

AGENDA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007, 2:30 P.M.

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PLEASE NOTE - *DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES

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TRANSLATION SERVICES: Available in Spanish and Hmong in the Board Room upon request.

***2:30 P.M., CALL TO ORDER** by the President; **RECESS** to Cabinet Room for Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions pursuant to Education Code Section 35146
2. Student Waivers for California High School Exit Exam for Special Education and 504 Students pursuant to Education Code Section 35146
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6; FUSD Negotiator(s): Kim Mecum; Employee Organization(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Building & Construction Trades Council of Fresno, Madera, Kings, and Tulare Counties/AFL-CIO; Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees
4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation
5. Public Employment/Appointment: - Government Code Section 54957
 - a. *Chief Information Officer*
 - b. *Guidance Learning Coordinator/CLC*
 - c. *Maintenance Services Manager*
 - d. *Program Manager*
 - e. *Project Manager*
 - f. *Principal III's*
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - (Government Code Section 54956.9(a).)
 - a. *Jesse Estrada v. FUSD Workers Compensation Settlement – Case No. 97-0269*
 - b. *Janett Stephens v. FUSD Workers Compensation Settlement – Case No. 99-0232*
 - c. *Paul Disario v. FUSD Risk Management/Discussion – Case No. 06 CE CG 00780*

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

7. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - *Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)*
a. *Title of Position: Superintendent*

5:30 P.M., RECONVENE and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hamilton parent, Milagro Macias will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Macias exemplifies what school should be about: sacrifice, guidance and care. She promotes parent involvement at Hamilton.

APPROVE Minutes

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for the December 27, 2006, Special Meeting, January 10, 2007, Regular Meetings. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

An opportunity is provided to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives from McLane High School. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

RECOGNIZE Edison High School - Recipient of the 2007 California Distinguished School Award

The Board and Superintendent would like to recognize Edison High School who has been honored with the 2007 California Distinguished School award. Principal Rick Lopez and staff will attend the Distinguished Schools Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 18, 2007 in Anaheim to accept this prestigious award. Contact person: Susan Bedi, telephone 457-3732.

ALL CONSENT AGENDA items are considered to be routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. The Superintendent recommends approval or adoption of the following, with a roll call vote:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, APPROVE Personnel List

Included in the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

The Board of Education received and considered the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the April 11, 2007, Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Peter Summers, telephone 457-3340.

A-3, APPROVE the Waiver Requests for a Group of Special Education and 504 Students for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

The Board of Education received a group of waiver requests from District administration on the certification for accommodations/modifications for Special Education and 504 students for the California High School Exit Exam as per Board Policy 6162.52. A list of pupils, their identifying number, and supporting evidence is maintained in the Board of Education Office. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3538.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-4, ADOPT Proclamation Proclaiming May 9, 2007 as Day of the Teacher

Included in the Board binders is a resolution proclaiming May 9, 2007, as the Day of the Teacher. Teachers provide valuable instruction and support to students, faculties and schools in Fresno Unified School District. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Susan Bedi, telephone 457-3733.

A-5, Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to Protect Childrens' Health with Standards for New Mega-Dairies to Limit Air Pollution and Groundwater Contamination

Included in the Board binders is a Resolution Supporting the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to Protect Childrens' Health with Standards for New Mega-Dairies to Limit Air Pollution and Groundwater Contamination. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the District. Contact person: Michael Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

A-6, APPROVE Revised Vehicle Utility Worker Job Description

Included in the Board binders is the revised job description; Vehicle Utility Worker, which reflects the duties, skills, and abilities consistent with current expectations. There are two Vehicle Utility Worker positions in Maintenance, one assigned to work on the bus side and one on the auto shop side. In late 1996, Maintenance moved the auto shop from the former Maintenance location on Kings Canyon to the current facility on Brawley. One of the two Vehicle Utility Workers was reassigned to work on the auto shop side. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The net budget effect would be an increase in pay of \$5,735.69 per position or \$11,471.36 for both. Transportation and Maintenance would absorb these increases without a budget augmentation. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3547.

