

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Fresno Unified School District**  
**September 24, 2008**

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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 September 24, 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 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5. The Board of Education reconvened at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room with Student Member Thomas present. *Student Member Facciani was absent.*

**Staff Present**

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

President Vang acknowledged the passing of Teacher Mary Stephens from Roosevelt High School on Monday, September 22 and asked for a moment of silence.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session:**

1. The Board was informed of the Administrative transfer of Teresa Morales-Young to Vice Principal on Special Assignment, Leadership Development.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Santino Danisi to Director of Fiscal Services.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Comp settlement, Case No's 99-0550;201-0425.
4. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Comp settlement, Case No. 203-1271.
5. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Comp settlement, Case No. 203-1108.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Sim, parent from Vinland Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance. She volunteered in her son's kindergarten classroom everyday last year. She attends parent meetings and participates in Vinland's PTA.

### **Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Student Representatives Tony Bracamonte, Lisa Falcon, and George Marquez from Fresno High School provided an update and reported out from the Student Board Representative meeting hosted by Fresno High School with Members Asadoorian and Mills present. He acknowledged the student ambassadors' from Wawona Middle School and Student Alex Estrada introduced his classmates and announced that Wawona has been accepted as an International Baccalaureate School. They will work hard to make the School Board, District, their parents, and teachers proud.

### **Minutes**

APPROVED, as recommended, with the corrections noted, the draft minutes for July 30, 2008, Joint meeting with the City of Fresno/Fresno Unified School District and July 30, 2008, regular meeting.

Member Davis noted a correction to the July 30 draft minutes on page 18 and Member Mills provided the Board secretary with her corrections prior to the meeting.

Member Davis moved for approval as corrected, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried an 8-0-1 vote *with Student Member Facciani absent*.

### **Dewolf High School as a Model Continuation High School**

The Board and Superintendent recognized DeWolf High School as a Model Continuation High School. DeWolf was approved as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education through March 31, 2010.

### **CSBA Recognized the Members of the Board of Education**

Scott Plotkin, Executive Director of the California School Boards Association recognized the Members of the Board of Education for their leadership and governance efforts with a particular focus on their adoption of the Core Beliefs and Commitments, Theory of Action and Board Policies which have laid the foundation for the district's focused efforts and have resulted in improved student achievement as well as the district's organizational and financial stability.

### **Superintendent Hanson reported out the following:**

- **Deadline to Purchase 'Home of Hope' Ticket is Near**  
Partnered with Granville Homes on the Home of Hope fundraiser, which has raised nearly \$1 million for local organizations since its inception in 2006 and this year's proceeds will go to the Fresno Unified Education Foundation, and the deadline to purchase a ticket is near. Tickets are available for a \$100 donation for the opportunity drawing for a new Granville home. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, and the winner will win a 2,029 square-foot home, located in the La Ventana community in northwest Fresno.

Superintendent Hanson reported – continued

- **November 15 is ‘Fresno Unified School District Employee Day’ at Fresno State Bulldog Football Game**

Fresno Unified has partnered with Fresno State Athletics to make Saturday, November 15 “Fresno Unified School District Employee Day” at Bulldog Stadium. The Fresno State Football Team will take on New Mexico State at 2 p.m. Schools and departments are encouraged to buy group tickets at a special price of \$12 each.

- **Five Digital Speed Signs Installed to Increase Safety Around Our Schools**

Reported that they have worked with the City of Fresno and the Fresno Police Department to install five digital speed signs to increase safety around the schools. The signs are being installed near Addams, Thomas, Wilson, Ericson, and Columbia schools which bring the total to 19 digital speed signs.

- **Comprehensive Anti-Bullying/Molestation Program**

As part of their ongoing and comprehensive approach to providing a safe learning and working environment at all of the campuses, they will be bringing to the Board on October 8<sup>th</sup> a new program that will reduce the incidence of bullying and molestation through the district. This program will be designed to foster a safe and accepting environment for all students, including students with disabilities. It will focus on providing effective staff training and will incorporate changes into each school’s School Improvement plans. He looks forward to the discussion that they will have on October 8<sup>th</sup> when they bring that item to the board for approval.

President Vang announced that Administration is pulling Agenda Items A-21 and B-29.

Superintendent Hanson stated that before the Board is a letter from Desert Sands Charter Concept Schools requesting the item B-29 be pulled from consideration and outlines some concerns about the process from Fresno Unified. Also, attached to the Charter letter is the superintendent’s letter in response to their concerns.

On motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Mills the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-3, A-9, A-10, A-12, and A-14, approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: Student Member Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang with *Student Member Facciani 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 September 10, 2008, Regular Board Meeting.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-3, Resolution (Senate Bill 984) Commemorating Observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day of Service Learning**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-4, Proclamation Recognizing Character Counts! Week**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Proclamation recognizing the third week of October as Character Count! 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-5, Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a Proclamation recognizing the third week of October as Red Ribbon Week. 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. No cost to the district.

**A-6, Five New Classified Job Descriptions for the Department of Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program to Meet State Certification Requirements**

APPROVED, as recommended, five newly developed job descriptions for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program:

**New**

- DHH Cued Language Transliterater (Certified): Itinerant
- DHH Oral Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant
- Instructional Assistant-Special Education (DHH Oral)
- DHH Sign Language Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant
- Instructional Assistant-Special Education (DHH Sign)

To meet the new State certification requirements, Fresno Unified School District has added the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) interpreter positions. No new funding is required. Any financial cost associated with these positions will be absorbed by Special Education Department in the 2008/09 fiscal year budget.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-7, Two New and Ten Revised Certificated Job Descriptions for the Department of Special Education**

APPROVED, as recommended, two new and ten revised job descriptions for the Department of Special Education:

New

- Physical Therapist
- Teacher, Early Intervention

Revised

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher, Orthopedically Impaired</li> <li>• Teacher, Multihandicapped Deaf/Blind (Classroom/Itinerant)</li> <li>• Teacher, Moderate/Severe (Self-Contained)</li> <li>• Teacher, Mild/Moderate (Self-Contained)</li> <li>• Teacher, Individual Small Group Instruction</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational Audiologist, Itinerant</li> <li>• Lead Educational Interpreter</li> <li>• Resource Specialist</li> <li>• Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing</li> <li>• Teacher, Adapted Physical Education</li> </ul> |
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The language of the job descriptions has been updated to reflect the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act (IDEA). The duties included in the two new job descriptions have been performed by individuals in other job classifications. The new job descriptions clarify the roles and duties that should be performed by persons in these classifications. No additional funding is required. The new positions will be funded out of the existing 2008/09 fiscal year budget. There is also no fiscal impact with the changes to the revised job descriptions as these are current positions in the Special Education budget.

**A-8, Agreement with State Center Community College District, Fresno City College, for Design Science Early College High School**

APPROVED, as recommended, an Agreement with State Center Community College District, Fresno City College to provide math and Language Arts tutorial services to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Design Science students. Fresno City College will recruit, select, hire, and train the Supplemental Instruction Leaders (SILs). SILs will work with Design Science students in their math or Language Arts classes during class time, and will receive guidance from Design Science classroom teachers. Tutoring services will commence upon approval of this agreement, and end May 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through Design Science Title I funds for a total cost of the contract, \$25,000.00.

**A-9, Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fresno's Creating a College-Going Culture**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-10, Renewal an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with e:Design, Inc. for Magnet Schools**

PULLED for discussion.

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A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-11, Agreement with the Department of Children and Family Services**

APPROVED, as recommended, an Agreement with the Department of Children and Family Services for six (6) FTE School based Mental Health Clinicians to service designated FUSD school sites. School sites were selected based on level of need using both FUSD and DCFS data. District feeder patterns were also considered to allow clinicians to work with families and siblings if warranted. The following school sites will be receiving a school-based Mental Health Clinician through DCFS for the 2008-09 school year: Fresno High School, McLane High School, Roosevelt High School, Tioga Middle School, Cooper Middle School, Yosemite Middle School, Columbia Elementary, Muir Elementary, Phoenix Elementary, Pyle Elementary, and Wilson Elementary. The agreement will commence on September 25, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. No cost to the district. In kind facilities and utilities.

