

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

**October 13, 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 October 13, 2015.

DATE & PLACE

Trustees Attendance

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

TRUSTEES  
ATTENDANCE

Administration Present

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent  
Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer  
Randy DeGraw, Director of Personnel  
Melinda Canning, Snowden School Principal  
Richard Albay, Ed.D., Freedom School Principal  
Loretta Aragon, Farmersville Jr. High Principal  
Lisa Whitworth, Farmersville High School Principal  
Manuel Mendez, Farmersville High School Assistant 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

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 including the following revisions: Item 5.1 and 5.2: Correct the spelling of the last name for Jorge Vazquez. Should read: Vazquez, not Vasquez. Correct Item 12.1 - Board Transmittal form should read: 4 Administrators and 3 Learning Directors not 7 Administrators. Correct Item 14.2 - Board Transmittal Form should read: Lt. Brock not Lt. Brook.

ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA (4.1)

On a motion by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and seconded by Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the corrected regular Board meeting minutes for September 15, 2015.

APPROVAL OF  
CORRECTED  
REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
FOR 09/15/15 (5.1)

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 approved the corrected regular Board meeting minutes for September 22, 2015.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 09/22/15 (5.2)

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 approved the special Board meeting minutes for September 29, 2015.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 09/29/15 (5.3)

Trustee Al Vanderslice questioned the charges (\$503.29) made at Jack's Liquor for Child Nutrition Program. Jason Kaff, Business Manager/CBO, explained Jack's Liquor is where the cafeteria fuels the Food Service vehicles. 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 (5.4) APPROVAL

September 24, 2015 in the amount of \$511,482.15

Vincent Salinas, candidate, informed the Board and audience he would be seeking election for a seat on the Board of Supervisors - District 1 on November 7, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (8.0)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the contract for the TCOE Severely Handicapped Program.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TCOE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED PROGRAM (9.1)

Jeff Higgins, Director of Special Education, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Special Education Program services provided by the District. The IEP team is the governing Board for a student with learning disability. The IEP teams is composed of the site administrator, the general education teacher, the parent or guardian, the special education specialist.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES (9.2)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the Snowden ASB Fundraisers.

APPROVAL OF SNOWDEN ASB FUNDRAISERS (10.1)

Trustee Jorge Vazquez made a motion to approve Item 12.1: Approval of ACSA 2015 Leadership Summit on November 5-7, 2015 in Sacramento, CA. The motion died due to lack of a second.

ITEM 12.1 DIED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND

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 approved the AVID Program Contract for 2015-2016.

APPROVAL OF AVID PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR 2015-2016 (12.2)

Frank Silveira, Chief Academic Officer, presented the goals and action for Hester School as Mrs. Mendez was unable to attend the board meeting. Melinda Canning, Snowden Principal; Richard Albay, Ed.D., Freedom Principal; Loretta Aragon, FJHS Principal; Lisa Whitworth, FHS Principal; and Lupe Perez, DCA Principal, all presented their site goals and actions regarding the Single Plan for Student Achievement. 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 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Hester, Snowden, Freedom, FJHS, FHS and DCA.

APPROVAL OF SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (SPSA) (12.3)

On a motion by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and seconded by Trustee Lupe Fernandez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the Secondary Counselor at FHS.

APPROVAL OF SECONDARY COUNSELOR AT FHS (13.1.1)

On a motion by Trustee Al Vanderslice and seconded by Trustee Jorge Vazquez and carried: (Ayes: Don Mason, Lupe Fernandez, Jorge Vazquez, Al Vanderslice; Noes: None; Absent: John Vasquez), the Board approved the agreement with Brandman University.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BRANDMAN UNIVERSITY (13.2)

The Board requested Item 14.1 be discussed in closed session: Approval of Contract with Educational Leadership Services, John Cruz, Independent Contractor.

ITEM 14.1 TO BE DISCUSSED IN TO CLOSED SESSION (14.1)

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent, stated Lt. Brock and Chief Mario Krstic were unable to attend the Board meeting. However, Lt Brock and Chief Krstic will be present at the Board meeting on November 17, 2015 to discuss traffic at the school sites.

TRAFFIC AT SCHOOL SITES (14.2)

Richard Albay, Ed.D., addressed the Board regarding the desks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. MOT had 332 desks in storage. The Board discussed purchasing desks for Freedom School. Dr. Albay advised Freedom would use the desks MOT had in storage for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Trustee Al Vanderslice stated he visited the classrooms at Freedom and agreed with Dr. Albay who indicated the classroom overcrowded issue who resolve itself once the additional teachers were hired for class size reduction.

STUDY OF DESKS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DISCUSSED (14.3)

The Board reviewed the information regarding Anti-Bullying Programs implemented across the school sites.

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED AT SITES REVIEWED (14.1)

James Lohry, Director of Food Services, made an oral report on the Breakfast in the Classroom program and sanitation.

PRESENTATION RE: BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM & SANITATION (14.5)

Iliana Hernandez, Director of Pupil Services, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the District's Perfect Attendance policy.

POWERPOINT  
PRESENTATION  
RE: PERFECT  
ATTENDANCE  
POLICY (14.6)

Iliana Hernandez, Director of Pupil Services, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding late and unexcused absences.

