

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on November 28, 2016, there were present Board Members Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and Ryan. Superintendent Hanson was also present. Board Member Chavez Absent.

*Board Member Johnson arriving at 5:40 p.m.*

Board Clerk De La Cerda convened the Special Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. to discuss Item 1 on the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 1**

**PRESENT and DISCUSS the CORE Districts' Data System**

The CORE Districts' data system is being used to inform school improvement efforts, promote innovation and bring new strategies to scale; and why it is being recognized nationally as a model for school improvement and accountability efforts.

The workshop discussed:

- The specific measures in the data system, including state-collected information on test scores, graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and data about English learners, as well as locally-generated data, not collected by or available through the state, including student-level academic growth, 8th grade readiness, students' social-emotional skills and schools' culture climate.
- The CORE Districts' data system reports and information used by educators to pinpoint progress at the school site, as well as at different grade levels and among student groups, to inform decision-making and improve outcomes for all students.
- The partnership with the independent, non-partisan research center Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) that helps support the CORE Districts to look at state and locally-generated data in multiple ways and disseminate findings to educators and policymakers.

Presentation by Rick Miller and Noah Bookman

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board members regarding the survey process, student social and emotional skills, how data is collected, and differences in student performance. Additionally, there was a request made by Trustees for staff to provide CORE data for each Trustee Region. Executive Director Dave Calhoun, Rick Miller and Noah Bookman were available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

**Unscheduled Oral Communication**

There were no speakers for this portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board Clerk De La Cerda declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.