**A-12, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with MicroSociety for the Magnet School Assistance Program at Tioga Middle School**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-13, Renewal Master Contract with Maxim Healthcare Services for 2008/09**

RATIFIED, as recommended, renewal Master Contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide appropriate nursing services for individual medically fragile students within FUSD. Enrollment of medically fragile students necessitates funding. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2008 and will end on July 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through the Health Services budget in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**A-14, Eight Independent Contractor Services Agreements for Athletic Trainers and Trainer Advisor on the Matrix for the Athletics Department**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-15, Amendment to Master Services Agreement with SpeakTech**

APPROVED, as recommended, an amendment to Master Services Agreement with SpeakTech to provide specialized Sharepoint development for our Student Sites as part of the Digital Portfolio Initiative in addition to Web Parts that will be utilized on multiple sites. The amount of \$85,000 was approved at the August 13, 2008 Board Meeting. The correct amount of the contract should have been \$89,766. Funding will be provided through Microsoft Vouchers for a total amount of \$4,766.00.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-16, Out of State and Out of Country Field Trips for Various Schools Outlined on the Matrix** APPROVED, as recommended, requests for approval of out of state and out of country field trips for the following sites outlined on the matrix:

- Bullard Talent – Choir to attend a choral festival in Boston Massachusetts
- Sunnyside High School – Hope Rises Club students to attend a Hope Rises field trip in Swaziland, Africa
- Sunnyside High School – Science students to attend Perismina Biological Reserve field trip in Costa Rica
- McLane High School – Cheerleaders to attend NCA National Championships in Dallas, Texas
- Fresno High School – Virtual Enterprise ROP class to attend the International Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair in Manhattan and New York City, New York
- Edison High School – French III, IV, Honors and AP students to attend a cultural and historical field trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada

Total cost of the contract as listed on the attached matrix will be paid with school student body fundraising, and out of pocket expenses for students. All chaperones will fund their own way, and there will be no cost to the district.

**A-17, Recommendations for New Board Policy 5141.26, Tuberculosis Testing**

ADOPTED, as recommended, a draft of a new Board Policy being recommended as the result of change in the County of Fresno Health Officer determination on universal screening for Tuberculosis. This policy was received at the Board of Education meeting on July 30 and is being returned for adoption. The draft policy includes:

- Board Policy 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing - New Policy

**A-18, Waiver Request for Easterby and Olmos Elementary Schools for the 2008/09 School Year in Accordance with Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement**

APPROVED, as recommended, the requests for Easterby and Olmos schools to waive *Article 20 – Hours to allow prep time to be in the work day and not the duty day*. Easterby and Olmos elementary schools are requesting approval to interchange the 45 minute block of preparation time within the Duty Day to preparation time being within the Work Day. Movement of preparation time would occur on the days identified by site administration as faculty meetings, grade level collaboration, or departmental meetings during the Work Day and as part of the twenty-seven (27) hours per semester (54 hours per year.)

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Percent Approved by Staff</u>
• Easterby	92%
• Olmos	95%

In accordance with Article 63 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, this is notice to the District that the waivers passed. The waivers must receive the support of 75% of the votes cast by members. All guidelines of the Collective Bargaining Agreement were adhered to and followed. The schedule will sunset after the 2008/2009 school year unless the staff votes for its continuance. There is no fiscal impact to the District.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-19, Change Orders for the Bullard High School Re-roofing and Mayfair Elementary School Asphalt Rehabilitation Projects**

RATIFIED, as recommended, change orders and backup information for the following bids:

1. Bid #2814, Re-roofing of Bullard High School. Change Order #1 for \$54,000.00. The new contract amount is \$1,159,000.00. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, removing and re-roofing Building “Z”.
2. Bid #2831 B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Mayfair Elementary School. Change Order #1 for \$18,599.11. The new contract amount is \$238,299.11. This change order includes, but may not be limited to, a new valley gutter and new curb and gutter.

Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the 2008/09 budget: Bid #2814, Re-roofing of Bullard High School, Change Order #1, Measure K and State Facility Program funds of \$54,000.00 and Bid #2831 B, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Mayfair Elementary School, Change Order #1, Deferred Maintenance funds of \$18,599.11.

**A-20, Bid #2803, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Air Filters**

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2803, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Air Filters line by line award consisting of 37 lines. to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Total Award</u>
• Baker Distributing, Fresno, CA	18 to 28	\$31,043.00
• Filter Pro, Clovis, CA	29 to 33	\$29,576.50
• Tri-Dim Filter Corp., Fresno, CA	34 to 37	\$9,073.00

Sufficient funds are available in 2008/09 Routine Restricted Maintenance budget and will be requested for years 2009/10 and 2010/11. The estimated annual amount is \$69,692.50.

**A-21, Request for Proposal (RFP) #2832, Comprehensive Anti-Bullying/Molestation Services**

PULLED for consideration from the agenda.

