



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

**Fresno, California  
September 26, 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 September 26, 2007, there were present Members Asadoorian, Davis, Johnson, Nunez, Ryan, Vang, and President Mills. Also present was Superintendent Hanson.

President Mills convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room and immediately adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items listed on the agenda. The Board of Education reconvened at 5:45 p.m., in the Board Room with Student Members Curry and Vasquez present.

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

1. The Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Sally Fowler to Assistant Principal on Special Assignment, High School Education.
2. The Board was informed of the appointment of Mike Ribera to Principal III, Sequoia Middle School and Carver Academy.
3. The Board was informed of the appointment of Matthew Yang to Counselor, Prevention and Intervention.
4. The Board was informed of the appointment of Bee Xion to Counselor, Prevention and Intervention.
5. The Board was informed of the appointment of Boun Xiong to Counselor, Prevention and Intervention.
6. The Board was informed of the promotion of Greg Boden to Counselor, Hoover High School.
7. The Board was informed of the promotion of Katie DeViccaro to Business Services Manager, Special Education.
8. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Stephen Morris to Vice Principal II, Wawona Middle School.
9. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Joseph Di Filippo to Vice Principal II, Tenaya Middle School.
10. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Debrah Henell to Program Manager, Fresno High School.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued**

11. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Wesley Harris to Financial Analyst I, Fiscal Services.
12. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Marvin Reyes to Executive Director of Safety and Security.
13. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Laura Rheault to Counselor, Fresno High School.
14. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Marie Soto to Counselor, Duncan High School.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Lowell parent, Lupita Zamudio led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Zamudio is a valuable member of the Lowell family. She is not only a parent but a Bilingual Aide at Lowell. Ms. Zamudio serves on the English Learner Advisory Committee and volunteers her time helping teachers and tutoring students who need extra assistance.

President Mills introduced the 2007/08 Student Board Representatives Vanessa Vasquez from McLane High School, Charles Curry from Fresno High, and the Alternate Lillian Chan from Sunnyside High School.

**Student Board Representatives**

Student Representative Dang Vang from Duncan Polytechnical High School reported out from the Student Board meeting hosted at Duncan Polytechnical High School with Member Nunez present.

President Mills announced the flowers and plaque given to the Board President were from the DELAC President and parents.

On motion by Member Vang, seconded by Member Johnson the Consent Agenda, exclusive of Agenda Items: A-7 and A-10 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 12, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

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A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-3, Renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Apriant, Inc.**

APPROVED, as recommended, a renewal Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Apriant, Inc., for services related to the proposed implementation of an integrated software system for Human Resources, Payroll and Benefits. Apriant has developed a proposal to provide the additional services of assisting the Human Resources Department and Benefits and Payroll Divisions with data cleansing, infrastructure alignment, a change management plan, a training plan for both central District staff and site staff, technical expertise throughout the RFP process, including vendor selection for both the software and an implementation firm, and business process realignment to ensure the most efficient use of the new technology. This agreement will begin on September 26, 2007, and will end on December 31, 2008. Funding will be provided through Coregis Technology funding for the Human Resources, Benefits and Payroll Technology for a total cost of \$295,000.

**A-4, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Dynamic Kids, Inc.**

RATIFIED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Dynamic Kids, Incorporated, a pediatric physical therapy practice to provide collaboration to staff and families of identified children under the age of three who have gross motor needs. Fresno Unified does not employ any physical therapists at this time. This agreement began on August 1, 2007 and will end on June 30, 2008. Funding will be provided through Special Education funds for a cost of \$23,400.00.

**A-5, Independent Contractor Services Agreement with School Facility Consultants**

APPROVED, as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with School Facility Consultants for Professional Services to review, update and prepare the District's annual new construction funding eligibility with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). The consultant will also be preparing the enrollment certification/projection form and submitting it to the State to determine the District's eligibility for State funding. In addition, School Facility Consultants will assist the District in preparing modernization funding applications, determine future modernization funding eligibility, and will serve as our liaison with the OPSC on matters relating to facilities and eligibility. The contract will begin September 26, 2007 and will end June 30, 2008. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Facilities Management & Planning General Fund Budget for a total cost of \$60,000.

