



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**  
2309 TULARE STREET  
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**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
November 4, 2015**

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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno California, 93721.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on November 4, 2015 there were present Members Ashjian, Chavez, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills, Ryan and President Johnson. Student Board Members Quintana and Correa Present. Superintendent Hanson was also present.

President Johnson convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:43 p.m.

*Trustee De La Cerda arriving at 3:50 p.m.*

**Staff Present**

Associate Superintendent Sanchez. Instructional Superintendents: Dutra, Gomes, Her, Russell and Wall. Assistant Superintendents: Belanger, Locker and Maldonado. Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia. Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey. Deputy Superintendent Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief Information Officer Arias, and Chief of Staff Nelson.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

The board took action in closed session to deny Deputy Superintendent Quinto's request for the district to provide legal defense in connection with Grand Jury Subpoena No. 2015-15-01, by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Member Ashjian, Chavez, De La Cerda and Mills. Noes: Member Davis and Johnson. Abstention: Member Ryan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Nicholas Solis, a parent that has had a positive impact at Lawless Elementary, led the flag salute.

### **ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming November 20, 2015 as Substitute Educators Day**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a resolution proclaiming November 20, 2015 as *Substitute Educators Day*. Substitute professionals provide our school district with specialized skills, and are essential to the educational excellence of our schools. The Board of Education of Fresno Unified officially declares November 20, 2015 as Substitute Educators Day and recognizes the unique contributions our substitute professionals make in support of the district's goals and core beliefs in increasing student achievement and preparing career ready graduates.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a roll call vote of 9-0-0, as follows: AYES: Student Board Members: Quintana and Correa, Board Members: Ashjian, Chavez, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills, Ryan and President Johnson.

### **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Student Board Representatives Diana Castellanos and Hunter Chase provided comments/reports from the Student Advisory Board Representative meeting hosted by Design Science High School. Member Davis and De La Cerda attended their meeting. Student Board Representative Diana Castellanos acknowledged the student ambassadors from Baird Middle School who shared highlights of various Baird school activities and experiences.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- Superintendent Hanson provided a brief report to the Board of Education and first offered condolences to the UC Merced community after today's tragic events in Merced. Superintendent Hanson expressed the importance of reviewing safety plans and being proactive to address the safety of the district's students and employees.
- Superintendent Hanson shared details of a special trip that Christina Espinosa, Director of Guidance and Counseling, and Dr. Jorge Aguilar, Associate Superintendent of Equity and Access, took earlier this week. They were among 475 delegates who met at the University of North Florida as part of a White House convening on the subject of the First Lady's Reach Higher Initiative which works to increase the number of underserved students entering and succeeding in college. As part of this meeting, Dr. Aguilar presented Fresno Unified's work around equity and access which was seen as a measurement model at this national meeting.
- Superintendent Hanson also provided highlights of the California Latino Leadership Education Summit that took place Friday, October 30 at Fresno State. He joined a number of city and educational leaders who discussed K-12 initiatives aimed at increasing college opportunities.
- While students had the day off this past Monday, teachers were hard at work participating in school site directed professional learning. At Baird Middle School, PE teachers had a unique opportunity as Fresno Unified was one of three communities in California to be chosen to participate NFL's "Fuel Up to Play 60." The program is designed to encourage

good nutrition and 60 minutes a day of physical activity. PE Teachers ran drills and learned new techniques for flag football.

- The superintendent personally thanked Caglia Environmental for sponsoring a returned trip to the Chaffee Zoo for Norseman 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Their trip last week was cut short by a gas leak.
- Hanson concluded by sharing that \$175,000 worth of new musically instruments arrived last week and was being unwrapped at seven of our comprehensive high schools, part of the Board's continued investment in music and the arts.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Ryan, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-10 which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: Student Board Members: Quintana and Correa, Members Ashjian, Chavez, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills, Ryan and President Johnson.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**

**APPROVED, as recommended** the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

### **A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**

**ADOPTED, as recommended** the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the October 28, 2015, Regular Board meeting.