**A-22, Bid #2903, Purchase of Audio Visual and Video Equipment**

AWARDED, as recommended, to Bid #2903, for the District-wide annual purchase of audio visual and video equipment to the following lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

• ACP Direct, Dallas, TX	\$17,686.31
• Jack C. Arbuckle Co., Fresno, CA	\$8,875.55
• Best Buy Government, Richfield, MN	\$13,949.33
• IVS Computer Technology, Bakersfield, CA	\$303.47
• Troxell Communications, Fresno, CA	\$22,159.45
• Valiant IMC, So Hackensack, NJ	\$8,704.60
• Ventura TV, Fresno, CA	\$13,845.20

This is a term price agreement. Funding for the estimated expenditures, \$85,523.91, is available in individual site budgets.

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A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-23, Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Wawona Middle School Asphalt Rehabilitation and Cooper Middle School Locker Room Painting Projects**

RATIFIED, as recommended, the notices of completion for the projects listed that have been completed according to plans and specifications:

1. Bid #2823 D, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Wawona Middle School
2. Bid #2837 E, Locker Room Painting at Cooper Middle School

The 10% retention will be released after ratification of the Notice of Completion. Sufficient funds are available in the 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance Funds for both projects: Bid #2823 D, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Wawona Middle School and Bid #2837 E, Locker Room Painting at Cooper Middle School.

**A-24, Claim #08-0310-0068 for (Minor)**

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages for (Minor), #08-0310-0068. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-25, Claim #08-0722-0227 for Aureliano Lopez Rodriguez**

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages for Aureliano Lopez Rodriguez, #08-0722-0227. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-26, Claim #08-0904-0264 for Evita Lopez**

DENIED, as recommended, the Claim for Damages for Evita Lopez, #08-0904-0264. The matter has been referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-27, Purchase Orders from July 24, 2008 through August 14, 2008**

RATIFIED, as recommended, the list of purchase orders in excess of \$10,000 submitted for ratification by the Board. Purchase orders/contracts that are required by law to be competitively bid will be submitted as separate agenda items. Beginning on page three (3) is a list of purchase orders issued from July 24, 2008, through August 14, 2008. These purchase orders/contracts have been previously authorized and awarded by the Board of Education. The purchase orders/contracts are submitted for information only and are not included for ratification. Funding is noted on the backup material.

President Vang stated the Brown Act requires the public be given an opportunity to speak on matters relating to the school district's business during Board meetings and this Board welcomes public comment as designated on the agenda. Matters presented during Public Comment will be referred to the Superintendent for appropriate follow up. The Board recognizes that Public comment speakers often have very strong feelings regarding school district issues, which may involve individual school district employees or other persons. However, the Board expects all speakers to appreciate the rights of others by conducting themselves in a civil and respectful manner at all times. As Board President, I cannot permit any speaker to discuss confidential information regarding a particular student or employee and must ensure that speakers abide by their obligation to respect the rights of others. The board appreciates your observance of these principles of civility, respect and order, which will best ensure that the right of public comment is safeguarded without compromising the efficient and effective conduct of Board meetings.

### **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Jake Turner**

Expressed concerns with an unfunded mandate that the school board and prior school boards have placed only on teachers. He addressed his concern with Members Nunez and Ryan. He requested a meeting with his area assistant superintendent Smits, Member Mills who represents his area, and anyone else who is interested in the perspective of teachers and the ones directly involved with the education of the children. Teachers are working extra hours for free. Top administration don't realize this or they just don't care and neither one is acceptable to him. There is no easy solution for the district because they are dependent on teachers working on the average at least 25% longer for free. His goal is for teachers to be treated like valued professionals.

#### **Adelfa Garcia**

Expressed concerns with the need for a bilingual translator at Bullard Talent and she submitted a complaint four months ago and has had no response and would like to know what has happened to her complaint.

#### **Ernesto Cisneros**

Expressed concerns with the staff from English Learners to assist the DELAC committee in sending notification to the parents and nothing has been accomplished. He wants to know who is giving the department directions and questioned if they are being directed not to assist the committee. He requested respect for all parents.

#### **Margarita Caballero**

Requested to meet with the Board and Superintendent and the only one who returned her call was Member Nunez. The request has been made twice to meet and there has been no response to her request. She stated that the every school that has more than 20 EL students or more; the school should have an ELAC committee and a school liaison. The district needs to provide all the necessities to those committees and the executive board of DELAC. To be clear of what they are requesting, she provided the board with Ed Codes and for the Board to follow the law and meet the needs of the parents.

