



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
DECEMBER 7, 2007**

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

Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on December 7, 2007, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Mills convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room with consultant Sarah Glover from the Center for Reform of Schools Systems.

Staff Present

Chief Information Officer Quinto, Associate Superintendents Hauser, Tucker, Chief Technology Officer Madden, and Executive Director Harris.

During the two day site visit with the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS), the Board of Education and Administration Team **REVIEWED/DISCUSSED** items listed below.

Data Dashboard

Goal:

- Provide big system indicators in key categories (student success, operations, high performing workforce, leadership, community engagement)
- Provide better information to the governing board
- An internal and external tool to promote transparency
 - Potentially to be rolled out annually at a “state-of-the-schools” address

Questions about version 28:

- Is it too long? (there might be different versions for internal and external audiences)
- Should they include a metric about the new efforts in professional learning?
 - Want to be careful to be outcome oriented. Avoid process indicators
- Where does the sensitivity/value of diversity show up on this tool?
- Why are three of 9 indicators on student success devoted to CAHSEE?

President Mills RECESSED for a BREAK at 10:00 a.m. and RECONVENED at 10:15 a.m.

Data Dashboard

Questions about version 28 – continued:

- Exactly what is the graduation rate they are using?
 - Currently using NCES. Fresno could pick a number of different ways to calculate graduation rates
- Should they include higher performing high school indicators?
 - AP, IB, participation rates for SAT or ACT? Students taking A-G course load?
- How do they know something is getting fixed when the data indicates a problem?
 - Management Oversight workshops, District accountability system; quarterly district status reports, state API
- They can't use the Data Dashboard as a weapon
 - Always has to be positioned as a tool for support
- Do they need an indicator for loss due to vandalism?

Criteria for determining whether an indicator gets on the Data Dashboard:

- Aligned with accountability system, district goals
- Data is able to be collected efficiently
- Indicator is outcome-focused
- Choose leading indicators
- Make sure Data Dashboard addresses all 5 core beliefs

Next steps:

- Sub-committee will revise tool and policy based on discussion
- Board will provide structured feedback on version 29 of Data Dashboard
- Submit to CRSS January 21
- Review at January 23 board meeting

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

Unscheduled Oral Communication

There were no speakers.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the
Board of Education