

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007, 3:00 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.

***3:00 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 535, FASTA/SEIU, Local 535, 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. Counselors
 - b. Occupational Therapist
 - c. Principal III's
 - d. Vice Principal I/Program Manager
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a).)
 - a. *Juan Hernandez v. FUSD Workers' Compensation Settlement – Case #203-1367*
 - b. *Kathryn Mohler v. FUSD Workers' Compensation Settlement – Case #2004-0755*

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Fremont parent, Olga Murillo will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Murillo is a valuable member of the Fremont Family. She regularly volunteers her time in her children's classrooms, the main office and translates for other parents at meetings. She is currently the chairperson of the School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee.

APPROVE Minutes

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for the November 15, 2006, Regular Meeting. 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 Bullard High School. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

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/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 February 21, 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, APPROVE New Job Description, Manager, Community and Family Engagement Network (CFEN)

Included in the Board binders is a new job description, Manager, Community and Family Engagement Network (CFEN). The position is being created to facilitate community outreach; collaborate, and communicate with FUSD departments, Fresno Adult School, Neighborhood Resources Centers; provide service-friendly and diversity inservicing, curricula development aligned to FUSD goals, and dissemination of materials to sites to support CFEN's six focus areas: Learning at Home, Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Leadership/Decision Making, and Collaborating with the Community. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Positions will be funded through Categorical Title I. Cost for two (2) positions including benefits: \$245,330. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A-5, APPROVE New Job Description, Community and Family Engagement Network (CFEN) Mentor Facilitator

Included in the Board binders is a new job description, Community and Family Engagement Network (CFEN) Mentor Facilitator. This position is being created to work with California State University, Fresno, Fresno Pacific University, other institutes of higher learning, and community businesses/organizations to establish mentoring and tutoring programs at all school sites to support the development and academic achievement of FUSD students; and assist every school to develop business/community partnerships. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Positions will be funded through Categorical Title I. Cost for two (2) positions including benefits: \$151,902. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3593.

A-6, ADOPT Proclamation of School Social Worker Week

Included in the Board binders is a proclamation declaring March 12-16, 2007, to be School Social Workers Week. The Department of Prevention and Intervention would like to honor the hard work and dedication of our School Social workers. School Social Workers confirm that the district's mission by supporting the educational success of students and promoting the well being of students and families. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the District. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-7, APPROVE a Renewal Contract with The Breakthrough Coach

Included in the Board binders is a Renewal Contract with the Breakthrough Coach for additional two day training in management development for administrators and their assistants/secretaries. Due to potential impact on productivity and favorable response from participants in the December training, the Superintendent requested an additional training be scheduled. The contract is for a two day training March 21 and 22, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Title I funds in the amount of \$14,200.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-8, APPROVE an Amendment to a Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services for Slater Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to a Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services to provide an additional 240 hours of service for students and families at Slater Elementary School. All services are outlined in the original agreement with the exception of the additional hours. The contract will begin March 15, 2007 and will end June 30, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through additional site carryover funds in the amount of \$6,912, utilizing IIUSP funds. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-9, APPROVE an Amendment to a Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services Student Assistance Program for Academy for New Americans

Included in the Board binders is an Amendment to a Contract with Comprehensive Youth Services to provide an additional 224 hours of service for students and families at Academy for New Americans. All services are outlined in the original agreement with the exception of the additional hours. The contract will begin March 15, 2007 and will end June 30, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through Title I funds in the amount of \$9,400.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-10, APPROVE an Amendment to a Contract with On-Site Counseling Program through Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services for the Burroughs Neighborhood Resource Center

Included in the Board binders is an amendment contract for On-Site Counseling Program to provide counselors who work with at-risk students and their families that have been referred by community agencies, teachers, administrators, and Student Success Teams for behavioral, emotional and mental health issues that are barriers to achievement. This amendment is specific to Burroughs Neighborhood Resource Center through an Organizational Improvement Planning fund from the State to DCFS. The amended services will commence March 15, 2007 and end June 30, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding for services comes from an Organizational Improvement Planning funds from Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$4,877. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A-11, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Parks and Recreation with the City of Fresno for the 21st Century After School Family Science Program at Jefferson, Kirk, Webster, Homan, Leavenworth, Greenberg, and Columbia

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Fresno City Parks and Recreation and Community Services to provide opportunities for parents and families to participate in a coordinated informal science curriculum that includes Life, Earth, and Physical Science activities aligned to the California Science Content Standards. The agreement will begin March 15, 2007 and will end June 30, 2007. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding is provided through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. The fee for each Family Science Program is \$1,200 and provides all materials and staff for 300 participants totaling \$16,800.00. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-12, Approve Agreement for Road Improvement Financing Agreement with the County of Fresno