#### **Alicia Crispin**

Expressed concerns with her son's suspension from Jackson by the vice principal who directly informed her son that he is a problem child and he is going to have him removed from Jackson. Her son felt discriminated and she addressed her concern with the principal and there was no resolution. She is requesting that this staff member be removed from the school. She stated that no child should be treated in the manner in which her son was treated.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued**Isabel Hernandez**

Expressed concerns with the fire in the restrooms at Lane Elementary School and parents were not informed of the incident. She was informed by her daughter when she arrived from school that there was a fire in the restroom. She requested the administration be more responsible in keeping an open communication with the parents so they can better assist the school and the needs of their children.

**Jose Castro**

Provided the Board with a document requesting their attention on several matters. The federal law prohibits retaliation and this district continues to do that. He would like solutions to these concerns and is demanding answers. He stated that he is a member of the School Site Council at Kirk elementary and the principal held secret elections on her own and did not follow proper procedures. He requested the superintendent provide his administration with the necessary training and stop the misuse of categorical funds.

**Juan Carlos Chavez**

He addressed the board with his discontent and that there is a DELAC meeting tomorrow and that the information is not being provided to the representatives of the committee. He questioned the how are these representatives going to find out that there is a meeting when the information is not being provided to the members? He requested that the Board put administrators in place that can do the job. He announced there will be a DELAC meeting tomorrow and invited the Board to attend the meeting.

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

ADOPTED, as recommended, a resolution commemorating the observance of Cesar E. Chavez 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.

Administrator Resciniti provided the board with an updated on the annual adoption of the Cesar E. Chavez Resolution.

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

- Venancio Gaona thanked members of the Cesar Chavez committee and introduced Mr. Paul Chavez, son of the late Cesar Chavez.
- Paul Chavez stated that on behalf of his mother Helen and his brothers and sisters and the Cesar Chavez Foundation, he thanked the Board of Trustees, teachers and staff of Fresno Unified for the resolution that he will be receiving on behalf of his father's memory. He thanked the work of the Cesar Chavez Foundation in insuring his father's legacy continues to inspire future generations.

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

President Vang read the resolution and called for a motion. Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried roll call vote of 8-0-1 as follows: Student Member Thomas, Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Nunez, Ryan, and President Vang with *Student Member Facciani absent*. Mr. Chavez accepted the Resolution

**A-9, Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fresno's Creating a College-Going Culture**

APPROVED, as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with California State University, Fresno's Creating a College Going Culture. Key points of the MOU include:

- College Making It Happen Workshops for parents and students in our 18 FUSD Middle Schools. The program is designed to make families of middle school students aware of the importance of early academic and financial planning.
- College Ambassadors will be provided to each comprehensive high school. The ambassadors will help students complete the admission and financial aid (FAFSA) online application, review transcripts, and guide students the CSUF application process.

The MOU will commence upon Board approval and will end June 30, 2009. Total cost of the contract is not to exceed \$126,000. Secondary Education (7-12) will fund fifty percent (\$63,000.00). Costs include salary (counselor liaison), transportation of students to CSUF recruitment events, and conference fees for professional development. California State University, Fresno will fund the remaining fifty percent.

Member Nunez recommended this contract be brought up in the summer to give students an opportunity to meet with counselors. One of the possibilities to pay for this is to sign an agreement with the financial aid offices so some of the students who qualify for work study can use that as a source of income and part of the financial aid and again, students who know where they are going to be prior to the start of the semester have an opportunity to apply for the positions.

Superintendent Hanson stated that this has been a long time coming with Fresno State and Dr. Welty and staff have been working with district staff to make this come to fruition. Once the MOU is in place, the district can continue this program annually as long as there are results.

Member Nunez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried an 8-0-1 vote with *Student Member Facciani absent*.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-10, Renewal an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with e:Design, Inc. for Magnet Schools**

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with e:Design to provide recruitment materials and database upgrades for year 2 of the Magnet programs at Bullard High School, Ahwahnee Middle School, and the district office as described and approved in the 2007-2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant. Also provided are large format informational murals which will be featured in the science lab at Ahwahnee and the courtroom vestibule at Bullard. The agreement will commence October 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through the Magnet School Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$71,500 and through the Department of Prevention and Intervention in the amount of \$10,500 for a total cost of \$82,000.00.