**A-6, Closure of Inspire Destiny Academy Charter School**

APPROVED, as recommended, the the closure of the Inspire Destiny Academy Charter School. This Board Agenda Item was submitted for receipt at the September 12 Board meeting. The Executive Director for the Charter, Jon Morse, submitted communication regarding the notification to dissolve Heritage International Charter School, Inc. and to no longer pursue the opening of Inspire Destiny Academy Charter School. There is no fiscal impact to the District on this item.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

**A-7, 2007/08 Gann Limit**  
PULLED for discussion.

**A-8, Reappointment of Members to Measure K Oversight Committee**  
APPROVED, as recommended, the reappointments of:

- Jerry Bird
- Roy Kloose

Mr. Bird and Mr. Kloose have excellent attendance records for Committee meetings. Approval of these reappointments will ensure no disruption in their service to the Measure K Oversight Committee. There is no fiscal impact to the District.

**A-9, Resolution 2007-01a, Approving Authority to Enter Into Agreement to Acquire Federal Aid for Purchase of Compressed Natural Gas Buses**

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 2007-01a, authorizes the Superintendent, the Associate Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer, or the Executive Director of Purchasing to execute Agreement No. 06-6336 and related Program Supplement(s) for the engineering, purchase and installation of compressed natural gas fueling equipment at the District's Service Center. The District has been awarded a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for the purchase of six compressed natural gas powered school busses. This resolution is an amendment to Resolution 2007-01 in that Resolution 2007-01a names the specific agreement number as requested by the granting authority. Funds will be provided from the grant. Anticipated expenditures will be from the current fiscal year, 2007/08.

**A-10, Approval of Change Order #2 to Bid #2732, Installation of Roofing and Renewal Systems for King Elementary School**

PULLED for discussion.

**A-11, RFP Bid # 2800, Ultra Mobile Laptop for Student Learning**

AWARDED, as recommended, Bid #2800, Ultra Mobile Laptop for Student Learning to the following lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

- HPM Networks \$666,151.20

Sufficient Technology funds have been budgeted set aside in reserve for the lease of these laptops over four years. Anticipated expenditures will be a total of \$666,151.20 distributed over 3 years beginning with FY07/08 until FY 11/12.

**A-12, Purchase Orders from August 3, 2007 through August 19, 2007**

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

**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION****Jake Turner**

Thanked the school board for having a used pencil sharpener installed in his classroom two days after the request at the last school board meeting. He also questioned the bill paid for by Superintendent Hanson for liquor at Long Island Bar and Grill. He stated the following items: 1) no FUSD administrator can be trusted; 2) requested assistance for installation of a Smart Board and projector sitting on the floor for the past two months and has four computers in his classroom that don't even work and in this year's budget, he was told that he has zero dollars for classroom supplies; and 3) mentions a letter to the editor from Member Davis describing a wide array of support from many groups including the Fresno Teachers Association. She failed to mention that without FTA, she would not have been elected. She told teachers that she agreed with them on the same issues in their negotiations, she lied and they will no longer support her.

**Jose Castro**

He would like the board to investigate how the funds are being used in the English Learners office. There are employees working for the High Schools in the English Learners Services office and have nothing to do with the English Learners.

**Ernesto Cisneros**

Questioned how is the board going to approve the budget for the year 2006/2007 if it hasn't been reviewed by the public or the auditors? His recommendation is that the district needs to inform the parents and others before it is approved.

**Esmeralda Diaz**

She introduced herself as the President of DELAC and would ask for the board's support to come and visit one of their meetings. It would be an honor if Superintendent Hanson could attend; a lot of parents have asked if he could be there.

**Jim Horn**

Teachers put in a lot of time and money out of their own pockets and it's hard to believe that after 17 months the contract has not been settled yet. They currently have a 7 hour duty and 8 hour workday, a lot of teachers spend more than 7 to 8 hours at school by choice. He just spent \$80 of his own money for fans, the rooms are very hot, and this is not good for kids. He expressed concerns with material being run off at the school site and he does not see any connection to school. He questioned the principal about this and he was told that direction came from downtown. Are school sites becoming the printing press for the public and using school funds to do this?