A-7, RATIFY an Addendum to the Independent Contract Service Agreement with Educational Management Services (EMS) for Bakman Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is an addendum to an Independent Contract Services Agreement with Educational Management Services (EMS) to provide a fourth intern that was needed for the fourth kindergarten class that was formed after the school year had begun. The expected outcomes will be that Kindergarten students will receive intensive intervention instruction in order to improve academic achievement. The intern will be utilized to meet the needs of the specifically identified students and will provide instructional support to the classroom teachers at Bakman Elementary School. The agreement began October, 2006 and will end May 1, 2007. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Title I funds in the amount of \$4,916.00. Contact person: Elva Coronado, telephone 457-3754.

A-8, APPROVE an Agreement with Creative Touch Hair Accessories for Fresno Adult School

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Creative Touch Hair Accessories for use of their facility located at 4670 N. El Capitan, Suite 206, as a training site for Fresno Adult School's Office Assistant Program. Students enrolled in the program will gain experience in general office procedures and computer programs. This agreement will begin on April 26, 2007 and end on June 30, 2010. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the District. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-9, APPROVE Employment Agreement for Acting Chief Financial Officer

Included in the Board binders is an employment agreement between the Governing Board of Fresno Unified School District and Ronald R. Fortson. Mr. Fortson will serve as Acting Chief Financial Officer during the absence of Ruth Quinto due to her maternity leave. The contract term begins May 7, 2007, and ends June 29, 2007, for a total of \$26,000 payable in equal installments over the May and June payrolls. In addition, the District shall provide a Temporary Subsistence Allowance in the amount of \$9,000. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds of approximately \$35,000 have been budgeted for and are available in the 2006/2007 budget. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

A-10, APPROVE Renewal Petition for Valley Preparatory Academy Charter

Included in the Board binders is the charter renewal petition from Valley Preparatory Academy Charter (VPA), for five years commencing July 1, 2007. The Public Hearing for the Valley Preparatory Academy Charter Renewal Petition was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. The District's Charter Review Team and legal counsel have reviewed the final charter renewal document and recommended changes have been included in this final document. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-11, APPROVE Out of State Field Trip to Reno, Nevada for Hoover Jazz Ensemble

Included in the Board binders is a Request for Approval of Field trip to allow 23 Hoover Jazz Ensemble students to travel to Reno, Nevada to attend the Reno Jazz Festival April 26 – 29, 2007 (two school days). The group will be chaperoned by three Hoover teachers (2 male, 1 female). Students will have the opportunity to observe other top ranked ensembles from around the country, and will perform in the festival. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Students will pay out of their own pockets \$138.26 for lodging, a total of \$3,179.98. Students will also pay for their own meals. Parent volunteers will drive the students to the event; transportation costs will be paid from Booster fundraising monies. All chaperone costs will be out of pocket. All parent drivers will complete the Volunteer Transportation Agreement, and be fingerprinted as mandated by the District. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A-12, APPROVE the Submission of a Grant Application for the Annual Indian Education

Included in the Board binders is an Application for the Annual Indian Education Grant under Title VII , No Child Left Behind Act, 2001. During the 2007-2008 school year, approximately 621 Native American students will be served through a variety of academic support activities. The estimated allocation for 2007-2008 is \$126,951. The 2007-2008 school year will be the first year of a five-year project. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Estimated allocation is \$126,951 under Title VII, No Child left Behind Act, 2001. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-13, APPROVE Submission of a Grant Application to the California Department of Mental Health for the Early Mental Health Initiative

Included in the Board binders is an Application to the California Department of Mental Health for the Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) program. The program is designed to provide services to students in grades K-3 who are experiencing mild to moderate school adjustment problems, but do not need counseling or professional mental health services. The grant includes direct services to student's one-on-one using models of demonstrated effectiveness at Del Mar, Forkner, Greenberg, McCardle, Powers, Robinson, Williams, and Winchell elementary schools. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Each school may receive up to \$40,000 per year to implement this program. Matching funds will be provided through in-kind district staff, materials, space, and staff time devoted to the project by the Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A-14, APPROVE Submission of a Grant Application to the Fresno Regional Foundation for the Lowell Heroes Program

