



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**
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**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
April 13, 2016**

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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 April 13, 2016 there were present Members Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. Student Board Member Correa and Quintana were present. *Superintendent Hanson was absent.*

President Chavez convened the meeting at 4:31 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendent Sanchez. Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief Technology Officer Madden, and Chief of Staff Nelson.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

1. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote/appoint Jeanarta Coe, Principal II, Vinland Elementary.
2. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote/appoint Anna Leon, Principal II, Sunset Elementary School.
3. By a vote of 7-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote/appoint Tressa Overstreet, Principal I, Design Science.
4. The Board was informed of the lateral move of Sandra Toscano, Principal II, to Ewing Elementary School.
5. The Board was informed of the lateral move of Andrae Pecina, Principal IV, to Curriculum and Instruction.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elaine Brown, a parent that has had a positive impact at Viking Elementary, led the flag salute.

APPROVE Minutes

Approved as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 30, 2016 Regular Meeting. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a vote of 7-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez.

ADOPT Resolution Recognizing April 2016 as “Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide”

Adopted as recommended, a resolution proclaiming the month of April 2016 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide – as remembrance of those forever affected by the Armenian Genocide – and urges our schools and individual citizens to never forget these crimes against humanity.

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

Trustee Ashjian exited the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

ADOPT Proclamation Recognizing April 2016 as School Library Media Month

Adopted as recommended, a resolution proclaiming April 2016 as School Library Media Month. School Library Media Month celebrates school library media specialists and their programs. During the month of April, school library media specialists are encouraged to create activities to support their school and local community in celebrating the essential role of strong school library media programs.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Student Board Members: Quintana and Correa, Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. *Member Ashjian Absent.*

RECOGNIZE 9th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology

Recognized. On Saturday, March 12, 2016 Fresno Unified, held the 9th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology at Gaston Middle School. More than 500 students squared off in 14 technology-based competitions. Students competed in three categories of events: Robotics, Video Productions and Design. The goal of the competition is to engage students with a variety of innovative technologies to help develop collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity skills.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Board Representative, Vice President Georgiana Rodriguez, provided comments/reports from the Student Advisory Board Representative meeting hosted by Roosevelt High School. Member De La Cerda attended their meeting. Student Board Representative Georgiana Rodriguez acknowledged the student ambassadors from Bullard TALENT Middle School who shared highlights of various school activities and experiences.

HEAR Report from Deputy Superintendent

- An update on the tentative agreement with Fresno Teacher Association, noting that FTA overwhelming approved the settlement with 92% of their members voting yes to ratify; giving the Board of Education the opportunity to do the same tonight. She thanked the leadership of FTA's bargaining team and its bargaining chair, Felicia Burrell, in providing out teachers with a competitive package.
- This week kicked off testing across the district with students beginning SBAC testing and 11th graders taking the SAT yesterday. Deputy Superintendent Quinto spoke of the importance of students coming to school on time rested and prepared for their test days.
- Deputy Superintendent Quinto spoke about yesterday's free SAT test. Made possible through a partnership with College Board, the SAT was offered to eligible Fresno Unified juniors along with approximately 100 other school districts around the country-- removing barriers that often keep students from taking the test.
- In preparation for the SAT, students have been taking advantage of free high-quality online tutorials through College Board and Khan Academy. While not all students have Internet access at home, the district created test preparation labs at all comprehensive high schools and donated 100 computers to three neighborhood Boys and Girls Clubs, ensuring students had every opportunity to access these helpful tools.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-3 which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: Student Board Members: Correa and Quintana, Members Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. *Member Ashjian absent.*

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, APPROVE Personnel List

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

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

ADOPTED, as recommended Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the March 30, 2016, Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Rejecting All Bids for Bid 16-13, Figarden Elementary School Classroom Building Additions

APPROVED, as recommended Bid 16-13, for construction of two eight-classroom buildings, a four-classroom kindergarten building and associated site work at Figarden Elementary School. Notifications were sent to ninety-three (93) vendors and four (4) construction trade publications, and the district received three (3) responses. Bids were opened on January 29, 2016. It is recommended that the Board reject all bids for this project. Rebidding the project is not expected to result in a delay in final project completion.