**Meher Chekerdemian**

He stated that he is one of those that requested the Public Relations department announce the event the first time ever, the Armenian Grand Festival. No one ever said, to his knowledge, to print and send them to the homes but he did want them to announce it the event. There are a lot of students of Armenian decent in the classroom and he felt it's good for their moral and ego, plus he provided a lot of historical educational information on Armenian culture to them. When he found out that this had happened he informed the Public Relations department that whatever expenses were involved that he would reimburse them so as not to come out of the school budget. The Armenian community does not take money away from the schools; they donate it.

**Joe Barron**

Communication is lacking between the operational divisions of this district and the public. The district doesn't seem to be facilitating the kind of trust that is necessary to conduct business. As a parent of a child who receives services, he feels that communication will work if people engage in it. Hopefully, everyone will attend, as permitted, the family leadership conference this weekend. He thanked Superintendent Hanson for allowing Assistant Superintendent Jones to avail himself to him and engage in several communications between himself and a variety of other people to collect information for the annual CAC report.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION – continued**Olga Valle**

A few weeks ago she tried to visit her son's high school, Fresno High School. After many contacts she was scheduled by the secretary to visit the school. When she arrived at the school site, she was told that she didn't work there and that it was not authorized. She stated that she did not have a lot of time to visit since she works for the district, the office staff at Fresno High were very rude and questioned her site visits. She felt they bullied and tried to intimidate her and is this the way the Superintendent directs his administrators to treat their parents?

President Mills stated that a request from the public was made to move one of the agenda items out of order (B-20) and Member Ryan stated that the main focus was to address student achievement first. Members Davis, Asadoorian, and Vang, concurred with Member Ryan and the items remained in the order placed on the agenda.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA****A-7, 2007/08 Gann Limit**

ADOPTED, as recommended, Resolution 2007-13 for adopting the District's Gann Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2007/08.

Member Nunez questioned why the resolution was not included with a roll call vote and requested a roll call vote.

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

**A-10, Approval of Change Order #2 to Bid #2732, Installation of Roofing and Renewal Systems for King Elementary School**

RATIFIED, as recommended, Change Order #2 to Bid #2732 for the Installation of Roofing and Renewal Systems for King Elementary School. Change Order #2 to Bid #2732 includes the furnishing of all labor, material and equipment necessary to apply sprayed polyurethane roofing and coating to portables at King Elementary School for the amount of \$19,200.00. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2007/08.

Member Johnson questioned the mold at King Elementary School and whether the new systems will remove the alleged mold problems in the classrooms?

Executive Director Klang stated that it is the intent to improve indoor air quality in the subject classrooms that they did the roofing on.

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

Student Member Curry departed the board meeting at 8:00 p.m. With the departure of Student Member Curry, Alternate Student Member Chhan stepped in.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****B-14, Current Status of the Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education Program**

This presentation covered an overview of the elementary and secondary programs, providing course offerings, and an update on the work regarding the funds available for the arts and physical education. Because the Arts and Physical Education significantly contribute to students' well-being they are critical instructional components for our schools and an integral part of our students' educational experience.

Associate Superintendent Tucker and Administrator Resciniti provided the board with information on the Visual and Performing Arts and the Physical Education (P.E.) program. The district received a one-time block grant of \$5.5 million dollars, for K-12. This grant can be carried over for a number of years and the district is currently developing a multi-year plan. And in an on going funding area in visual and performing arts, also K-12, is \$1.1 million and in PE covering grades k-8, also on going funding, is \$35,000 per school. This is a competitive funding grant and the district has submitted for all of our K-6 and 7-8 schools which totals to 80 schools. Selection process will begin in October. That funding is specifically allocated for personnel, people who can actually teach PE. As reported the elementary schools have a 200 minute requirement, which is a challenge but they meet that challenge every year in the annual survey. Secondary requirement is 400 minutes every 10 school days.

Member Vang questioned the instructional minutes and if the 400 minutes for every ten days is currently being implemented?