Member Ryan addressed items A-10 and A-12 and questioned if the district has a policy or guidelines in place for the magnet grant writing that cover the inclusions of funds to promote and publicize the program and if so, how does it work?

Coordinator Hart stated that there is a Board Policy for Magnet schools and there is a section that is generic that and states “part of the magnet program includes recruitment and publicity”. When the grant is written, there are provisions made in the budget for very intensive and explicit language on the type of recruitment and activities that will be paid by the grant.

Member Ryan commented to the Board that they need to have a mini-workshop on magnet grants. But then, she noted that the Board will have a major workshop on the enrollment and includes school choice, this will be the opportunity to include magnet programs. This will provide the Board information on how all the magnets are working and the progress of the programs and are the programs achieving the purpose in the district. She would like to see an overall direction of the district and the process of approving the grants. She directed her recommendation to Superintendent Hanson for this to be part of the workshop on enrollment.

Coordinator Hart stated that they are looking forward to including this in February of 2009.

Member Ryan moved for approval of Agenda Items A-10 and A-12, seconded by Member Davis, which carried an 8-0-1 vote *with Student Member Facciani absent*.

**A-12, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with MicroSociety for the Magnet School Assistance Program at Tioga Middle School**

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with MicroSociety Inc. for the purchase of the MicroSociety curriculum and all related staff development for year 1 of the Magnet program at Tioga Middle School as described in the 2007/2010 Magnet School Assistance Program Grant. The agreement will commence on October 1, 2008 and will end June 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through the Magnet School Assistance Program grant for a total cost of \$56,750.00.

*See Agenda Item A-10 for approval of this item.*

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****A-14, Eight Independent Contractor Services Agreements for Athletic Trainers and Trainer Advisor on the Matrix for the Athletics Department**

APPROVED, as recommended, matrix outlining eight Independent Contractor Services Agreements for seven athletic trainers to perform services at Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside High Schools, and one trainer advisor. The trainers' primary functions are to provide care and prevention of athletic injuries including therapeutic rehabilitation to allow for the least loss of competitive time, while keeping the mental and physical welfare of the athlete as the top priority. The trainer advisor's duties will include overseeing, leading, and scheduling of the athletic trainers. These agreements will commence on September 25, 2008 and will end on June 30, 2009. Funding will be provided through the District Athletic budget for a total cost of \$205,275.00.

Member Johnson stated his questioned was answered and moved for approval.

Member Asadoorian commented on the commitment of this Board and district to the student athletes with the approval of these agreements and questioned if this is the first time the district has had a trainer advisor to oversee the athletic trainers?

Associate Superintendent Marinovich stated that is correct and they are excited with the partnership with Fresno State and the training with Dr. Scott Sailor who will be working closely with Fresno Unified, not only to continue furthering the professional development with these trainers, but also training others coming through the university system and providing student teaching opportunities for the college students to work with the trainers and receive extra assistance.

President Vang stated there is a motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Asadoorian, which carried an 8-0-1 vote *with Student Member Facciani absent*.

**B-28, Major Student Success Initiatives for the 2008/2009 School Year**

PRESENTED the major student success initiatives for the 2008/2009 school year. This presentation provided an overview of the key initiatives which will continue to drive student achievement and engagement. The board will have an opportunity to “go deeper” in its understanding of the most important projects the district will be focused on this year.

Superintendent Hanson reminded the Board that this is a follow-up to the recent presentation on student achievement results from the past years state testing programs. The presentation will cover on how they are supporting students socially and emotionally in the schools. They will cover four things in particular with emphasize on safe and civil schools, 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transitions, project 980/340, and top 15.

## B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

### **B-28, Major Student Success Initiatives for the 2008/2009 School Year – continued**

Associate Superintendent Tucker shared a view of how these actions improve students' lives at schools. They will see and hear about how their actions as a Board have enhanced daily life for the students in Fresno Unified School District.

