funding will be provided through fundraising efforts.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-6, Appointment to Measure K Oversight Committee

APPROVED, as recommended, the nomination to the Measure K Oversight Committee of:

Nominee

Cathy Amador

Nominated By

Board Member Vang

To ensure compliance with the Oversight Committee Bylaws, staff has verified that each nominee is at least 18 years old and a citizen of the state; resides within Fresno Unified boundaries; and is not a vendor, contractor, consultant, employee or official of the District.

A-7, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2638-B, Re-Roofing at Jefferson Elementary School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2638-B. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-8, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Kratt Elementary School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2711-B. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-9, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2714-B, Re-Roofing at King and Wilson Elementary Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2714-B. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-10, Change Order #1 to Bid #2722, Chiller Replacement for the Education Center

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Change Order #1 to Bid #2722. This change order includes the addition of cooling for the newly added computer equipment room in the basement of the Education Center in the amount of \$32,860.00. Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the Restricted Routine Maintenance Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2007/08.

A-11, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2723-C, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Calwa Elementary School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2723-C. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-12, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2730, Refinishing of the North Gym Floor and Replacement of the South Gym Floor at Bullard High School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2730. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-13, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2732-A & B, Installation of Roofing Renewal Systems and Coating for Columbia, Del Mar, King, Mayfair and Viking Elementary Schools and Fresno and McLane High Schools

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2732-A & B. The projects have been completed according to plans and specifications. The project have been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-14, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2732-C, Renewal and Coating for Birney, Fremont, and Heaton Elementary Schools and Tenaya Middle School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2732-C. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-15, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2736-C, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Centennial Elementary

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2736-C. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-16, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2736-E, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Ewing Elementary

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2736-E. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-17, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2739-A, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Hoover High School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2739-A. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-18, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2739-C, Asphalt Rehabilitation for Computech Middle School

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid #2739-C. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The project has been completed and funded with 2007/08 Deferred Maintenance Funds. The 10% retention will be released upon ratification of the Notice of Completion.

A-19, Bid #2806, Athletic Protective Equipment & Sports Uniforms

AWARDED, as recommended, for Bid #2806, Athletic Protective Equipment & Sports Uniforms. This award will provide every school the opportunity to select a variety of equipment and uniforms from the vendor who is providing the greatest discount from that manufacturer. Schools will retain the right to make site based decisions as to the best manufacturer to meet their individual needs. Discounts will be firm for one year. The contract will be automatically renewed for years two and three provided both parties agree and the discount remains the same or better. To the following vendors:

- Capture It Imprinting, Prather, CA
- First String Sports, Clovis, CA
- Pro Look, Oakdale, CA
- Riddell/All American, Elyria, OH
- Sports Academy, Sanger, CA

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Proposition 49 After School Education and Safety Program Grant Fund.

A-20, RFP #071106-1, Chemical Waste Management Services

AWARDED, as recommended, the Vendor Qualification Check List for the Chemical Waste Management Services Request for Proposal (RFP). The intent of this proposal is to qualify vendors and establish base line pricing. This will allow for the timely delivery of Chemical Waste management services throughout the District on an as needed basis. To the following qualified vendors:

- MS Environmental Solutions, Inc. – Concord, CA
- PARC Environmental – Fresno, CA

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the 2007/08 Risk Management General Liability fund. Anticipated expenditures will be \$250,000.00.

A-21, Claim #07-1019-0326, Michael Terarutyunyan

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages from Michael Terarutyunyan, #07-1019-0326. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Greg Gadams**

Appreciates Superintendent Hanson for Choosing Our Future report and provided the board with some updated information on negotiations and as for the school psychologists' being recognized, this district needs many more. FTA wants to settle and work with the district.

Al Chand

Congratulated the board for achievements and on a positive evaluation of the superintendent for November 2006 to November 2007.

Karen Anderson

Expressed concerns with the lack of substitute teachers and lack of curriculum material and testing material at Hidalgo Elementary.

Jake Turner

Expressed concerns with the lack of discipline at the school sites.

Pastor Bill Knezovich

Expressed concerns with the ice cream trucks and opposed the 150 ft. buffer zone change that the City Council wishes to consider. Pastor Knezovich recommends for the safety of the children the board needs to convey to the Fresno City Council that they oppose the buffer zone change and to retain the current 1000 ft. buffer.

Burnette Harris

Expressed concerns for the racial remarks made by administrators at Martin Luther King School and would like the administration removed from the school site. She also addressed the curriculum for students and the need for a full time principal.

Ernesto Cisneros

Expressed concerns for the AYP scores in the district and the millions of dollars this district is receiving and not being used for this purpose. At Muir Elementary there is lack of bilingual substitutes and concern with the students being moved to another classroom and increase the enrollment in the classes.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns with the Superintendent's goal not being met and yet millions are being spent and the need of substitutes and administrators to elevate education. The district staff continues to neglect the bylaws of DELAC.

Pastor Booker Lewis

Expressed concern with Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School over the remarks of Ms. Wolters and would like the district to address the request of her dismissal and the need for a full time principal at Carver Middle School. The community he represents wants to address other issues and children's educational needs.

Robert Mitchell

Concurred with Pastor Lewis on the issues at Martin Luther King and the need of a full time principal at Carver Middle School.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

A-3, Resolution Proclaiming November 12-16, 2007 as “School Psychology Awareness Week”

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Resolution proclaiming November 12-16, 2007 as “School Psychology Awareness Week. Fresno Unified is proud to have over 50 School Psychologists serving the needs of our children.

