

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

November 17, 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 November 17, 2015.

DATE & PLACE

Trustees Attendance

Don Mason, Clerk
Lupe Fernandez, Trustee
Jorge Vazquez, Trustee
Al Vanderslice, Trustee
John Vasquez, President Absent
Freddy Valencia - Student Board Rep.

TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE

Administration Present

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent
Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer
Randy DeGraw, Director of Personnel
Richard Albay, Ed.D., Freedom School Principal
Lisa Whitworth, Farmersville High School Principal
Lupe Perez, Deep Creek Academy Principal
Raymond Navarro, Director of M.O.T. & Facilities
Jason Kaff, Business Manager/CBO
Chris De Leon, Network Manager
Jeff Higgins, Psychologist/DOSE
James Lohry, Director of Food Services
Iliana Hernandez, Learning Director of Pupil Services

ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Clerk Don Mason.

CALL TO ORDER

The members of the assemblage pledged allegiance to the flag.

FLAG SALUTE

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board adopted the agenda. Trustee Lupe Fernandez requested to have agenda items 13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.3.1, 13.3.2, 13.3.3, 13.3.4 & 14.2 moved into closed session.

ADOPTION OF
AGENDA (4.1)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board voted unanimously to approve the released warrants dated:

APPROVAL OF
RELEASED
WARRANTS (5.1)
APPROVAL

- October 15, 2015 in the amount of \$214,845.13
- October 16, 2015 in the amount of \$307,664.59
- October 29, 2015 in the amount of \$294,760.40
- November 5, 2015 in the amount of \$95,284.80

Trustee Lupe Fernandez asked a question on the expenditure report dated 10/29/15. Was unsure about the reorder of the visitor passes.

Freddy Valencia, Student Board Member, made an oral report to the Board regarding FHS activities.

AWARDS/
PRESENTATIONS
(6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4)

Lt. Brock introduces new SRO Ashley Hettick will be working with Officer Cruz. He explained that Officer Hettick has worked for COS prior to joining Farmersville P.D. so she has plenty of school experience.

Lt. Brock stated that the Chief has been assessing the traffic conditions and unfortunately the way the city is designed it creates some issues with traffic. They have come up with some solutions but they will not be permanent. They are attempting to enforce the issue by being visible to minimize the issues.

Lt. Brock suggested a solution to help alleviate the traffic would be transitioning to neighborhood schools. This would allow students living near those schools to walk instead of parents driving them causing traffic issues. He states that adding on additional road would only add to the traffic issues we currently have. The neighborhood schools would allow for those students to walk or ride their bikes.

Adding the light on Walnut would be expensive and may also be a temporary fix causing more congestion. Some designs for the future Jr. High & High School may already be in place and changes might be more difficult.

With this new SRO, the plan is to focus on the sites having the most issues such as enforcing speed, illegal parking, stopping where they are not supposed to all focus on efficiency. He mentioned the safety of students is their primary concern and that sometimes it is difficult and may cause more issues with their presence. Congestion will be difficult to enforce without reducing the amount of vehicles.

Trustee Lupe Fernandez asked how difficult would be to get signs out in front of the schools, letting people know they are entering a school zone. Lt. Brock said it would be possible but he'd need to coordinate with the county and might require engineers to get involved. He mentioned they will be working on trying to reduce the issues. (6.2)

Lisa Whitworth, High School Principal, presented Signature Program Recognition Certificates to the following:

Student Honoree: Jesus Vidaña

Staff Honoree: Nichole Contreras

Volunteer Honoree: Robert & Erlinda Torres (6.3)

Board of Education Year-End Sponsored Banquet celebrating end-of-year accomplishments. Trustee Lupe Fernandez comments that this event would honor those students, parents & teachers for their accomplishments. They might serve a spaghetti dinner. She volunteered to provide the decorations.

Trustee Al Vanderslice proposed Trustee Fernandez be in charge of this event since it is an event by the board. Trustee Fernandez said she would form a committee of classified, certified and administrative employees.