Administrator Resciniti stated that it is and that at the secondary schools, its 40 minutes per day and all of the schools run a 45 minute period.

Member Vang questioned what is the district doing for those students who refuse to participate in P.E.?

Administrator Resciniti stated that P.E. grades are dependent on dressing out and participating, teachers allow students to make it up, just like any other class, during different times of the day and afterschool.

Member Vang questioned what is the district doing to hire Performing Art and PE teachers?

Administrator Resciniti stated that the district's partnerships help the district recruitment efforts, also post open positions on the district's website and go state wide with this and use the district's own network to get names.

Member Davis questioned when will these departments see some funds coming into the sites?

Administrator Resciniti stated that the district will first prioritize that funding, the district is currently midway through that and then determine what are the district's high needed areas, what schools have nothing, what schools need instrument repairs, the district wants to be able to do a good job at distributing these funds so that those funds will come again. The district's high need areas will be addressed first.

Member Ryan questions the sustainability of the funds?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-14, Current Status of the Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education Program - continued**

Administrator Resciniti stated that at the elementary level when they team up the artist with the classroom teacher and the artist goes away that classroom teacher still possesses that knowledge to carry it forward. At the secondary level they too will go through training.

Member Ryan stated that the district needs to include all of music of the cultures of the schools and community.

Administrator Resciniti stated that the framework for the Visual and Performing Arts currently is in support of that and is part of the standards.

Member Nunez stated that the biggest complaint that some of the elementary school teachers have is the demands of No Child Left Behind and now the SAIT leaves very little room for Physical Education. What is the district going to work to overcome this or is the district going to continue to ignore it?

Administrator Resciniti stated what is currently being done, through teacher professional development is that structural movement is being implemented throughout the school day, such as, waiting in line, fire drills and a unit on good healthy eating.

Member Nunez questioned is the district addressing needs of student health? He feels the district is not providing a plan on how to improve their health or physical movements and is the district going to go into that?

Administrator Resciniti stated that is absolutely included in the standards now and the fitness is mandated at grades 5, 7 and 9.

Member Nunez stated that a large district like ours should have more than one Bullard Talent, is there any thought in planning to look into that direction? Not all kids from the southeast or southwest side want to go up to Bullard everyday so they don't apply. The district needs to provide that kind of an opportunity for every student in the district.

Administrator Resciniti stated that certainly the district can do that, at the boards' direction, and that would be at a larger scope than our current work right now.

Member Johnson concurred with Member Nunez and he feels that the P.E. part is very important in combination with the diet will make a healthier America for our students and the community.

Student Member Vasquez questioned why Forensics was not included in the Visual Arts category? She stated that she is currently on the debate and forensic team and according to the qualifications that was presented; there are certain subcategories of forensics that are defined and meet every single one of these standards and questioned why these are considered art credits?

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-14, Current Status of the Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education Program - continued**

Administrator Resciniti stated that it has to meet all five and if the district can look at revising the course of study so that it does meet all five then the district can offer credit. The decision making as to whether it meets the course credit is at the UC board of regents level and it is out of the district's hands but knowing these five areas, the district has the ability to now look at that course.

Member Asadoorian stated that she is getting bombarded daily with phone calls on quick fixes. She is addressing with the band director at Bullard Talent and he has 75 beginning band students and he can't outfit them with instruments.

Administrator Resciniti stated that the district has energy rebate money from last year that Superintendent Hanson designated as K-8 music. Bullard Talent along with every site received an instrument if not more.

Member Asadoorian questioned if the \$5.5 million is going to be split down the middle?

Administrator Resciniti stated that the allocation will be determined with the help of the board, 6 teacher committees, and the County Office. The high needs area will be addressed in the next month or two. It was the consensus of the group that in order to build a successful music program that it needed to begin at the elementary level.

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

- Olga Valle stated that it has to be mandated to have P.E., especially the way the curriculum is now. Teachers that do have P.E. are questioned as to where they are taking the time from Math or Language arts? Some schools aren't doing science either.