POWERPOINT  
PRESENTATION  
RE: LATE AND  
UNEXCUSED  
ABSENCES (14.7)

Randy DeGraw, Director of Human Resources, made an oral report regarding Jr. High/High school Class Size. Trustee Al Vanderslice stated the money for reduced class size should have come out of LCAP since the stakeholders indicated they wanted lower class size. Mr. Degraw indicated in order to implement reduced class size at Jr. High and the High School, the District would need to hire 2 additional teachers at Jr. High and 3 additional teachers at the High School. Lisa Whitworth, FHS Principal, stated implementing lower class size at this time of year at the High School would be a waste of good resources. The total cost to the General Fund to hire 5 additional teachers to implement reduced class size District wide would be \$465,000.

PRESENTATION  
RE: JR. HIGH/HIGH  
SCHOOL CLASS SIZE  
(14.8)

Randy DeGraw, Director of Human Resources, made an oral report regarding Teacher to Administrator ratio. Mr. DeGraw distributed a list of personnel at the District Office. Trustee Al Vanderslice inquired about Learning Directors drawing administrative pay and/or longevity. If Learning Directors are not administrators, how can they be drawing longevity admin pay? Mr. DeGraw stated he would need to come back to the Board with an answer.

PRESENTATION  
RE: TEACHER TO  
ADMINISTRATOR  
RATIO (14.9)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, addressed the Board regarding use of upper level student bathrooms at FHS. Mr. Navarro indicated the problem had been resolved and students are currently using the upper level student bathrooms.

USE OF UPPER  
LEVEL STUDENT  
BATHROOMS AT  
FHS DISCUSSED  
(14.10)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, updated the Board regarding the Citrus expansion. The cost for a one-lane road to Walnut Ave. is approximately \$676,087.50.

UPDATE ON CITRUS  
EXPANSION (14.11)

Consideration was given to items that the Governing Board wished to have placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Trustee Jorge Vazquez requested a report from the Learning Directors. Trustee Lupe Fernandez requested information regarding the Napa Saturday School and hosting a breakfast or lunch for honor roll students.

CONSIDERATION OF  
ITEMS FOR NEXT  
MEETING (14.12)

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 approved the Budget Revision Report.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISION REPORT (15.1)

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 approved the agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for County Operated Community Day Class.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH TULARE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR COUNTY OPERATED COMMUNITY DAY CLASS (15.2)

The Board reviewed the Financial Report - October 2015-16.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2015-16 (15.3)

The Board reviewed the Annual CHP Safety Compliance Report/Terminal Record Update and Bus Inspections.

ANNUAL CHP SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT/TERMINAL RECORD & BUS INSPECTIONS REVIEWED (16.1)

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the Williams Site Visit rating for FUSD.

WILLIAMS SITE VISIT RATING FOR FUSD DISCUSSED (16.2)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, addressed the Board regarding the construction cost for the High School pool and the Vocational Education buildings. Currently, there is 1.4 million in a separate pool fund and approximately 3 million in the bond money/treasury account. The District would need to borrow approximately 5 million dollars for the vocational education building and swimming pool project. Jason Kaff, Business Manger/CBO, will contact the financial advisor to determine what the District monthly payments would be for the Certificate of Participation (COP). Mr. Kaff will bring this information back to the board.

CONSTRUCTION COST FOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS DISCUSSED (16.3)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, made an oral report to the Board regarding air conditioning for Hester, Snowden and FHS cafeterias. The total cost to install air conditioning at Hester and Snowden cafeterias and the High School kitchen is \$299,664.34.

AIR CONDITIONING FOR HESTER, SNOWDEN & FHS CAFETERIAS DISCUSSED (16.4)

Raymond Navarro, Director of MOT & Facilities, made an oral report to the Board regarding video surveillance cameras at Hester and Snowden Schools. The total cost to purchase the video surveillance cameras is approximately \$125,520.00.

VIDEO  
SURVEILLANCE  
CAMERAS AT  
HESTER &  
SNOWDEN  
DISCUSSED (16.5)

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 adopted Resolution #16-10-13-15 regarding Bidder Prequalifications Procedure and Rating System.

ADOPTION OF  
RESOLUTION  
#16-10-13-15 (16.6)

Future regular board meetings will be held on October 27, 2015 and November 17, 2015.

FUTURE MEETING  
DATES (17.1)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss Approval of Contract with Educational Leadership Services, John Cruz, Independent Contractor; Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/ Release (Gov. Code §54957) and Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54956.7). It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to review its position and to instruct its designated rep: Agency Designated Representative: Randy DeGraw; Name of Organization: FTA.

CLOSED SESSION  
(20.0)

At 9:58 p.m., Rosemary DeLeon, Executive Secretary/Office Manager, announced the Board would be extending the Board meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:35 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board tabled Item 14.1 to the November 17, 2015 Board Meeting.

ITEM 14.1 TABLED  
TO NOVEMBER 17,  
2015 BOARD  
MEETING

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

The Board did not take action regarding Item 21.2: Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54956.7). It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to review its position and to instruct its designated rep: Agency Designated Representative: Randy DeGraw; Name of Organization: FTA.

NO ACTION TAKEN  
RE: ITEM 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 adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT  
(22.0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere, Superintendent

Approved by,

Don Mason, Clerk of the Board