

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FARMERSVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

August 25, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Farmersville Unified School District was held at the District Office Board Room, 571 E. Citrus, Farmersville, CA on August 25, 2015.

DATE & PLACE

Trustees Attendance

John Vasquez, President
Don Mason, Clerk
Lupe Fernandez, Trustee
Jorge Vazquez, Trustee
Al Vanderslice, Trustee

TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE

Administration Present

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent
Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer
Randy DeGraw, Director of Personnel
Tisha Larkin-Barnes, Hester Learning Director
Melinda Canning, Freedom School Principal
Loretta Aragon, Farmersville Jr. High Principal
Lisa Whitworth, Farmersville High School Principal
Raymond Navarro, Director of M.O.T. & Facilities
Jason Kaff, Business Manager/CBO
Jeff Higgins, Psychologist/DOSE
Chris De Leon, Network Manager
James Lohry, Director of Food Services

ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President John Vasquez.

CALL TO ORDER

The members of the assemblage pledged allegiance to the flag.

FLAG SALUTE

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda including the following revisions: Delete Item 11.3 - Approval of Sign Language Interpreter (Student did not enroll in District); Correct Item 12.2 - Should read: Amendment Information of the 2015-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); Correct Item 12.3 - Approval of Additional High School Counselor position - Fiscal Impact should read: LCAP Funds; and Delete Item 13.2 - Public Notice and Consideration of California School Employees Association's (Certificated Management) Initial Proposal to the District regarding 2015-16 Contract Negotiations.

ADOPTION OF
AGENDA (4.1)

On a motion by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the regular Board meeting minutes for August 11, 2015.

APPROVAL OF
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FOR 08/11/15 (5.1)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: John Vasquez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstentions: Lupe Fernandez, Don Mason), the Board approved the special Board meeting minutes for August 13, 2015.

APPROVAL OF
SPECIAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FOR 08/13/15 (5.2)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the released warrants dated:

APPROVAL OF
RELEASED
WARRANTS (5.3)

July 27, 2015 in the amount of \$1,791.31

July 30, 2015 in the amount of \$255,119.46

August 6, 2015 in the amount of \$468,686.16

August 13, 2015 in the amount of \$189,168.10

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Eagle Software Conference 2015 on October 12-13, 2015 in Sacramento, CA.

APPROVAL OF
EAGLE SOFTWARE
CONFERENCE (5.4)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the correction to the regular Board meeting minutes for July 14, 2015: Under Page 1 - Administrators Present: Add Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Office; Delete the following Principal names: Rachel Mendez, Richard Albay, Melinda Canning, Loretta Aragon, Lisa Whitworth, Lupe Perez.

APPROVAL OF
CORRECTION TO
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FOR 07/14/15 (5.5)

The Board heard comments from the following individuals regarding increased class size, less one-on-one time with students, and safety issues at Freedom Elementary: Rebecca Sickels and Raquel Quintanar, Freedom Teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(8.0)

John Alvarez, community member and LCAP Chairperson, requested the Board look at what can be done to decrease class size since LCAP funds could not assist with this matter.

Trustee Al Vanderslice made a motion to approve Interdistrict Appeal #IDA-03-08-25-15 (Valdez). The motion died due to lack of a second.

DENIAL OF
INTERDISTRICT
APPEAL
#IDR-03-08-25-15 (9.1)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and carried: (Ayes: John Vasquez, Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: Al Vanderslice; Absent: None), the Board denied Interdistrict Appeal #IDA-03-08-25-15 (Valdez). Both parents were present for the hearing.

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Signature Revision to J.E. Hester Elementary School's ASB Account:
Add Tisha Larkin-Barnes.

APPROVAL OF
SIGNATURE
REVISION TO J.E.
HESTER
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL'S ASB
ACCOUNT (10.1)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Hester School ASB Fundraisers.

APPROVAL OF
HESTER SCHOOL
ASB FUNDRAISERS
(10.2)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Don Mason, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Agency Agreement with Tulare County Office of Education for the Carpenters Apprenticeship Program.

RATIFICATION OF
AGENCY
AGREEMENT WITH
TCOE FOR
CARPENTERS
APPRENTICESHIP
PROGRAM (11.1)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sequoia Sectional FFA Meeting on September 3, 2015 at Woodlake High School.

APPROVAL OF
SEQUOIA
SECTIONAL FFA
MEETING (11.2)

On a motion by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Grant Award Notification - After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) \$423,089.04.

