

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
OCTOBER 10, 2007**

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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 October 10, 2007, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, and President Mills. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Mills convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items listed on the agenda. *Member Vang arrived at 4:10 p.m.* The Board of Education reconvened at 5:35 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Members Curry and Vasquez present.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Virginia Borrer to Vice Principal/Program Manager, Ewing Elementary School.
2. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire David Childers to Vice Principal/Program Manager, Rowell Elementary School.
3. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Amy Espinoza to Vice Principal/Program Manager.
4. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Melissa Dutra to Vice Principal I on Special Assignment, Elementary School Leadership.
5. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Valerie Rivas-Martinez to District Coordinator, Curriculum and Professional Development.
6. The Board was informed of the promotion of Charles Rocha to Technology Specialist, Technology Services.
7. The Board was informed of the promotion of Isaac Rodriguez to Warehouse Operations Manager, Purchasing Department.
8. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Denise Whittles to Vice Principal I on Special Assignment, Elementary School Leadership.
9. The Board was informed of the promotion of Lee Vang to Guidance/Categorical Learning Coordinator, Ahwahnee Middle School.
10. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement on Richard Holmes, Case #2004-0495.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

11. By vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement on MalyLo, Case #201-1307.

Pledge of Allegiance

Manchester GATE parent, Diane Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Diane Johnson has been an active and involved parent at Manchester GATE School for the past several years. Her outstanding leadership abilities and her willingness to serve as PTA President for the past two years have enabled the PTA to improve the overall fabric of the school. Her commitment to the students and the school community are appreciated.

Minutes

There were no minutes to present for approval.

Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Student Board Representatives from Cambridge High School provided the board with an update on the SAB meeting hosted by Cambridge High School with Member Davis present.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Davis the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-3, A-3a, A-9, A-11, and A-12, approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: Student Members Curry, Vasquez, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills.

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 September 26, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, Resolution (Senate Bill 984) Commemorating Observance of César E. Chávez Day of Service Learning

PULLED for discussion.

A-3a, Proclamation Proclaiming October 2, 2007 as International Day of Nonviolence

PULLED for discussion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-4, Resolution 2007-14, Proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 15, 2007 through October 19, 2007

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 2007-14, proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 15, 2007 through October 19, 2007. This week Food Services will acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the staff that serves the students of Fresno Unified School District safe, wholesome meals. Last year, Food Services served approximately 10 million lunches within Fresno Unified School District. There are currently 75 school sites that offer meals at no charge, and we are attempting to qualify four more sites this year. In addition, Food Services will continue to subsidize the reduced price meals and charge only \$1.00 for elementary lunches and \$1.25 for secondary lunches. We care for the future of our children, and will continue to provide the essential nutrients every child deserves.

A-5, Proclamation Recognizing October 18, 2007 as Lights on After School Day

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution recognizing October 18, 2007, as “Lights on Afterschool! Day”. Fresno Unified School District has provided leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults. Parents, community members and staff are welcome and encouraged to visit our after school programs.

A-6, Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week, October 21-27, 2007

ADOPTED, as recommended, Proclamation recognizing October 21-27, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week in Fresno County. Fresno Unified School District is participating with the Fresno County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition to help raise awareness concerning the prevention of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use among our youth and to promote healthy lifestyle choices. This year’s theme is “*Show Good Character By Being Drug Free*”.

A-7, Proclamation Recognizing Character Education Week, October 21-27, 2007

ADOPTED, as recommended, Proclamation recognizing October 21-27, 2007 as Character Education Week. Fresno Unified adopted Character Counts! as its framework for character education. CHARACTER COUNTS! is the most widely implemented approach to character education. It’s a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian framework that teaches the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

A-8, Resolution 2007-15, Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, October 22-26, 2007

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 2007-15 proclaiming October 22-26, 2007 as National School Bus Safety Week. Each year 440,000-pupil school buses in the United States travel more than 4.3 billion miles to transport approximately 24 million students to and from school, or on school-sponsored activities. FUSD alone transports approximately 9,500 students to and from school daily, and also operates 7,500 activity trips, for a total of 1.5 million miles a year. The fleet consists of 86 large school buses, four of which are Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-9, Employment Agreement for Chief Information Officer**

PULLED for discussion.

A-10, Temporary Employment Agreement with Ronald R. Fortson as Chief Financial Officer

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Employment Agreement with Ronald F. Fortson for temporary assistance in the Administrative Services Division as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Fortson will be on site from October 1 through October 12, 2007. The ending date of the agreement is flexible should Ms. Quinto's absence be extended. Funds are available in the Unrestricted General Fund in the 2007/08 fiscal year.