Kenneth R. Mackie from Fresno Watchdogs for Ethical Bidding – Agreed with the district’s findings that Seal Rite is not a responsible bidder, but also felt Lewis C. Nelson and Sons, Inc. is not a responsible bidder. Felt that the contract should be awarded to the next responsible bidder which was David A. Bush, Inc. Mr. Mackie is strongly urging the Board to award the bid to the second lowest bidder David A. Bush, Inc.

Legal Counsel for the District Mr. Mark L. Creede – The district reserves right to reject all bids. Section 20111(a) of the public contract code states that school districts contract with the lowest responsible bidder or reject all bids. In this case Fresno Unified opted to reject all bids and was under no obligation to give the contract to David A. Bush, Inc.

Member Ryan moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. *Member Ashjian absent.*

A-4, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2015/16

APPROVED, as recommended the use of piggyback contracts with US Communities (local supplier: Central Valley Golf and Utility) and Western States Contract Alliance (local supplier: Dimension Data/Nexus IS) in 2015/16. Piggybacking is allowed under Public Contract Code 20118 and is a best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another public agency, which allows the district to avoid the time, expense, and market uncertainties associated with bidding. Approval for use of certain piggyback contracts is recommended annually. On June 17, 2015, the Board approved 35 piggyback contracts for use in 2015/16; these two contracts were not among them and are requested for approval at this time so they can be utilized for purchases in the coming months.

A-5, APPROVE Bid 16-18, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Conversion 2016 Row 2

APPROVED, as recommended Bid 16-18 to add 20 slow-fill CNG stations to the Transportation Department facility at the Brawley Service Center. This project includes construction of an additional row of slow-fill fuel dispensers, installation of an additional compressor, and associated piping and infrastructure required to increase the capacity of the slow-fill fueling system to accommodate a total of 36 buses. On March 26, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 13-24 authorizing the acceptance of \$804,123 in grant funds from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for this project and execution of the grant agreements. The request for bids was lawfully advertised on February 10, 2016. Notifications were sent to one hundred seventeen (117) vendors and four (4) construction trade publications, and the district received five (5) responses.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

JT2, Inc., dba Todd Companies (Visalia, California) \$969,200

A-6, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice of Completion for the Project Listed Below
RATIFIED, as recommended a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications:

RFP 14-12 Baird Middle School Gymnasium Construction

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA
(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Howard Watkins – Spoke about the significance of teaching students the importance of parenting from conception to age two. Stated that the district has a fiduciary and educational responsibility to ensure that all students have age appropriate conception to age two instruction.

Erica Ocegueda – Spoke about the importance of family engagement and how it impacts student academic achievement. There are barriers for economic disadvantaged families. There needs to be more engagement.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-7, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2016/17 Strategic Budget Development

PRESENTED and DISCUSSED. The Governor released the proposed State budget for 2016/17 on January 7, 2016. The Board of Education has discussed the Governor’s proposal and the potential impacts on Fresno Unified, as well as the strategic budget development process, at the following Board of Education meetings:

- January 20, 2016
- February 10, 2016
- February 24, 2016
- March 30, 2016

On April 13, 2016, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent, Ruth F. Quinto and staff

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

Member Ryan – Thanked staff for allowing board members to come in prior to the board meeting and ask questions. Member Ryan also stated that she agrees with Mr. Watkins and the importance of educating our children about parenting from conception to age two and the positive effects.

Member Mills – If we have reached our goal of projected enrollment of 3,300 for 2016 is expanding Calwa going to be enough?

Deanna Mathis – There is a need for more services, but this calls out the need for us to work as a community with other providers so it becomes a community approach to serving children under five. A school district cannot do it alone. We have built great partnerships through the work with Starting Smart and Strong, the Packard Foundation and the work of First Five so that we are serving as a community.

Member Mills – Do we have any data as to how many children in the district are under five?

Deanna Mathis – The population age zero to age five is 45,341.

Member Mills – I would agree with Trustee Ryan’s comments on the zero to two curriculum and educating our students about the importance of those two years. On slide 5, we may be doing fewer expulsions and suspensions, but is there less classroom disruption?