Included in the Board binders is a Road Improvements Financing Agreement with the County of Fresno in the amount of \$44,576 for the District's contribution toward two traffic signals. The traffic signals are required at the intersections of Belmont/Helm and Belmont/Minnewawa and are necessary as a result of the construction of Bakman Elementary School. The mitigation measures identified in the Traffic Study were for the District to pay its fair share toward the two traffic signals. The District's pro-rated share is shown on the attached sheet. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funds will be provided from the Bakman Elementary School budget utilizing Measure K Bond funds. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-13, RATIFY a Renewal of Independent Contractor Service Agreement with SchoolWorks, Inc.

Included in the Board binders is a Renewal Independent Contractor Service Agreement with SchoolWorks to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) Program Services, software upgrades and new reports and student enrollment data, map upgrades enrollment projections and development impact projections. Their services include installation, training and unlimited telephone support. The renewal period is January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding will be provided through the Facilities Management and Planning budget, in the amount of \$15,000. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-14, RATIFY and APPROVE Two Requests for Approval of Out of State Field Trip for CART and EDISON High Schools to Ashland, Oregon

Included in the board binders are two requests for approval of Out of State Field trip for 44 CART students (17 FUSD) and five chaperones (three male, two female), which fulfills part of the English component in the Biomedicine Lab curriculum and 25 Edison High School students with five chaperones (three male, two female) to go to Ashland, Oregon to attend the Shakespeare Festival. CART will attend March 12-14, 2007 and Edison will attend March 27 through 30, 2007. The Superintendent recommends ratification and approval. Fiscal Impact: CART Students will pay \$180.00 out of pocket for meals and accommodations, donations and fundraising will supplement when needed. CART Foundation will pay transportation costs of \$2,500.00. Total cost of trip: \$10,420.00. Edison students will be asked to donate \$50.00 each. Total cost of trip: \$10,000.00. Chaperones will pay their own way. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A-15, APPROVE Out of State Field Trip for Sunnyside High School to Attend the East Coast Ivy League College Tour

Included in the Board binders is a Request for Approval of Out of State Field Trip for 17 Sunnyside High School students and four chaperones (three male, one female) to attend Annual East Coast Ivy League College Tour on March 28 through April 6, 2007 (three school days). The tour is designed to expose underrepresented students to admission opportunities at the Ivy League Universities. This is the 16th year the tour has been successfully coordinated by counselor Diana Rodriguez. Pamphlets regarding this field trip are available in the Board Office. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Students will fundraise for the \$1,200.00 each (total \$20,400.00) and Sunnyside will accept donations and sponsorships to assist them. The four chaperones will pay their own way. Contact person: Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-16, Approve Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2006-07 Addendums for District Schools

Included in the Board binders is a request to approve addendums to the Single Plan for Student Achievement for all District schools. Copies of the addendums are available in the Board office for review. All schools have an existing two-year Single Plan for Student Achievement (2005-2007) that was approved by the Board on May 25, 2005. The SPSA is commonly referred to as the school site plan. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Funding for all activities included in the SPSA addendums is included in revised site budgets. There is no cost to the general fund. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

A-17, ADOPT Request for addition of new Career and Technical Education Program Course at Fresno Adult School

Included in the Board binders is a request to add a new Career and Technical Education Program course at Fresno Adult School entitled Automotive Services/Automobile Detailer. This request was received by the Board at the February 7 Board meeting. Fresno Adult School has received approval from the State Department of Education on May 1, 2006 to offer the course. As required a labor market study was conducted to verify the course as a viable employment need in the community, which shows that annual openings due to growth average 9 per year. The class will be held at the Chavez Campus on two consecutive Saturdays, March 17 and 24, by a credentialed teacher. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: There is no cost to the District. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 4457-3935.

A-18, ADOPT Resolution 2007-04A, Intent to Dedicate Real Property for Street Easement Purposes to the City of Fresno at Manchester GATE Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is Resolution 2007-04A, Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Street Easement upon Real Property to the City of Fresno for easement and right of way for public street purposes at Manchester GATE Elementary School located at 2307 E. Dakota Avenue. The proposed easement contains approximately 42 square feet and will be utilized for the reconstruction of the curb and sidewalk at the northwest corner of Fresno Street and East Dakota Avenue. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: There is no General Fund impact. The District is receiving funds from the City of Fresno in the amount of \$500 as consideration for the easement. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-19, ADOPT Resolution 2007-05, Approving Sale of Surplus Property Located at Seventh Street to the City of Fresno