A-11, Agreement with the California School Boards Association (CSBA)

PULLED for discussion.

A-12, Out of Country Travel to Antarctica for Jean Pennycook

PULLED for discussion.

A-13, Submission of the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Grant Application to the California Department of Education

APPROVED, as recommended, the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement grant application due October 15, 2007. The purpose of this program is to strengthen communication between schools and parents as a means of improving pupil academic achievement. The primary use of the grant funding is to pay school site staff to conduct home visits and/or community meetings. Eligibility: K-12 schools with an API ranking of 1 – 5, based upon the 2006 Base API Report. The following schools are included in this application. Anticipated grant awards are based upon student enrollment. Grant funds will cover all program costs.

Elementary Schools

Balderas - \$20,000

Lawless - \$20,000

Vinland - \$20,000

Middle Schools

Carver - \$15,000

Terronez - \$30,000

Tioga - \$30,000

Yosemite - \$30,000

A-14, Appointments to Measure K Oversight Committee

APPROVED, as recommended, the four nominees to the Measure K Oversight Committee. The nominations are as follows:

Nominee

Elaine Colett

Rev. Alvin Dickson

Lois Harris-Perkins

Larry LeMay

Nominated By

Board Member Davis

Board Member Johnson

Board Member Johnson

Board Member Asadoorian

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. Approval of these appointments will make Ms. Colett, Rev. Dickson, Ms. Harris-Perkins and Mr. LeMay eligible to participate in the next meeting of the Measure K Oversight Committee, which is scheduled for November 27, 2007.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-15, 2007/08 Operations Application for the K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Funding Program**

APPROVED, as recommended, the Board certification and approval of the 2007/08 K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Operations Application. As a condition for applying to receive K-3 CSR Program funds, the Governing Board must certify that the District intends to participate in the 2007/08 CSR Program (SB-1777) and will implement the class size reduction program in compliance with statutes and administrative provisions of the California Department of Education. The Unrestricted General Fund for \$22.6 million.

A-16, 2006/07 Year-End Closing Budget Revision

APPROVED, as recommended, the 2006/07 Year-end closing Budget Revision. Education Code 42601 and Board Policy 3110 allows the Superintendent and/or designee to make any necessary budget revisions at year-end to permit payment of obligations. All expenditures were supported by available District funds. Per Education Code 42601 and Board Policy 3110, the following funds are recognizing additional revenue and expense and the actual debt service payments in the bond interest and redemption funds: Measure K Bond Interest and Redemption, Liability Fund, and Defined Benefits Fund.

A-17, Budget Revision No. 2

APPROVED, as recommended, Budget Revision No. 2. Periodic updates to the District's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 2 includes changes in beginning balances, adjustments necessary to support the acceptance of various grant awards, recognition of 2006/07 carryover funds, and other fund adjustments. Reflected in support material.

A-18, Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2710, Lighting Retrofit in Modular Class Rooms

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Notice of Completion for Bid # 2710. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. Project completed and funded with the 2007/2008 Deferred Maintenance Fund.

A-19, Bid #2743, Purchase of Musical Instruments

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2743 for the purchase of Musical Instruments for Williams Elementary & Olmos Elementary schools' music programs. The initial expenditure for the two (2) new elementary schools will be \$68,510.89. The District can also utilize this bid for district-wide purchases based on funding availability for the term of one year.

Gottschalk Music Center, Clovis CA	\$12,006.82
National Educational Music Co. Mountainside, NJ	45,329.52
Nick Rail Music, Santa Barbara, CA	7,185.95
Spitzer Sound Stage, Fresno CA	513.96
Washington Music Center, Wheaton, MD	<u>3,474.64</u>
Total	\$68,510.89

Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the "Measure K" Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from the fiscal year 2007/08 for one year.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**A-20, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2745, Internal Audit & Fraud Investigation Services**

AWARDED, as recommended, RFQ #2745 Internal Audit & Fraud Investigation Services to Price Paige and Company was ranked as the best vendor to address the District's need for Internal Audit & Fraud Investigation Service. Price, Paige and Company is a Certified Public Accounting firm with Fraud Investigators on staff. Investigations will be led by a Partner/Principle with all supervisory personnel Certified Public Accountants. The bid be awarded to Price Paige and Company. Sufficient Funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Unrestricted General Fund. This is a three (3) year contract with the option for renewal at the sole discretion of the District. The estimated cost for one year is \$124,000.00.