### **A-3, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders**

**ADOPTED, as recommended** a waiver request for Career Technical Education Credential holders for English Learner Authorization until CTE program is completed.

### **A-4, APPROVE Submission of Grant Application to the California Department of Education for Food Services Equipment**

**APPROVED, as recommended** an application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the 2015 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants. The CDE grant will allow School Food Authorities (SFA) to purchase the equipment needed to increase participation, serve healthier meals, meet the new nutritional standards with an emphasis on more fresh fruits and vegetables, improve food safety, expand access, and reduce utility costs. The CDE will award competitive grants up to \$100,000 for each SFA. Food Services will apply the entire grant to purchase mobile food carts to increase breakfast and lunch student participation at targeted high schools.

### **A-5, APPROVE Amendment to Agreement with Claremont Partners for Expansion of Vendor and Data Integration Services**

**APPROVED, as recommended** an amendment to the agreement with Claremont Partners as recommended by the Joint Health Management Board. Claremont Partners will provide expanded vendor and data integration services, with emphasis on prescription benefit management services.

**A-6, APPROVE Bid 16-04, Re-bid Robinson Elementary School New Kindergarten Building Construction and Reject Bid 15-27, Robinson Elementary School New Kindergarten Building Construction**

**APPROVED**, as recommended Bid 16-04, which is recommended to be awarded for construction of a new kindergarten building at Robinson. The project will provide a new three-classroom kindergarten building including restrooms and teacher preparation space, and parking lot improvements. The request for bids was lawfully advertised on September 1, 2015. Notifications were sent to eighty-nine (89) vendors and four (4) construction trade publications, and the district received five (5) responses. In addition, it is recommended that the Board reject all bids for Bid 15-27, the original bid for this project. All the bids received did not meet the pre-qualification requirement pursuant to Public Contract Code 2011.6.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Durham Construction Company, Inc. (Clovis, California) \$1,826,000

**A-7, APPROVE Adding AECOM to the List of Environmental Site Assessment and/or Geotechnical Services Vendors for Facilities/Maintenance Projects**

**APPROVED**, as recommended that AECOM (Fresno) be added to the list of Environmental Site Assessment and/or Geotechnical Services vendors approved to perform professional services in support of the district's new construction, modernization, deferred and general maintenance projects. This will allow staff to contract with AECOM for assistance with environmental studies on current and future projects.

**A-8, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Municipal Resources Group, LLC**

**APPROVED**, as recommended an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Municipal Resources Group, LLC.

Municipal Resources Group, LLC will facilitate the process of conducting the annual evaluation of the superintendent and related workshop(s) and/or closed session discussion(s), facilitate the process of conducting the annual self-assessment of the Board of Education and related workshop(s) and/or closed session discussion(s), and assist with related leadership assessment and goal setting as needed.

**A-9, DENY Claim #15-0917-0254**

**DENIED**, as recommended a Claim for Damages on a minor, case #15-0917-0254. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-10, RATIFY Contract with San Diego State University for Head Counselor Training**

**RATIFIED, as recommended** Fresno Unified will partner with San Diego State University to provide training for Head Counselors at each of our high school sites over a two year period on how to effectively utilize data to develop action plans to support students and demonstrate their direct impact on supporting the district's goal of producing Career Ready Graduates.

**Member Chavez** – I was wanting to get an overview of their model and if it is a model that has been implemented elsewhere I would like to get a board communication on the results that they had and what we are trying to replicate. Or is it not a model that has been implemented?

**Sally Fowler** – The person who will be doing the training is Trish Hatch. She is the National Guru for counseling. She has written several books. One of them explicitly around the data and high school counseling practices, which aligns with the work we have been doing. We have contracted with her through San Diego State University to provide training to our head counselors. It is to go deeper with the work we are doing and to help our head counselors lead that work at their sites to go further with the results that we have experienced so far.

**Member Chavez** – There is a bullet point that states *Train all head counselors to use data to develop intentional guidance systems*. I am really interested in that and would like to get some more information on it and what that looks like. I am real excited that we are doing this. I think this directly aligns with what we are working on *Career Ready Graduates*.

