AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2015, 4:30 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER 5:00 P.M. AT THE “N” STREET PARKING PAVILION LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TULARE AND N STREET – ENTRANCE IS ON “N” STREET. Also, the City of Fresno will not enforce the street meters in this area after 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE: *DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES

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

*4:30 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. Conference with Labor Negotiator - (Government Code Section 5495736); FUSD Negotiator(s): Paul Idsvoog; Employee Organizations(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.
   a. Chief Information Officer
5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending/Threatened and Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).
   a. Number of Potential Cases: One (1)

*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
Grace Ornelas, a parent that has had a positive impact at Homan Elementary, will lead the flag salute.

APPROVE Minutes
Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes for the August 26, 2015 Regular Meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Michael E. Hanson, telephone 457-3884.

ACKNOWLEDGE the 2015/16 Student Board Member Representatives and Alternates
The Board and Superintendent wish to acknowledge the 2015/16 Student Board Member Representatives, and the two Alternates, that have been elected by their peers to serve on the Board of Education for the 2015/16 school year. Contact person: Rosario Sanchez, telephone 457-6223.

ADOPT Resolution Recognizing September 15, 2015 through October 15, 2015 as Hispanic Heritage Month
Included in the Board binders is a resolution commemorating the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. Fresno Unified School District hereby proclaims September 15, 2015 through October 15, 2015 as Hispanic Heritage Month. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Bob Nelson, telephone 457-3657.

ADOPT Resolution Recognizing the Month of September as Attendance Awareness Month
Included in the Board binders is a resolution commemorating the observance of Attendance Awareness Month. The Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District hereby proclaims September as “Attendance Awareness Month” and is committed to reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Bob Nelson, telephone 457-3657.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives
An opportunity is provided to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives from Hoover High School. Contact person: Rosario Sanchez, telephone 457-6223.

HEAR Report from Superintendent
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 member of the community so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

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: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

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 August 26, 2015, Regular Board meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3569.

A-3, APPROVE CalWorks Agreement for 2015/16
The CalWorks funding agreement for Fresno Adult School is to provide educational services to referred public assistance recipients under CalWorks. Services include orientation, assessment, and instruction in Adult Basic Education, GED, High School Diploma courses, English as a Second Language and Career Technical Education training. Fresno Adult School is responsible for quarterly reporting of fiscal expenditures, student attendance and student assessment data. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: No net cost to the district as all expenses/costs are fully reimbursed by Fresno County Office of Education. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-6024.

A-3a, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fortson Consulting, LLC
Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fortson Consulting, LLC to retain the services of Ronald Fortson for assistance in the Operational Services Division and Administrative Services Division. Fortson Consulting, LLC is owned by Ronald R. Fortson. Mr. Fortson is a retired Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer with over 28 years in K-12 education. Mr. Fortson has previously assisted Fresno Unified upon multiple occasions. The contract begins on September 10, 2015. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds are currently available in the 2015/16 Unrestricted General Fund. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.
A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-4, APPROVE Bid 16-02, New CNG School Buses
Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 16-02, for the purchase of four new compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses. The request for bid was lawfully advertised on July 21, 2015 and July 28, 2015. The bids were opened on August 5, 2015. Notifications were sent to two (2) vendors, and the District received two (2) responses.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

A-Z Bus Sales (Colton, California) $743,984.88

The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: The district’s contribution is $59,365 (8% of the total cost). The total amount of $743,984.88 is available in the Transportation Department budget; $684,620 will be reimbursed by the State Transportation Improvement Program. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-5, RATIFY Submission of Grant Application to the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
Ratification is requested for a grant application to the Stephen Bechtel Fund for Research and Evaluation (Bechtel Foundation) to provide grant funds to support the required evaluation work for the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Bechtel Foundation grant will fund 50% of the evaluation work performed by WestEd’s Evaluation Research, who was a partner in the development of the successful TQP grant application in 2014. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: The funds requested in the grant application are $75,000. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