A-21, Bid #2805, Purchase of Audio Visual & Video Equipment

AWARDED, as recommended, to Bid #2805 for the annual purchase of Audio Visual & Video Equipment District wide to the following vendors:

CDW-G - Vernon Hills, IL	\$3,731.62
IVS Computer Technology, Bakersfield, CA	149,250.08
MNJ Technologies, Buffalo Grove IL	512.88
Troxell Communications, Fresno, CA	20,058.08
Valiant IMC, So Hackensack, NJ	3,729.46
Ventura TV, Fresno, CA	34,144.50

Funding for Audio Visual & Video Equipment purchases are to be determined by each site. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2007/08.

A-22, Claim #07-0509-0199, California State Automobile Association as Subrogee of David M. Lantis

DENIED, as recommended, a Claim for Damages from California State Automobile Association as Subrogee of David M. Lantis, #07-0509-0199. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

A-23, Purchase Orders from August 20, 2007 through September 3, 2007

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**Norman Saude**

Current President of Fresno County Trustees Association expressed concerns and he feels it's none of the boards business to be concerned about the voting procedure of their organization. They take offense of the comments made by Superintendent Hanson and the Fresno Bee in regards to Susan Woods.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Susan Markarian**

Board member of Pacific Union Elementary School District and previously served on the nominating committee for the Fresno County Trustees Association. The issue on Ms. Woods was missed for several years by the Office of Education, by the Secretary of the County committee and by the Trustees Association; her release was mandated by law because she was a teacher.

Jose Castro

Expressed concerns with regards to NCLB, state and federal law does not allow discrimination towards parents and students.

Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler

Stated that she is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and stated that NAMI is concerned on the vacant position for the Districts Mental Health Coordinator, and understands that the position may be changed to not require a mental health license and clinical experience. NAMI feels that the position was not widely advertised especially in the clinical community area in Fresno. NAMI has 2 recommendations, maintain the job requirements and to explore the integration of positive behavioral supports with mental health.

Jeanne Davidson

Thanked President Mills and teacher Jake Turner for asking the tough questions in reference to the party at the Long Island Bar and Grill and the appointment of the Chief Information Officer.

Jake Turner

Expressed concerns over the zero money to spend in the classroom and the lack of prep time.

Viola Melella

Stated that as a Special Ed teacher and as a part of a joint FTA and FUSD Special Ed contract committee, a collaborative report was submitted with recommendations for class size and case loads and now 12 months later no actions have been taken. On behalf of herself, colleagues and students she asks that the school board revisit the recommendations submitted and give them serious considerations.

Al Chand

As a teacher at McCardle, he requests a reasonable settlement with the teachers.

Karen Westersund

As a teacher, expresses vital prep time, and COLA issues being addressed in the contract negotiations.

Mary Cay Dunnington

As a teacher at Erickson Elementary, she has major concerns about the amount of testing being done in the district.

President Mills requested to extend the unscheduled oral communication, Member Johnson motion to extend the unscheduled oral communication, seconded by Member Asadoorian, which carried unanimously.

Joe Barron

Expressed concerns and questioned who decided that the temporary Special Ed Annex does not need modernization.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued**Robert Harris**

Expressed concerns over amount of money being spent on consultants instead the district needs to be more concerned on recruiting the best teachers possible. Teachers deserve the best possible contact they can get.

Student Member Curry departed the Board meeting at 8:02 p.m.**Judith Pansarosa**

As a teacher at Baird Middle School expressed concerns over prep time.

Monica Harrison

Read her daughters writing assignment titled "How should Fresno Unified District Board handle Superintendent Michael Hanson?" the assignment praises the Superintendent Michael Hanson as Superintendent for Fresno Unified.

Greg Gadams

Expressed concerns with the shortage of substitutes and prep time.

Mary Curry

Expressed concerns about the disrespect shown in the public and in front of the student members, the behavior the board members have towards each other.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**A-3, Resolution (Senate Bill 984) Commemorating Observance of César E. Chávez Day of Service Learning**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Resolution commemorating the observance of César E. Chávez Day on March 31, 2008. All schools will participate in service learning activities and/or lessons with appropriate grade level curriculum materials throughout the school year. Senate Bill 984 authorizes public schools to include commemorating and directing attention to the history of the farm labor movement in the United States and particularly the role therein of César E. Chávez. English Learner Services with the Secondary Division work together to provide training in support of service learning.

Member Nunez pulled this item for the purpose of recognition and moved for approval, seconded by Member Vang, which carried a 9-0-0 on a roll call vote.