**Superintendent Hanson** – I will just remind the board that this is part of the First Lady's initiative around the challenge initiative to get more kids going to college, in which they ran a Washington DC summit for counselors. The west coast version of it was headed up by Trish Hatch in San Diego and that is where we came to meet her. Sally, Jorge and the team developed a relationship with her seeing what she would be able to offer. We will provide you additional information.

Member Chavez moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a vote of 7-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Chavez, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills, Ryan and President Johnson.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke about the superintendent's use of the word pejorative and his comments about State Center Community College. Mr. Fabela also questioned whether or not the a-g requirements are actually preparing our students to be college ready.

**Howard Watkins** – Thanked the Board of Trustees for approving the new curriculum for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education – Positive Prevention Plus. He handed out an article that he had written and stressed the importance of a positive environment from conception to age two.

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **B-11, APPROVE Revisions to Board Policy (BP) 6142.7**

**APPROVED, as recommended** this update of the Physical Education board policy will allow the district to continue to provide students the widest array of activities and athletic options. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

Presentation by Assistant Superintendent Holland Locker

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the board and staff was available to respond

**Member Mills** – How does this impact our students who are taking JROTC or engaged in other activities like cheerleading? Are they going to be exempt from this? Or are they going to be tested to be exempt?

**Holland Locker** –Our current practice in regards to students earning 20 units of PE credits will stay intact. As the program reviewer noted, we don't have exemption language in our current board policy. Education Code focuses on two major components; PE credits (four semesters equating 20 credits) and total minutes. Education Code states that students in 9-12 grade need to have 400 minutes of physical education instruction every ten days. In this case, our students are qualifying for the credits but because we don't allow them to be exempt for two years, there is where we had an issue. We are not allowing them to opt out, where Education Code says according to minutes, it should be 400 minutes every ten days. So, JROTC they will continue to receive PE credit as they are currently.

**Member Mills** – A concern as a parent on our hot sunny days we have a lot of schools that prohibit the use of sunglasses during PE. Those are the days that our children should be wearing sunglasses. Preferably the kind with UV protection. Are we still allowing schools to prohibit the use of sunglasses when they are outdoors?

**Holland Locker** – To my knowledge, no.

**Brett Mar** – To my knowledge each site makes their own decisions, and I would image each class would make their own decision.

**Member Mills** – I would submit that we need to have a more uniform policy and rule around that, instead of having that determined school-by-school or teacher-by-teacher basis.

**Holland Locker** – We will certainly revisit that concern.

**Member De La Cerda** – Are there softer balls that the kids can use when playing dodge ball? My daughter had asked the question.

**Holland Locker** – This is a great opportunity to thank the Board. As part of the one-time \$250,000, we gave \$2,000 to elementary schools, \$4,000 to middle schools and \$7,700 to our high schools. We have been monitoring those expenses and the top priority was uniforms. This past Saturday we had 32 teams at Sunnyside. Over 500 kids participated in the flag football tournament everyone had classy uniforms thanks to you. Also, that money could be used for athletic equipment. Finally, we gave schools an in-depth resource for PE equipment. Hopefully over the next few years equipment will be purchased.

**Member De La Cerda** – I will let my daughter know you are working on it.

A copy of the PowerPoint is available on the district website

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a vote of 7-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Chavez, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills, Ryan and President Johnson.

### **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member Ryan** – Requested a board communication in regards to Fresno City bus routes and Gaston Middle School health clinic. Mentioned as we work with our community partners and adding clinics to other sites that we need to keep in mind the bus routes. In addition if we are considering more offerings at Duncan that bus routes should be looked at as well.

**Member Mills** – Reminded everyone about the Little Big Game, otherwise known as the Pig Bowl. The kickoff breakfast is Tuesday morning.

*President Johnson adjourned to Closed Session at 6:47 pm to discuss the remainder of the items from Closed Session. The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:53 p.m. to report out from Closed Session.*

### **Reporting Out of Closed Session**

There was no action to report out.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**