Included in the Board binders is Resolution 2007-05 and Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions, approving sale of surplus property (Old Maintenance Yard) to the City of Fresno. On October 27, 2004, Resolution 04-42 approved by the Board of Education declared the property as surplus and deemed that it would be in the best interest of the District and the community to dispose of the property. The property is located on Ventura Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets. The District will receive \$502,200 from the City of Fresno in compensation for this transaction. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: The District will receive \$502,200 for sale of the Surplus Property that shall be used for capital outlay or maintenance cost, per Education Code 17462. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-20, ADOPT Resolution 2007-06 Approving Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property Located at the Southwest Corner of East Church Avenue and South Oranewood Drive

Included in the Board binders is Resolution 2007-06 ratifying the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property with the City of Fresno for the purchase of approximately 5.03 acres adjacent to Storey Elementary. The site consists of two parcels of unimproved real property located at the southwest corner of East Church Avenue and South Oranewood Drive. The District agreed to purchase the parcels at the appraised value of \$740,000. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal Impact: The District will be utilizing funds received from the sale of the Old Maintenance Yard and Measure K bond funds for the purchase of this property. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-21, RATIFY Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2618, Construction of New Multi-Purpose Building at Muir Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is an Approval of Change Order #1 to Bid #2618, Construction of New Multi-Purpose Building at Muir Elementary School, which included an additional fire alarm monitoring system in accordance with a request by the local fire authority, additional storm drain inlet to control rain water on a path of travel, and the addition of a three-compartment sink in lieu of the specified sink per instructions from the Health Department. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Measure A Fund in the amount of \$17,342.03. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-22, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2618, Construction of New Multi-Use Building at Muir Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is the Notice of Completion for Bid #2618. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Project completed and funded with Measure A Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-23, RATIFY the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Bid #2636, Installation and Upgrade of HVAC Equipment at Addams Elementary School

Included in the Board binders is the Notice of Completion for Bid #2636. The project has been completed according to plans and specifications. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Project completed and funded with Year-Round Air Conditioning Funds. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-24, AWARD Bid #2714, Re-roofing at Robinson Elementary, Wilson Elementary and King Elementary Schools and J.E. Young Academic Center

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid #2714. This bid represents roofing work at four District sites. The bid was advertised on January 16, 2007 and January 23, 2007 and was opened on February 13, 2007. Bid specifications were sent to five (5) vendors. The District received three (3) responses. The Superintendent recommends award to the following lowest responsive and responsible bidders; copies are available in the Board office. Attached is the bid tabulation.

- Item A (Robinson Elementary)
Graham Prewett \$208,000.00
- Item B (J.E. Young, King Elementary, Wilson Elementary)
Nations Roof West \$187,326.00

Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds have been budgeted for and are available in the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Anticipated expenditures will be from fiscal year 2006/07. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

A-25, DENY Claim #07-0208-0042 on (Minor)

Included in the Board binders is Claim #07-0208-0042 for Damages from (Minor). The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the District's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A-26, RATIFY Purchase Orders

Ratify Purchase Orders from January 19, 2007 through February 1, 2007. The Superintendent recommends ratification of purchase orders as submitted. 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-27, APPROVE an Agreement Between City of Fresno and Fresno Unified School District Relating to the Joint Use of Figarden Elementary School Field Facilities

Included in the Board binders is an Agreement between the City of Fresno and Fresno Unified School District relating to the Joint Use of Figarden Elementary School Field Facilities. The Agreement is being entered into for the purposes of upgrading the baseball fields at the school. A later phase of the project includes the City of Fresno modifying a ponding basin adjacent to the school to accommodate additional baseball activities. The project is scheduled to commence on June 1, 2007 and will include the following items listed in the backup material. The City of Fresno will also be furnishing and installing a city water supply to accommodate the new irrigation system needs. The terms of the agreement include in the backup material. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached agreement and authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the agreement. Periodic updates will be provided to the Board as the project progresses. Fiscal Impact: There is no impact to District funds for the construction of the project. Contact person: Deo Persaud, telephone 457-3134.

6:45 P.M.

B-28, APPROVE the 2006/07 Second Interim Financial Report with a Positive Certification

Included on the Board's March 14, 2007 agenda is approval of the 2006/07 Second Interim Financial Report. California school districts are required to approve the interim financial reports twice each fiscal year. The detailed state reports and supporting documentation are currently in the process of being finalized and will be delivered to the Board on or before March 7, 2007. These reports will also be available for public review at that time in the Board Secretary's office. The 2006/07 Second Interim Financial Report will include the required state reports and supporting documentation, and will reflect a positive certification of the District's financial condition. The report is developed based on the January 31, 2007 year-to-date revenue and expenditures as required by state law. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools. Fiscal Impact: A positive certification reflects that the District will have a positive General Fund balance and will have a positive cash balance for the current year and two subsequent years. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

7:00 P.M.