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

- Sandra Iyall-Teacher at Erickson Elementary, 4th grade. Although she respectfully honors Cesar Chavez in the classroom she feels it's hypocritical to honor a labor leader when there's an unsettled contract with the teachers.
- Venancio Gaona-Accepting resolution and stated that as part of the Cesar Chavez committee they wish to thank the board for the approval of the resolution. The committee requests a future presentation, in March or April on the progress of Senate Bill 984 in standard base lessons and service learning activities.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**A-3a, Proclamation Proclaiming October 2, 2007 as International Day of Nonviolence**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Proclamation recognizing October 2, 2007 as "International Day of Nonviolence" to honor Mahatma Gandhi for his enduring legacy to promote peace and nonviolence around the world. A safe learning and working environment is crucial to student learning and is one of Fresno Unified's Core Beliefs.

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

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

- Dr Kupper accepting the resolution and announced that Fresno Unified is the first District in this area to adopt this resolution. He encourages the district to bring students to the peace garden at Fresno State where Dr. King, Cesar Chavez and Gandhi are honored.

A-9, Employment Agreement for Chief Information Officer

RATIFIED, as recommended, the Employment Agreement for the Chief Information Officer for Fresno Unified School District. This position will be responsible for leading the development of the district's plan for integrating communications and stakeholder engagement initiatives including community relations, parent involvement and constituent services and to connect district leaders with their teams and ongoing initiatives in support of the board's significant change effort that is focused on student learning, high quality instruction, leadership, safety and changing our district culture. The term of the agreement began August 31, 2007 and terminating on June 30, 2008, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement. Sufficient funds are available in the Unrestricted General Fund and will support this cost.

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

- Robert Harris expressed concerns with the employment contract in the amount of \$150,000 from the unrestricted general funds and questioned if this carry-over funds and does not understand why a need for a CIO and for this position to work in another city. Puzzled with the cost of the contract and feels this is mismanagement of funds and the cost of consultant services.
- Mary Curry concurred with Mr. Harris and how was this position advertised and how they were screen for this position and the cost, qualifications and how many employees are given a separate stipend. Requested an answer to her concerns.
- Greg Gadams questioned the need for this position and the type of contract and expressed concerns in the manner in which it was done. Request the contracts for district leadership and the dates approved.
- Jose Castro expressed concerns that there are highly qualified people in Fresno and the need to spend funds for this position and as a tax payer votes no on this item. Use the funds for this position for teacher salaries.
- Dr. Venise Curry thanked the Board President for stopping the process to allow the community to address this item.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-9, Employment Agreement for Chief Information Officer – continued

Member Johnson stated that he has received a lot of individuals addressing their concerns regarding the contract.

Member Davis stated in August she was in favor of the position and is concern with the buyout clause and the district needs to look into the 3-day week.

President Mills did request as per the government code and section 5497.6 and expressed concerns with buyout clause and expenses. She requested copies of cabinet level contracts.

Superintendent Hanson provided further information regarding the contract.

The following individual addressed the board with further clarifications:

- Mary Curry questioned her accomplishments in other positions?

Superintendent Hanson replied to Ms. Curry's concerns.

Legal Counsel deGoede made a statement that a contract was offered and accepted by Ms Turnbull, the board, in closed session, with the parameters of that contract, approved the appointment with a unanimous vote. And that Ms. Turnbull has a legal right to enforce those terms.

Superintendent Hanson introduced Ms. Perri Lynn Turnbull.

Member Ryan called for the questioned and moved to ratify the contract, seconded by Member Nunez.

Member Johnson clarified that this session was for the community and the questions raised as to the appointment made by the board.

Superintendent Hanson stated that the district needs to focus on improving opportunities for students.

President Mills stated that the questioned has been called and asked for all those in favor with a 7-2-0 vote, *with Member Davis and Mills dissenting.*

Comments were made by Members Nunez, Ryan, and Asadoorian.

A-11, Agreement with the California School Boards Association (CSBA)

APPROVED, as recommended, the Agreement with the California School Boards Association to provide single district governance services with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Fresno Unified School District and provide two professional development work sessions. The agreement will begin on October 18, 2007 and will end June 30, 2008. Sufficient funds are available in the Board's budget for 2007/08.

Member Nunez questioned President Mills what she feels the purpose of this agreement is for?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

A-11, Agreement with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) – continued

President Mills stated to follow through on the boards commitment to engage in CSBA training.

Member Ryan questioned if everyone on the board answered the survey questions?

President Mills stated that because of confidentiality, she will not poll the board for an answer.

Member Asadoorian expressed concerns that if all 7 board members are not on board with this, it is a lot of money to spend that can be better used for another purposes.