**B-15, Resolution in the Matter of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials per (Ed Code 60119)**

ADOPTED, as recommended, the Resolution in the Matter of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials stating whether each pupil, including English language learners, has standards aligned textbooks and instructional materials in the subject areas: English Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Science, Science, Health (grades 7-12), Foreign Language (grades 7-12) and Science equipment in grades 9-12. A survey to determine sufficient instructional materials at each school site was administered at the K-12 level. Funding will be provided by the Williams Settlement and State textbook allocation budgets.

Administrator Resciniti provided a brief summary of the matter of sufficiency of instructional materials per (Ed Code 60119) and stated that all schools were visited and found compliant.

President Mills opened the public hearing and hearing none, closed the public hearing.

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

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-16, Change the Board of Education Meeting Date for November, 2007**

APPROVED, as recommended, to change the Board of Education meeting date scheduled for November 28, 2007 to November 7, 2007 to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Comment was made by President Mills.

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

Member Nunez requested if Agenda Item B-20 can be moved up.

President Mills moved the order of the agenda as follows: B-20, B-17, and B-18.

**B-20, Issues Related to Perceived Discrimination, Retaliation, and Arbitrary Decision-Making**

Bishop John A. Sims, Chairperson of the Education Committee for the NAACP, Local 1038 Branch and Kelly Nelum provided the Board with information of a general nature regarding the foregoing issues. Ms. Nelum stated that some of the areas discussed today saw some progress and she applauds that, but need to re-channel that professionalism that is gearing the other kids to where they need to be to some of the underlying areas, specifically West Fresno. Race and economics is an issue with education, especially with under performing schools and again specific to West Fresno. On the behalf of the West Fresno community and the NAACP Local 1038 Branch and as president of this organization I am obliged to grant your request for the three weeks and then they can offer their true blue print affirming the circumstances that she and Superintendent addressed.

Bishop Sims stated that in the future when they request to be placed on the agenda; they would like to be placed at the beginning of the agenda and not at the end.

**B-17, Professional Learning Policy Draft**

DISCUSSED the current draft of the Professional Learning Policy in preparation of submitting a draft to the Center for Reform of School systems.

Executive Director Harris presented the professional learning policy draft and opened the discussion to the board to hear input.

Member Ryan presented first draft to the board and any changes would be submitted on September 30<sup>th</sup> to CRS.

Member Nunez questioned if there was any way they could have received it earlier?

Member Ryan stated it was just finished last night.

Superintendent Hanson stated that the policies centering on reform are a big undertaking, and that they want to make sure that the two drafts meet the CRS deadline. This in turn would signal to the public another big topic area of policy conversation that will take a multitude of months, and would not be enacted until Spring of 2008.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-17, Professional Learning Policy Draft – continued**

Member Vang suggested they take it home and review it and bring back to this meeting.

President Mills stated this was not an action item but one of discussion.

Superintendent Hanson encouraged all members to read through the draft a multitude of times and while they're out at campuses and listen to professional learning and professional development conversations to bring back ideas to the board.

Member Ryan stated that they're talking about requiring the people in the organization not to just do their work differently but to think differently about the nature and the purpose of their work.

Member Johnson commented on a visit to Pyle school and that he was impressed with the coaches working with the teachers. This is reflecting the kinds of things they talked about at the board level and are being implemented on the campus.

Superintendent Hanson complemented Maria Maldonado for working with the instructional coach teams this last year.

Member Nunez questioned the goal setting towards meeting the standards like API or the state standards of education to approve the achievement level of all our students.

Superintendent Hanson commented that the reason for professional learning is to meet the target and goal setting. And the development of everybody is in tune with the overall goals.

**B-18, Unaudited Actual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006/07**

APPROVED, as recommended the 2006/07 Unaudited Financial Report for Fresno Unified School District. This report represents the actual revenues, expenditures, and ending fund balance for all the District's funds ending fiscal year June 30, 2007. Each year the District must submit the Unaudited Actual Financial Report to the Fresno County Office of Education by September 15th.