Superintendent Lariviere asks for a date of this event. Trustee Lupe Fernandez said she would come up with a date as soon as she has a committee formed. (6.4)

Nicole Contreras, English Language Development Teacher at FHS spoke about her trip with 130 students to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. They greatly appreciated the guided campus tour.

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice to deny and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: Jorge Vazquez; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board denied the Educational Consulting Inc. Contract for Saturday School.

Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer
Lisa Whitworth, High School Principal
Rachel Mendez, Hester School Principal
Shane Topolinski, Freedom Learning Director

A PowerPoint presentation was made regarding their attendance to the ACSA 2015, Leadership Summit.

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: Al Vanderslice; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the CUE Conference in Palm Springs, CA. Trustee Lupe Fernandez had a question as to why we did not attend the CUE Conference in Turlock. Superintendent Lariviere informed her this is the largest conference unlike the Turlock which is a smaller version workshop. Principal Whitworth states that we have the ability to be certified by attending the Palm Springs Conference. Superintendent Lariviere states it is out of Title I funding. Trustee Al Vanderslice made a comment that a lot of the same employees are attending these conferences. He'd like to see more of a variety attending. Principal Whitworth states that these are lead teachers/department head teachers that come back to train other teachers. This is a common practice at most districts. Trustee Fernandez said these conferences have a lot of different apps they could share with us. Principal Whitworth indicated High School and Jr. High Schools are sharing and collaborating with each other for this purpose.

The Board requested Item 13.1 be discussed in closed session: Approval of Certificated Personnel Action Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(8.0)

DENIAL OF
CONTRACT FOR
SATURDAY SCHOOL
WITH
EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTING
SERVICES INC. (9.1)

POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION:
ACSA 2015
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT (12.1)

APPROVAL OF CUE
CONFERENCE (12.2)

ITEM 13.1 TO BE
DISCUSSED IN TO
CLOSED SESSION
(13.1)

The Board requested Item 13.2 be discussed in closed session: Approval of Classified Personnel Action Report.

ITEM 13.2 TO BE DISCUSSED IN TO CLOSED SESSION (13.2)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice, and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel items as per the Board transmittal form.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS (13.3)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez, and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board voted unanimously to approve December 8, 2015 as the Organizational meeting date.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE (14.1)

The Board requested Item 14.2 be discussed in closed session: Board Member Reports/Superintendent’s Report on School Related Matters.

ITEM 14.2 TO BE DISCUSSED IN TO CLOSED SESSION (14.2)

Consideration was given to items that the Governing Board wished to have placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (14.3)

Trustee Al Vanderslice requested the following:

1. Cross Training of Our Personnel
2. Attorney Fees and Reason (July 1, 2015 - November 17, 2015)
3. FUSD Credit Cards: Who has them, what they are used for and how (July 1, 2015 - November 17, 2015)
4. Policy on Teacher’s Admonishing Parents or Board Members
5. List of persons in charge at each school site when the Principal or
6. Copy of Policy on Parents or Board Members visiting our school sites.

Trustee Lupe Fernandez requested the following:

1. Establish a Budget Committee (Certified, Classified, Administration &
2. District Hot Line for Fraud in District & Suggestion Box. Trustee
3. Cash at School Sites Policy. There should be 2 people handling cash.

Trustee Don Mason requested the following:

1. Credit Card Information
2. Would like to see lawyer fees.
3. Would like Jason to prepare a financial report on a regular basis.

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice to deny and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: Jorge Vazquez; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board denied the Agreement for Consultant Leadership with Educational Leadership Services.

DENIAL OF AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT LEADERSHIP WITH EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SERVICES (15.1)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the \$1000 donation from Wonderful Giving Company, Los Angeles, CA.

APPROVAL OF \$1000 DONATION FROM WONDERFUL GIVING COMPANY (15.2)

The Board revision Report dies for lack of motion. The Board requested Item 15.3 be returned at the next board meeting.