B-29, PRESENT and APPROVE the Submission of Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Grant Application to the California Department of Education

Included in the Board binders is an application material for the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) grant program. Schools ranked in Academic performance Index (API) decile 1 or 2 are eligible for QEIA funding. This application includes the 56 eligible FUSD schools. Funding under QEIA supports activities to improve academic achievement over the next seven years. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: QEIA funding will pay for the cost of additional facilities, teachers, and professional development. Total funding will be determined by the number of schools selected by the State. The District will receive 4.01% of the total grant award to cover indirection administrative costs. Contact person: Barbara Bengel, telephone 457-3661.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

7:30 P.M.

B-30, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Fresno Academy Civic and Entrepreneurial Leadership (ACEL) Charter Petition

Included in the Board binders is the final charter petition for the ACEL Charter. The original petition was submitted on November 30, 2006. The public hearing was held on February 21, 2007. The Charter proposes to revive civic engagement as a method of education in this high school setting. ACEL's fundamental difference, in offering an educational approach, will be its project-based and student-centered educational design. Curriculum will focus on real-world challenges in civic and organizational leadership as an integrating context for standards-based learning. The charter will serve 80 students in grade 9, the first year, building to an ultimate size of approximately 200-250 students in grades 9-12. The school will be located at the Fresno Boys and Girls Club at 540 N. Augusta at Belmont Avenue, in Fresno. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Fresno Academy for Civic and Entrepreneurial Leadership Charter School, effective July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2012. Fiscal Impact: The estimated fiscal impact for 2007-2008 is \$300,000. This assumes that all 80 students are from Fresno Unified. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

7:45 P.M.

B-31, HOLD Public HEARINGS for Sierra Charter School and University High School Charter Petitions

Included in the Board binders are the Charter Petitions for Sierra Charter School and University High School, which is petitioning Fresno Unified School District for sponsorship. This request comes to meet new charter law regarding "Geographic Limitations for New Charter Schools." Effective January 1, 2006, charter schools must now operate within the geographic boundaries of the district that grants the charter. (Education Code section 47605(a)(1) and (4)) see attached. Existing charters operating outside of the boundary of their chartering district were given until December 2007 or at the renewal date, whichever came first, to seek sponsorship from a district in which the school was operating. Such is the case with Sierra Charter School and University High School. Contact person: Cindy Tucker, telephone 457-3874.

8:00 P.M.

B-32, APPROVE Side Agreement with California State University, Fresno Regarding University High School State Charter School Construction Program

As previously communicated to the Board, Fresno Unified School District is required to participate in University High School's (UHS) process in their efforts to utilize State funding for the construction of a new facility on the California State University, Fresno (CSUF) campus. The State program requires that the participating charter school, in this case UHS, obtain a co-signer, in effect for the lease program. The co-signer is required to be the school district in which the newly constructed building will reside (regardless of the authorizing District). The side agreement does not provide CSUF the opportunity to approve or deny any subsequent use of the facility by the District; although it does require that the District "consult" with CSUF on the subsequent use of the facility. At this time, due to the risk mitigation as described above, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the side agreement as written. Fiscal Impact: None at this time. Potentially, up to \$5.8 million in future lease payments (categorical funds) to acquire a \$11.6 million facility. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6225.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

8:15 P.M.

B-33, PRESENT the Report of Findings and Corrective Actions Developed During this Initial Review and Summaries of the Essential Components for Slater Elementary School Prepared by Action Learning Systems, the School Assistance and Intervention Team

Included in the Board binders is the Report of Findings and Summaries of the Essential Components regarding the implementation of Corrective Actions for Slater Elementary School. This report was developed after an on site review with the District Leadership Team, the Site Leadership Team and Action Learning Systems on January 24, 2007. Slater was identified as a School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) school in the fall of 2006. Contact person: Sue Smits, telephone 457-3753.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-34, RECEIVE Request for Addition of New Parenting, Family and Consumer Awareness Course Offering at Fresno Adult School

Included in the Board binders is a request to add a new Parenting, Family and Consumer Awareness course at Fresno Adult School entitled Quit Smoking Now. Fresno Adult School has received approval from the State Department of Education on February 6, 2007 to offer the course. Fresno Adult School operates on a year-round basis, as opposed to quarter and semester parameters, and offers programs on an as-needed basis. The course will be held 1.5 hours per week for 10 weeks. Contact person: John Marinovich, telephone 457-3935.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 28, 2007 - OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**