Administrator Canfield provided the board with the report on the Unaudited Actual Financial Report. The results of the Districts Unaudited Actuals are positive, net revenues versus expenditures for the unrestricted general fund are approximately \$200,000 change from projections, the unrestricted general fund reserve is stable and includes \$13 million in funds for the current salary offered to FTA as well as funds earmarked for technology and facility improvements from the Coregeis settlement. Additionally, the filing date is September 15<sup>th</sup>, however, on September 12 we contacted the Director of Finance at the Fresno County office of Education she indicated that the district would be fine as long as we filed before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued****B-18, Unaudited Actual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006/07 – continued**

Superintendent Hanson commented on the \$2.2 million increase on classified salary, they know that sometimes it takes a long time to fill vacant positions thus causing some savings. The fact that number has gone up means that not as many jobs are open for as long. It is an increase cost but it means we have more people in place doing the work. The next point was on the decrease in our unfunded liability, after settling the contract for 05 and the set up JHMB, the district went from \$1.1 billion to \$793 million and that dropped to the mid \$750 million which is a \$40 million difference that they don't have to worry about now. The last thing, on page 6 there is a difference of approx. \$200,000 in a billion dollar budget speaks to the quality of the work in fiscal services.

Member Ryan stated that people in the community are saying that the district has \$91 million somewhere, could staff shed some light on that and where that figure may be coming from?

Administrator Canfield stated that first report for the general fund, unrestricted and restricted, form 01 page 2 shows the ending balance, the total together is \$92.8 million for the whole general fund. Of that, \$27.1 million is restricted funds for specific purposes, the unrestricted balance is \$65.7 million, and these funds are set aside for technology, facilities improvement, for FTA offer and various other reasons.

Member Ryan stated that she wants the district to bring to the attention of the public about the COLA and utility increases. Also the reserve levels, she noticed that the workers comp recommended levels by the actuaries is \$41 million and are at \$42 million and they've got \$25 million so they're short. She questioned what is the plan for getting that up to where the actuaries are recommend?

Administrator Canfield stated that through the County Office of Education, the plan up to 2009/2010, is that the district will get up to the \$41.6 million.

Member Ryan also pointed out that the report shows a \$750 million dollar short fall in the retiree benefits, the district needs to continue to put money into that.

President Mills questioned the reserves for economic uncertainties which is at 5.14%, the board asked for a reserve of 4% and wants to know the dollar amount of that difference.

Administrator Canfield stated that the total expenditures for 2006/2007 are \$643 million and the budget for 2007/2008 is \$727 million so when the district immediately turned over to 2007/2008 that 5.14% comes down to 4.6%.

President Mills questioned the unrestricted contributions towards restricted programs, the district is showing a contribution from the general fund of over \$14 million into special education and presumably getting ADA for those students, is this amount over and above the allotted amount?

Administrator Canfield stated that yes, the district does transfer ADA generated funds for special education students, the report shows the ADA transfer of \$12.2 million to Special Education, the \$14.7 million is after the transfer with the other costs that have for that program because of the underfunding from the federal government.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

**B-18, Unaudited Actual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006/07 – continued**

President Mills questioned the contract that the district entered into with Clovis Unified to service their special education students and is the district charging Clovis a proportionate share of this additional contribution?

Administrator Canfield stated that the district charges them for the services provided and have a formula that has worked out. The amount received from Clovis Unified is approximately \$300,000.

Member Asadoorian stated that Fresno and Clovis Unified are working out a plan to phase that out. She also doesn't recall that the board asking for a 4% reserve. Through consensus of the board an unrealistic 2% was agreed upon with the board knowing that this would be too little and expected the reserve to be above 4%.

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

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There are no items for RECEIVE.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member Johnson**

- Heard from the community and the need to move forward with a new middle school for West Fresno. The Ad hoc committee needs to start looking at sites.

Superintendent Hanson announced that at the Facilities Ad hoc committee meeting the recommendations would be one of the long-standing needs for a middle school.

**Member Nunez**

- Recommendation for a Blue Ribbon committee.
- The need for a crossing guard at Jefferson and Birney Schools.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 P.M.**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, President Mills declared the meeting adjourned 9:34 p.m.



MICHAEL E. HANSON, SECRETARY to the  
Board of Education