APPROVAL OF
GRANT AWARD
NOTIFICATION -
AFTER SCHOOL
EDUCATION &
SAFETY PROGRAM
(ASES) (12.1)

Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer, reviewed the amendment information for the 2015-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

AMENDMENT
INFORMATION FOR
2015-2018 LCAP
REVIEWED (12.2)

On a motion by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and seconded by Trustee Don Mason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the additional High School Counselor position which will serve one day per week at Deep Creek Academy.

APPROVAL OF
ADDITIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL
COUNSELOR
POSITION (12.3)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board approved the Agency Service Agreement with California Career Pathways Trust.

APPROVAL OF
AGENCY SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA
CAREER PATHWAYS
TRUST (12.4)

Trustee Jorge Vasquez made a motion to approve Item 12.5: Approval to attend California City School Superintendent's Fall Conference on September 24-25, 2015 in San Francisco, CA. The motion died due to lack of a second.

ITEM 12.5 DIED DUE
TO LACK OF A
SECOND

Melanie Keener, Learning Director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the CELDT testing results.

POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION:
CELDT TESTING
RESULTS (12.7)

Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer, and Melanie Keener, Learning Director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs).

POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION:
ANNUAL
MEASURABLE
ACHIEVEMENT
OBJECTIVES (12.6)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Farmersville High School Prep Period Buyout.

APPROVAL OF FHS
PREP PERIOD
BUYOUT (13.3)

The Board reviewed the information regarding FUSD/FTA Negotiations Opener.

FUSD/FTA
NEGOTIATIONS
OPENERS
REVIEWED (13.4)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Declaration of Need 2015-16.

APPROVAL OF
DECLARATION OF
NEED 2015-16 (13.5)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice and carried: (Ayes: John Vasquez, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstentions: Don Mason), the Board approved nominating Don Mason for CSBA Directors-At-Large.

APPROVAL OF CSBA
DIRECTORS-AT-
LARGE (14.1)

Consideration was given to items that the Governing Board wished to have placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Trustee Al Vanderslice requested the District look in to decreasing class size at Freedom, Hester and Snowden and information regarding Teacher-to-Administrator ratio including a listing of jobs. Trustee Lupe Fernandez requested information regarding student desks and what can be done, and including the decreasing of class size as an action item on the next agenda to ensure student safety. Trustee John Vasquez suggested these items be listed on the next agenda for discussion only.

CONSIDERATION OF
ITEMS FOR NEXT
MEETING (14.2)

Desiree Serrano, Lozano Smith Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the consideration and approval of Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Consent to Representation for Legal Counsel.

DISCUSSION:
APPROVAL OF
WAIVER OF
CONFLICT OF
INTEREST &
CONSENT TO
REPRESENTATION
FOR LEGAL
COUNSEL (15.1)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Don Mason and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: John Vasquez, Lupe Fernandez; Absent: None), the Board approved the additional Youth Services Officer contract.

APPROVAL OF
ADDITIONAL
YOUTH SERVICES
OFFICER CONTRACT
(15.2)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #08-08-25-15 to participate in Tulare County Schools Legal Consortium Agreement 2015-16.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
#08-08-25-15 (15.3)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and carried: (Ayes: John Vasquez, Don Mason, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: Lupe Fernandez, Al Vanderslice; Absent: None), the Board approved increasing the Food Service staff to insure compliance with the Federal Review.

APPROVAL TO
INCREASE FOOD
SERVICE STAFF
(15.4)

The Board conducted a secret ballot to fill the two vacant seats on the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. Rosemary DeLeon, Administrative Assistant, tallied the votes. Ricardo Maldonado received 4 votes. Liz Becerra and April Morris received 3 votes each. On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, the Board voted unanimously to select Ricardo Maldonado and April Morris to serve on the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

APPROVAL TO FILL
VACANT SEATS FOR
CITIZEN'S BOND
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE
MEETING (16.1)

Future regular board meetings will be held on September 8, 2015 and September 22, 2015.

FUTURE MEETING
DATES (17.1)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss: Approval of Personnel Items as per the Board Transmittal form; Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code §54957); and Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent.

CLOSED SESSION
(20.0)

The Board returned to open session at 9:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel items as per the Board transmittal form.

APPROVAL OF
PERSONNEL ITEMS
(13.1)

The Board did not take any action regarding Item 21.1: Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957)

NO ACTION TAKEN
RE: ITEM 21.1

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: John Vasquez, Don Mason, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: Lupe Fernandez, Al Vanderslice; Absent: None), the Board accepted the Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the Superintendent.

ACCEPTANCE OF
SUPERINTENDENT
PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION (21.2)

On a motion by Trustee Don Mason and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
(22.0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent

Approved by,

Don Mason, Clerk of the Board