Included in the Board binders is an Application to the Fresno Regional Foundation for the Lowell Heroes Program to fund a student character development program and enhance the quality of life in community neighborhoods. Students experiencing behavioral, academic, or home difficulties will be referred to the program by teachers and administrators. The program will provide students with lessons in: trust, citizenship, compassion, fairness, and responsibility, working with mentors provided by the Neighborhood Resource Center at Lowell Elementary School. Students will participate in community-based projects such as community clean up, graffiti abatement, and volunteering at the Lowell Thanksgiving Feast. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: All program costs will be provided through the grant funds in the amount of \$50,000. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A-15, APPROVE Submission of a Grant Application to the California Department of Education for the Physical Education Teacher Incentive Program (PETIP)

Included in the Board binders is an Application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the Physical Education Teacher Incentive Program (PETIP). PETIP, authorized under Assembly Bill 1811, provides \$40 million statewide for the hiring of credentialed physical education teachers to provide physical education instruction for students in grades K-8. All K-8 schools are eligible to receive funding and will be randomly selected by the CDE. The District will receive \$35,000 for each school selected. Funds are ongoing and may be used only for the purpose of hiring credentialed physical education teachers. The District will submit an application for all elementary and middle schools in the district. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The District will receive \$35,000 on behalf of each selected school. Grant funds will cover all program costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A-16, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 5

Included in the Board binders is Budget Revision No. 5. Periodic updates to the District's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 5 includes adjustments necessary to support the acceptance of various grant awards, and other fund adjustments. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The following items are included for Board consideration in Budget Revision No. 5 in the General Fund. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-17, ADOPT Resolution No. 2007-07, Refunding of 1995 General Obligation Bond Series H**
Included in the Board binders is Resolution No. 2007-07, providing for the issuance and sale of 2007 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$11,000,000 to refund outstanding 1995 General Obligation Bonds, Series H, which were originally issued in 2003. Federal law permits the 2003 Bonds to be refunded at this time on a tax-exempt basis because 1) the 2000 COPs were fully redeemed on March 1, 2007, and 2) the 2003 Bonds will be redeemed in full on August 1, 2007, which is within 90 days of the closing of the new issue. The refunding is being structured so that all of the savings will be returned to the taxpayers through reduced debt service. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: After the initial cost of issuance, approximately \$272,000 the estimated savings of approximately \$930,000 for the taxpayers of Fresno County is expected. Measure A was approved by voter electorate of March 7, 1995. Contact person: Ruth Quinto, telephone 457-6226.
- A-18, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2704-B, Exterior Painting at Winchell Elementary School**
Included in the Board binders is the Notice of Completion for Bid #2704-B. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Project completed and funded with Deferred Maintenance Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.
- A-19, RATIFY Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2708, Portable Additions at Terronez Middle & Aynesworth Elementary Schools**
Included in the Board binders is Change Order #1 to Bid #2708 to provide and install metal roof flashing and new wood siding on portables at Terronez Middle School. The amount of this Change Order is \$2,574.50.00. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Developer Fee Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2007. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.
- A-20, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2708, Addition of Portables at Terronez Middle School and Aynesworth Elementary School**
Included in the Board binders is the Notice of Completion for Bid #2708. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Project completed and funded with Developer Fee Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-21, AWARD Bid #2723, Asphalt Rehabilitation at Addicott School (A), Ericson Elementary School (B), Calwa Elementary School (C), Rata School (D), & Manchester Gate School (E)
Included in the board binders is information on Bid #2723 for the replacing and repair of existing asphalt surfaces at Addicott School, Ericson Elementary School, Calwa Elementary School, Rata School and Manchester Gate School. The Superintendent recommends award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A – Addicott School	Seal Rite Paving & Grading	\$146,311.00
B – Ericson Elementary School	Central Valley Asphalt	\$62,400.00
C – Calwa Elementary School	Garcia Paving Company, Inc.	\$320,000.00
D – Rata School	Central Valley Asphalt	\$194,000.00
E – Manchester Gate School	Cruco Construction	\$287,500.00

Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Measure K and Deferred Maintenance Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2007/08. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-22, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 1, 2007 through March 14, 2007

Included in the Board binders is a listing of purchase orders, in excess of \$10,000, submitted for ratification by the Board. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA
(Roll Call Vote)**

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, an opportunity is provided for individuals to address the Board on topics within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board not listed on this agenda. If you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, please do so when that item is called. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, with a total of thirty (30) minutes designated for this portion of the agenda. Time limitations are at the discretion of the President of the Board. Individuals with questions on school district issues may submit them in writing. The Board will automatically refer to the Superintendent any formal requests that are brought before them at this time. The appropriate staff member will furnish answers to questions.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

6:30 P.M.

B-23, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Proposed Capital Improvements to Bullard High School Facilities Including a New Pool, New Track and Improvements to Existing Football and Soccer Fields with the Facilities Improvement Group (FIG)

An opportunity will be provided for FIG representatives to present and discuss various improvements to the athletic facilities at Bullard High School which this community group is proposing the District to initiate at this particular school site. This item was placed on the agenda at the request of FIG as per Education code section 35145.5. Contact person: Michael Hanson, telephone 457-3882.

7:00 P.M.

B-24, DISCUSS APPROVE the Core Beliefs and Commitments Policies

Included in the Board binders are the Board's Core Beliefs and Commitments Policies. These final drafts reflect the work done by the Board at the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) Board workshops on April 18 & 19, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

7:10 P.M.

B-25, DISCUSS and APPROVE Constituent Service Policy

Included in the Board binders is the final draft of the Constituent Service Policy. The final draft reflects the work done by the Board at the Center for Reform of Schools Systems (CRSS) Board workshops on April 18 & 19, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Linda Hauser, telephone 457-3887.

7:20 P.M.

B-26, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Management Oversight and Board Workshops Policies

Included in the Board binders are final drafts of the Board Policies on Management Oversight and Board Workshops. The final drafts reflect the work done by the Board at the Center for Reform of Schools Systems (CRSS) Board workshops on April 18 & 19, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

7:30 P.M.

B-27, DISCUSS Communication Plan for New Board Policies

Included in the Board binders is the draft Communication Plan for New Board Policies. The draft reflect the work done by the Board at the Center for Reform of Schools Systems (CRSS) Board workshops on April 18 & 19, 2007. Contact person: Vincent Harris, telephone 457-3816.

7:50 P.M.

B-28, DISCUSS the Board Meetings and Committees Policy

Included in the Board binders are the drafts for Board Meetings and Committees Policy. Contact person: Vincent Harris, telephone 457-3816.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

8:10 P.M.

B-29, PRESENT Targeted Improvement Actions: Taking a Deeper Look - What's the Story?

Fresno Unified has aligned and targeted resources (time, money, people, materials, facilities) toward identified district and school goals. As a result of the 2006-07 Budget Development process the Board identified five strategic areas of focus: (1) comprehensive academic support; (2) comprehensive social/emotional support; (3) highly skilled workforce; (4) safe schools; and (5) broad array of opportunities for our students. District investments were balanced and over \$40 million were directed toward increasing student achievement and accelerating the learning of every child through targeted improvement actions in support of these five areas. Differentiating school support was an important factor in the development of the targeted actions since the needs of students, staff and the communities are not the same at every site. Additionally, the District has an obligation to provide additional and differentiated support to school sites, most specifically to Program Improvement Schools Year 3 and beyond. Contact person: Linda Hauser, telephone 457-3887.

8:35 P.M.

B-30, PRESENT Proposed High School Bank Branch/Partnership with County Bank

Fresno County Bank is proposing to form a partnership with Fresno Unified School District to establish a small, functional, student-run branch bank at McLane High School. This concept has had great success in Milwaukee and Chicago. A team of County Bank officials and a team from FUSD visited the Milwaukee and Chicago school branches on March 12 and 13 with officials from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which is also involved and supportive of the program. The program is designed to enrich the school curriculum with financial education, teach business skills and thrift while providing students with important training and skills that can be carried beyond high school. At the same time, the entire McLane campus would be engaged to the extent possible so that student groups could learn from the experience. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3784.