The topics covered in the presentation:

- Safe and Civil Schools – *presented by Associate Superintendent Tucker and staff from school sites*
  - Universal supports for all students
  - Involved groups
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition – *presented by Assistant Superintendent Franks and staff from school sites*
  - Case Manager
  - Academic Counselor
- Project 980/340 – *presented by Assistant Superintendent Evans*
  - Counselor Role
  - Administrator Role
  - Teacher Role
  - Parent/Student Role
- Top 15 – *presented by Assistant Superintendent Evans*
  - Identify and Support High At-Risk Students who Exhibit:
    - Poor grades
    - Low attendance
    - High volume of behavior referrals

Associate Superintendent Tucker stated the system of support has two sides: the academic support side and the social & emotional support side. When both sides work in agreement, they are able to support students and ensure they progress on that path to be a career ready graduate. This work was launched at the 2006/07 Leadership Conference when they had their featured speaker, Randy Sprick. Throughout the course of the school year on informal bases, work continued at all of the school sites to support the development of safe and civil schools. The work began in support of school-wide systems for targeting common areas of the school campuses.

Associate Superintendent Tucker stated that the implementation of the safe and civil schools model provides proactive, preventative, and universal supports for all students. This model has proven effective in reducing incidents of bullying, drop-out rates, suspensions and expulsions. Long Beach Unified has enjoyed success with the implementation of the safe and civil schools model. Fresno Unified Administration has made a multi-year commitment with the expectation that every school will become a safe and civil school. Professional learning opportunities will also be provided to our substitutes and transportation department.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****B-28, Major Student Success Initiatives for the 2008/2009 School Year – continued**

Assistant Superintendent Franks provided the Board with the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition and the use of case managers and academic counselors at the school sites and their focus for the students.

Assistant Superintendent Evans provided the Board with an update on the project 980/340 and the role of the counselors, administrators, teachers, and parent/student roles. He also provided the top 15 and the purpose of this is to identify, conference, and encourage improvement in behavior and attendance and academic performance of the most highly at-risk students.

In conclusion, Associate Superintendent Tucker provided a sneak preview of the presentation coming before the Board in October focusing on the academic side of the triangle. They will discuss four initiatives that are currently underway in Fresno Unified.

- Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA)
- The Long Beach Partnership
  - Mathematics
  - English Learners
  - Leadership Development
- Focused leadership Work
- Project SUCCEED

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

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

**B-29, Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez Charter School**

PULLED for consideration from the agenda.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There are no items for receive.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Superintendent Hanson**

- Informed the Board that he will be traveling to Sacramento to attend a statewide ACSA meeting and returning the same day.
- Will be traveling with senior staff members to attend the first partnership with Long Beach.

### **Member Nunez**

- Received information on the English Learners Advisory Committee Sample bylaws and commended staff for providing the information, but recommended that the district add a statement that ‘a parent can be a member of an ELAC committee at more than one school if they have children at different school sites, but they can only represent one school at DELAC’ and they can only vote once.

Assistant Superintendent Maldonado stated that she provided the Board with general guidelines that were provided by the State and provided the information for all, because some of the elementary sites have adopted their own set of bylaws. These are the guidelines that can be initiated to develop their own.

Member Nunez elaborated further with the perception of the parents misinterpreting the bylaws.

Assistant Superintendent Maldonado stated that it’s unfortunate that a lot of the bylaws contradict not only district policies, but State Ed Code. Staff has not had the opportunity to work with the committee members to try to educate them on the bylaws as an advisory committee. She is working diligently to bring structure to the committee and help them understand their role as a DELAC committee members.

Superintendent Hanson stated that even the work that is outstanding in the Constituent Services, Administrator Arias who just came on board is trying to get everything in place. Every senior administrator has had the opportunity to try working with some of these members and it doesn’t seem to work. He is not hopeful that by clarifying some bylaws from the State Department will be adequate; but, senior staff members will continue to be patient as they work through the process.

He took the opportunity to highlight for the Board that in the near future, they will have two taskforce on English Learners and Career Tech Ed. One of the goals with the English Learners is to try to pin point what they are trying to do with the EL students and what programs will look like and what they should not look like and how the district is trying to support them and bring greater clarity to this entire arena. Until then, through bylaws and through programmatic developments and implementation, community members will continue to express their concerns about the process of not being clear.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS – continued

Member Nunez stated that the problem has been the word ‘waiver’ for parents to opt-out or in into a bilingual program, but when asked to sign a waiver, they have an impression that they are signing off their rights to make a choice. Either the district makes a change to the word or they will continue to have problems. That has been a problem for parents to understand and it becomes difficult for staff to explain.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Vang declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hanson", is written over a light yellow rectangular background.

MICHAEL E. HANSON, Secretary to the  
Board of Education