Member Davis stated that she feels this education is to clarify their roles and responsibilities as board members and is totally in favor of the training.

President Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-2-0 *with Members Nunez and Vang dissenting.*

A-12, Out of Country Travel to Antarctica for Jean Pennycook

APPROVED, as recommended, the request for Out of Country Travel for Jean Pennycook, Teacher on Special Assignment, GATE to accompany a penguin research team, as the project's Education Outreach Coordinator, to Antarctica on November 1, 2007 through February 25, 2008 and November 2008 through February 2009. Ms. Pennycook will connect Polar research from Cape Royds, on Ross Island, Antarctica to teachers and students across Fresno Unified School District. Classrooms will be able to view baby Adelie penguins grow on a daily basis as Jean will post pictures of five selected nests everyday over the internet. Students will maintain a field journal gathering their own data and making predictions about these penguins and their ability to raise their young and survive in this harsh environment. In 2006 over 600 Fresno Unified School children took part in one or more of the activities. Funding will be provided by the Penguin Science Grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the amount of \$33,000.00 each year for two years.

Member Asadoorian questioned the out of country travel and how can they expand the number of students to take advantage of this knowledge?

Administrator Resciniti provided a brief summary of the trip and expressed commitment of having more students get involved.

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

President Mills RECESSED for a Break at 8:27 and RECONVENED at 8:38 P.M.

Member Vang departed the Board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**B-24, Comprehensive Plan for African American Student Engagement**

PRESENT the draft African American student engagement plan that the High School Division has been developing since last spring. The plan incorporates our current engagement efforts and includes additional programs based on best practices. As a part of the plan development, Fresno Unified has partnered with a number of Fresno and California organizations in creating a draft plan. The ultimate goal of this engagement process is to increase the number of African American students who are career ready upon graduation from Fresno Unified. The PowerPoint on this presentation is available upon request in the Board Office.

Assistant Superintendent Marinovich, Executive Director Harris, and Head Counselor Juarez provided the Board with the comprehensive Plan for African American Student Engagement plan for the high school division.

Assistant Principal Martin challenged the Superintendent and Board to hire more African-Americans.

Comments by Members Ryan, Nunez, Johnson, Davis, Student Member Vasquez.

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

- Gloria Ponce Rodriguez wanted to share that she was a product of an HBC college and that the college is open to all races of students, not just African Americans. There are only 106 HBC colleges nationwide and they produce the majority of African Americans receiving Bachelors or Masters Degrees.
- Ingram Tate states parent participation is desperately needed. Teacher should not be afraid to ask parents for help.

Student Members Vasquez and Chann departed the board meeting at 10:10 p.m.**B-25, District's Priorities Related to the Reauthorization of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act**

PRESENTATION on the District's Priorities Related to the Reauthorization of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. including the following documents:

- NCLB Fact Sheet
- California Department of Education (CDE)/State Board of Education NCLB Draft Proposal
- The Education Coalition Recommendations for Reauthorization (ACSA, CASBO, CCSESA, CFT-AFL-CIO, CSBA, CSEA, California State PTA, CTA, SEIU)
- California School Boards Association (CSBA) NCLB Issues
- Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) NCLB Study
- Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) NCLB Issues
- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) NCLB Recommendations
- FUSD NCLB Position Paper (January, 2007)
- NCLB California School Boards Association (CSBA) Resolution

Associate Superintendent Tucker and Assistant Superintendent Bengel presented a brief summary of the District's Priorities Related to the Reauthorization of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

B-25, District’s Priorities Related to the Reauthorization of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act – continued

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

- Faun Horton wants to encourage the board to support the Children with Special needs on the achievement of higher learning.

President Mills noted the time and that if the board wishes to continue the meeting, it needed a motion.

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

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for Receive.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Cal Johnson

- Expressed concerns on the environmental pollution and environmental racism occurring on the west side and would like the board to take a position on this matter and send a letter to the Air Pollution Board.

Member Nunez

- Received an informational letter from Representative Costa in regards to the SHIP program vetoed by President Bush and encourages everyone to write letters in support of that bill.

Member Ryan

- Recommends that this topic needs to be discussed privately.

Member Ryan motion to extend the meeting at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Member Nunez, which carried a 6-0-3 *with Member Vang and Student Members Vasquez and Chann departing the board meeting.*

Member Ryan

- Expressed concerns with President Mills sending emails from her personal account instead of through the district email system. She stated that her personal account is displaying virus checks and she suggests that she have that fixed to avoid any viruses being passed on to the district.

President Mills stated that the matter has been corrected.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned 10:33 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hanson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the
Board of Education