BOARD REVISION REPORT DIES FOR LACK OF MOTION (15.3)

Jason Kaff began the First Interim Report for the 2015-16 year. Trustee Lupe Fernandez asks if the one-time funding is only for this year. Jason Kaff explains that it is only one-time funding the State is paying mandated funding they have been holding onto for several years. This funding goes into the General Fund. Trustee Jorge Vazquez asks if there a timeline on receiving these funds that were not approved due to dying for lack of motion. Jason Kaff explains that the first allocation would be in December. Jason Kaff recommends that it be approved. At this point, Mr. Kaff stated that the report is incorrect by \$1.3 million. Trustee Fernandez would like to see how we can utilize this money towards negotiations. Trustee Al Vanderslice would like tabs on the board packets. He asked about the positive certification. Jason Kaff says it is not correct because of the \$1.3 million. The Yes/No in the report are populated automatically because 15.4 is tied to--15.3 approved, Trustee Don Mason suggested Jason Kaff return this item to the next meeting after the board approves the \$1.3 million. Trustee Lupe Fernandez asked why were these items split. Superintendent Lariviere explains that because of 15.3 dying for lack of motion, we are unable to proceed with items 15.4 and 15.5. The Board requested Item 15.4 be bought back to the next board meeting.

ITEM 15.4 Tabled TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING - PRESENTATION OF FIRST INTERIM REPORT Tabled (15.4)

The Board requested Item 15.5 be tabled to the next board meeting.

ITEM 15.5 Tabled TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING - FIRST INTERIM REPORT APPROVAL (15.5)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, reported to the Board regarding video surveillance cameras at Hester and Snowden Schools. Mr. Navarro mentioned that the has been unsuccessful in securing vendors or receiving proposals. Trustee Jorge Vazquez asked if we're bringing this item back at the next meeting. Raymond Navarro says he can but once you reach \$125,000 it must go to bid. Trustee Al Vanderslice states that if you can't get bids, you can't get bids. Trustee Jorge Vazquez says there should be plenty of competitors out there. Raymond Navarro says he will find some. Trustee Don Mason asked if more information will be provided at the next meeting. Raymond Navarro said he would.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT HESTER & SNOWDEN DISCUSSED (16.1)

Future regular board meetings will be held on December 8, 2015 and January 12, 2016 (TBD). Superintendent Lariviere explains that a TBD was listed because we normally put two dates but since they are not established at the December 8, 2015 meeting we will have a list of the dates for the following year. Trustee Lupe Fernandez asked if we can have a special meeting to approve items 15.3, 15.4 & 15.5. Superintendent Lariviere says that is up to the Board. Trustee Lupe Fernandez says they will discuss in closed session.

FUTURE MEETING DATES (17.1)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss

CLOSED SESSION (20.0)

Recommended Expulsion - Student ID 2796) (Ed Code Section 48900, et. Seq.);
Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957);
Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: FUSD, Superintendent Lariviere
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association (CSEA); Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) (2) of Section 54956.9

(1 case); Public Performance Evaluation: Evaluation of superintendent Initial Meeting with Board/Superintendent Consultant Agreement. Superintendent Lariviere explained that Public Performance Evaluation: Evaluation of Superintendent Initial Meeting with Board/Superintendent Consultant Agreement was not an approved one, therefore; cannot be discussed in closed session.

At 9:58 p.m., Rachel Mano, Secretary, announced the Board would be extending the Board meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Item 13.1 dies for lack of motion: Certificated Personnel Action Report.

ITEM 13.1 DIES FOR LACK OF MOTION (13.1)

Item 13.2 dies for lack of motion: Classified Personnel Action Report.

ITEM 13.2 DIES FOR LACK OF MOTION (13.2)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board Recommends Expulsion - Student ID 2796).

APPROVAL OF
EXPULSION -
STUDENT ID 2796
(21.0)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board Approves Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957)

APPROVAL OF
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE:
DISCIPLINE/
DISMISSAL/RELEAS
E (21.2)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board Approves the Memorandum of Understanding with CSEA for Re-Employment Rights.

APPROVAL OF MOU
WITH CSEA - RE-
EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS (21.3)

The Board did not take any action regarding Item 21.4: Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 (1 case) by the Board.

NO ACTION TAKEN
RE: CONFERENCE
WITH LEGAL
COUNSEL (21.4)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Trustee Al Vanderslice and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
(22.0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent

Approved by,

Don Mason, Clerk of the Board