A-6, RATIFY Agreements for Sixth Grade Participation in Outdoor Science Camp
Ratification is requested for the Outdoor Science Camp agreements to allow all sixth grade students the opportunity to obtain hands-on science instruction while gaining invaluable leadership skills and personal confidence. Students also gain the opportunity to bond with their classmates and teachers in a setting outside the traditional classroom through a shared outdoor science experience. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Funding for outdoor science camp was included in the 2015/16 budget for sixth grade science camp for all students. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3476.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA
(ROLL CALL VOTE)
**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Individuals who wish to address the Board on topics within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, but not listed on this agenda may do so at this time. While all time limitations are at the discretion of the Board President, generally members of the public will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker for a total of thirty (30) minutes of public comment as designated on this agenda. Any individual who has not had an opportunity to address the Board during this initial thirty (30) minute period may do so at the end of the meeting after the Board has addressed all remaining items on this agenda. 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. Please note that if you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, you should do so when that specific item is called.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

6:00 P.M.

B-7, **DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2014/15 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, 2014/15 Year-End Budget Revision and 2015/16 Gann Limit**

Staff will present, and the Board of Education will discuss and approve the following three reports: 2014/15 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, 2014/15 Year-End Budget Revision and the 2015/16 Gann Limit.

1) The 2014/15 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for Fresno Unified School District represents the actual revenues, expenditures, and ending fund balance for all the district’s funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Also included for the Board’s information are ending fund balance summaries for all fund types and charter schools.

2) The 2014/15 Year-End Closing Budget Revision recognizes additional revenue and expenses per Education Code section 42601 and Fresno Unified Board Policy 3110 that allows the Superintendent and/or designee to make any necessary budget revisions at year-end to permit payment of obligations. All expenditures were supported by available district funds.

3) Resolution No. 15-13 for adoption of the district’s Gann Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2015/16. The Gann Limit is included in the Unaudited Actual Financial Report. Each year the district must approve an appropriation limit level (Gann Limit) in compliance with the State constitution.

The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: The 2014/15 year-end actuals reflect the district’s reserve at $49.6 million, which is above the State minimum required level. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

6:15 P.M.

B-8, DISCUSS and ADOPT Resolution 15-12, Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the District and Bedrock Land Development, Inc. Pertaining to a 31.92 Acres Parcel of Land Located Near the Intersection of East Church and South Peach Avenues in Southeast Fresno and Also Approving Related Matters

Included in the Board binders and recommended for adoption is Resolution 15-12, to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Fresno Unified and Bedrock Land Development Inc. for an approximate 32 acres parcel located at the southwest corner of East Church and South Peach Avenues in southeast Fresno. Also included in the Board binders is the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Following Board approval, the Purchase and Sale Agreement will be signed by the parties; however, the district is not committed or required to buy the property until certain contingencies are satisfied, including a future public hearing by the Board for the purpose of making findings required by Education Code section 17211. It is anticipated that the due diligence efforts will require approximately 6-8 months and therefore the public hearing required by Education Code and CEQA is anticipated to be scheduled in spring 2016. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: Funding of $3.4 million, plus estimated costs for investigations, testing and surveying of $200,000, is available in the Measure Q budget. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

6:30 P.M.

B-9, DISCUSS and APPROVE Revisions for Board Policy (BP) 0420, BP 0440, BP 0460, BP 1312.3, BP 1340, BP 3100, BP 3580, and BP 6162.6

Included in the Board binders are the proposed revisions to the following eight Board Policies (BP), which meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA):

- BP 0420 School Plans/Site Councils
- BP 0440 District Technology Policy
- BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan
- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 1340 Access To District Records
- BP 3100 Budget
- BP 3580 District Records
- BP 6162.6 Use of Copyrighted Materials

The Board was in receipt of these Board Policies revisions at the August 26, 2015 Board meeting. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss the revisions tonight. If the Board does not have any questions/suggestions, the administration is requesting approval. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the District. Contact person: Amy Idsvoog, telephone 457-3736.
B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

6:45 P.M.
B-10, DISCUSS and RATIFY The Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2014-2016 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Area Substitute Teachers (FASTA)

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative. Included in the Board binders is the tentative agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Area Substitute Teachers (FASTA). The tentative agreement is available for public inspection at the Board of Education office. Paper copies will be provided to members of the public upon request. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: The estimated costs for 2015/16 and future years is included in the Disclosure of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3624.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS
There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

D. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2015 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.