President Mills pulled this item for recognition and Member Asadoorian moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis on a roll call vote of 7-0-2 vote *with Members Ryan and Vang absent*.

B-22, Draft of Accountability Policy

DISCUSSED the latest draft of the Accountability policy and recommend any changes in preparation of submitting a draft to the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) by the end of November. This is one of the commitments of the CRSS process.

Executive Director Harris provided the board with the latest draft of Accountability Policy.

President Mills opened the dialogue to the board and hearing no comments from the board, moved to the next item.

B-23, Draft of Data Dashboard Policy

DISCUSSED the latest draft of the Data Dashboard policy and recommend any changes in preparation of submitting a draft to the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) by the end of November. This is one of the commitments of the CRSS process.

Executive Director Harris provided the board with the first time draft of the Data Dashboard Policy.

Member Nunez questioned on whether the packet could have been submitted to them prior to the meeting?

Executive Director Harris stated that it could have.

Superintendent Hanson commented that the board needs to review the draft information and will be brought back for discussion at the next CRSS workshops on December 6 and 7, 2007.

B-24, Revision of the Fresno Unified School District Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum

APPROVED, as recommended, the revised Fresno Unified Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum. The LEA Plan Addendum has been updated to include:

- FUSD Board of Education **Core Beliefs and Commitments** (*Board approved 4/25/07*)
- FUSD **Theory of Action** (*Board approved 6/13/07*)
- District Improvement Actions that were included in all schools’ 2007-08 Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) (*Board approved 5/23/07*)

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-24, Revision of the Fresno Unified School District Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum – continued

The LEA Plan is the district version of the SPSA (site plan) and it is a State expectation that the schools' site plans reflect the LEA Plan. This updated LEA Plan now matches the District Improvement Actions included in the site plans and the Board's Core Beliefs, Commitments, and Theory of Action. There is no impact to the General Fund. Implementation of strategies in the LEA Plan Addendum will be funded through categorical budgets.

Associate Superintendent Tucker provided an overview of the revised LEA Addendum plan for the district and addresses 8 elements to improve student achievement.

Assistant Superintendent Bengel provided additional information with the need to revise the LEA Plan.

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

- Ernesto Cisneros requested clarification and asked if the district had parent input and expressed concerns that the district needs to consult with the DELAC/ELAC committees. He requested a written response to his concern.
- Jose Castro expressed concerns that parents had no input into the decisions regarding this plan.

Member Davis questioned when will the board receive another update?

Assistant Superintendent Bengel stated the district made revisions and the state will be working on a new template, the State Dept. will request all districts to update their LEA plans.

Superintendent Hanson stated that we are now in the category of corrective action and the state is still working on what comes next.

Member Davis questioned how many districts have core beliefs?

Superintendent Hanson stated he did not have the answer and other districts have been requesting the information from Fresno Unified.

Assistant Superintendent Bengel stated the plans the schools have developed and all school site councils were involved.

Superintendent Hanson commented the state would like all categorical funds and all things dealt with at sites to be pulled into a central decision-making place of which is not the direction they want to go.

Member Davis moved for approval.

Member Nunez questioned what constitutes single plan for student achievement?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**B-24, Revision of the Fresno Unified School District Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum – continued**

Assistant Superintendent Bengel stated that would involve everything a school would want to use, including categorical funds, including the district improvement action plan and the school site plans to meet the needs of their students.

President Mills stated there was a motion on the floor, seconded by Member Nunez which carried a 7-0-2 vote *with Members Ryan and Vang absent.*

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**C-25, School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Progress Reports for Pyle and Slater Elementary Schools, Prepared by Action Learning Systems (ALS) – SAIT Provider**

RECEIVE D the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Progress Report Three for Slater Elementary School and Progress Report Six for Pyle Elementary School. A requirement of the SAIT process is to provide school improvement progress reports to the local Board after each monitoring visit. Accordingly, the most recent past reports were submitted to the Board on February 7, 2007 for Pyle (Item C-12) and on July 17, 2007 for Slater (Item C-31).

C-26, DRAFT Revised Board Policies 1312.1, 1312.2, and 1312.3

RECEIVE drafts of revised Board Policies being recommended and developed based on legal mandates and from the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The draft policies include:

- Board Policy 1312.1 – Complaints Concerning District Employees
- Board Policy 1312.2 – Complaints Concerning Instructional Material
- Board Policy 1312.3 – Complaints Concerning Special Education Programs/Due Process; (CSBA recommendation to delete policy and replace with Board Policy 1312.3 - formerly Board Policy 1312.31, Uniform Complaint Procedures)
- *Administrative Regulations/Exhibits are enclosed for information only.*

C-27, Quarterly Williams Complaint Report for the Period of August through October , 2007

RECEIVE quarterly report for the period of August through October, 2007 on the Williams Uniform Complaint per Education Code §35186. The full report of complaints and responses are available in the Communications Office for review.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**Member Nunez**

- Announced the donation to Jackson Elementary of \$10,000 by the Sherman/Mayflower Trust for instructional materials on early colonial history.

President Mills

- Questioned the Zone between schools and ice cream trucks and will the board receive information on this issue?

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued

Superintendent Hanson stated that he will provide the board with a Board Communication on this as quickly as possible.

President Mills

- Requested information on the Safety Commission update and the need for additional Campus Safety Assistants for the school sites.

Superintendent Hanson introduced Marvin Reyes, Executive Director for Safety and Security and will have staff provide the board with this information.

Member Johnson

- Requested a discussion on the age children can attend school, based on a psychological report the recommendation age was 5 any earlier children tend to be retained in first grade.

President Mills stated that Superintendent Hanson has noted the request.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the
Board of Education