9:00 P.M.

B-31, APPROVE Submission of the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant Application and Revisions to the Voluntary Desegregation Plan, and ADOPT Resolution in the Matter of the Submission of the Grant Application

Included in the board binders is material for the Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant to assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority group isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial numbers of minority group students. The 2007-2010 MSAP grant application will include Ahwahnee Middle School, Tioga Middle School, Bullard High School, and Hoover High School. The Superintendent recommends approval and adoption. Fiscal Impact: Grant funds will cover all direct costs at each school site over the three-year grant period. The MSAP grant will provide funding not to exceed \$12,000,000 (\$4,000,000 maximum per year) for the district over three years to implement magnet programs at four schools. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-32, RECEIVE the Fresno Teachers' Association 2007-2008 Negotiations Proposal to Fresno Unified School District

Included in the Board binders and in accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the exclusive representative shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The Fresno Teachers Association is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal for the 2007-2008 school year. This proposal shall be available for public review in the Board of Education Office from April 25, 2007 through May 8, 2007. This proposal will be returned to the next agenda for public hearing and acknowledgement of receipt by the Fresno Unified Board of Education. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

C-33, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District 2007-2008 Negotiations Proposal to Fresno Teachers' Association

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and there after shall be public record. The Fresno Unified School District is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal for the 2007-2008 school year. This proposal shall be available for public review in the Board of Education Office from April 25, 2007 through May 8, 2007. This proposal will be returned to the next agenda for a public hearing and adoption by the Fresno Unified Board of Education. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

C-34, RECEIVE the Recommendation for the K-6 Science Instructional Materials

Included in the Board binders is the recommendation for the K-6 Science Instructional materials. The FUSD K-6 Science Adoption committee began meeting in November 2006 and conducted an intensive five-month review of the state approved science programs. The committee consisted of teachers from every elementary school site, representatives from Special Education, English Learner Services, PTA, GATE, PAC, and central office administrators. Publishers provided grade level samples of the Teacher Edition, Student Edition, and ancillary materials. Each of the committee members received training on the State Framework criteria, grade level standards, text structure in science books, and use of the State of California Science Adoption Toolkit. Recommended program: *California Science K-7 by Harcourt School Publishers*. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3754.

C-35, RECEIVE the Recommendation for the Middle School Science Instructional Materials

Included in the Board binders is the recommendation for the Middle School Science Instructional materials. The FUSD Middle School Science Adoption committee began meeting in November 2006 and conducted an intensive five-month review of the state approved science programs. The committee consisted of teachers from every middle school site, representatives from Special Education, English Learner Services, PTA, GATE, PAC, and central office administrators. Publishers provided grade level samples of the Teacher Edition, Student Edition, and ancillary materials. Each of the committee members received training on the State Framework criteria, grade level standards, text structure in science books, and use of the State of California Science Adoption Toolkit. Recommended program: *California Science: Earth, Life, and Physical Science 2007 by Holt, Rinehart, and Winston*. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3754.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS – continued

C-36, RECEIVE International Studies & Politics (Pilot Course)

Included in the Board binders is a description of this course designed to provide students with a comparative model of examining the policymaking apparatus of the American government and nations from the European, African, and Asian continents. Through case-studies, role-playing exercise, simulations, college seminars, guest speakers and Internet researching, students will be exposed to content that will expand the scope of their knowledge concerning the role of modern nation-states today. The International Studies & Politics will be offered at Fresno High School. The course was to be incorporated into the four (4) year Global Academy of Business Plan that was created under the Smaller Learning Community provision of the Federal magnet grant. This course is to be offered as a Semester elective to seniors enrolled in the Global Academy of Business, but will be open to students seeking to fulfill the a-g requirement for the University of California. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3754.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**