Ambra Dorsey – There are still issues. Restorative Practices is about trying to change relationships at schools so even when safety requires suspension we are using restorative practices when the student re-enters. Suspensions are still happening but expulsions have gone down in our three regions. Right now we are really focusing on developing a system at each site for teachers to request administrative support and our restorative process earlier on before the conflict gets to a point that is irreparable. Working at teaching and coaching more formal restorative responses with our administrators, when there is not a counselor on site. There are going to be safety issues and there are going to be expulsions and suspensions. We don’t want to suspend and not repair whatever happened. It is holding students accountable by repairing.

Member Mills – I appreciate it that we are making efforts at reducing the behavior that lead to a suspension or expulsion. But I am still hearing from staff and students that there are still problems in the classroom with behaviors that aren’t being addressed and that are being done repeatedly. I would encourage us to see what more we can do, because when that student disrupts the classroom they have disrupted the learning environment for every other student.

Ambra Dorsey – That is our goal, to improve the learning environment for all students.

Member Mills – On slide 7, you talked about reprioritizing funds and mentioned Director and Managers. I think we should be prioritizing our funds towards services to the students and classroom.

Ambra Dorsey – In the last two years we have added over 40 FTE and only one was a manager position.

Ruthie Quinto – The reprioritization is a reduction of travel and professional service contracts. We are not adding a new position. It is a slight upgrade to the existing manager position.

Member Mills – On slide 8, I see we are adding a Social Worker to conduct a pilot at a selected high school. Why not all high schools? We know Social Workers make a positive impact.

Ambra Dorsey – The goal would be to make that recommendation if the pilot goes well.

Member Davis – In regards to Early Learning I think we need to take a look at what Mr. Watkins is talking about. I am sure there are resources out there that we can take advantage of. Conception to age two is very important for our youth to understand. We also need to connect more with our community partners to provide attendance incentives. I know of a group that has been providing two bikes per month to our schools and the attendance has gone up. Another program that would help our youth is through the City of Fresno. The City of Fresno has personnel that can come in and assist with getting jobs. They can help with resumes, mock interviews and professional attire. I would really like to see our homeless and Foster students take advantage of those types of services.

Member De La Cerda – What will the enrollment numbers be at Calwa once it is up and running?

Deanna Mathis – We will have twenty in the morning and twenty in the afternoon.

Member De La Cerda – What are the numbers needed from our community partners in order to run smoothly?

Deanna Mathis – Head Start serves around 1000 children, they will be moving to serve more three-year olds because school districts are serving more four year-olds. There will be children who will have a three year-old program and a four-year program going into kindergarten. We are also working with licensed home-care providers, in learning how to support dual language learners no matter what setting children are in, and that is in partnership of Children Services Network.

Member De La Cerda – On slide 8, how long will the social worker pilot run?

Ambra Dorsey – It is a one year pilot with an evaluation done in the spring.

Member De La Cerda – If this is a successful pilot, what would be the recommendation?

Ambra Dorsey – It would be the board’s decision on the level of investment.

Member Johnson – How do we engage our community into this whole process? How do we get parents involved in this educational process?

Ambra Dorsey – We currently work with several community partners and are willing to engage with new partners, to meet the needs of our students. We know it takes a village. We have increased our partnership with Parent University, local business and churches. Anyone who can wrap our children with support.

There is no action required on this item.

A copy of the PowerPoint is available on the district website

B-8, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2015/16 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association (FTA)

OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFIED, as recommend. In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative. Included in the Board binders is a copy of the tentative agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association (FTA).

Presentation by Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer, Paul Idsvoog

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

For the record there were no comments or questions.

Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. *Member Ashjian Absent.*

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-9, Receive Carter G. Woodson Public Charter Schools Renewal Petition

RECEIVED, Agape Inc. has delivered a renewal petition to the district seeking authorization for a multi-site charter known as the Carter G. Woodson Public Charter Schools (Woodson). Woodson is currently serving 329 “at-risk” students in grades 7-12. The school will be located at 3331 and 3333 N. Bond; and 4880 N. First Street. Fiscal impact: The estimated fiscal impact to Fresno Unified School District for 2016/17 is 3,507,563. Contact person: Rosario Sanchez, telephone 457-6223.

C-10, Receive the Fresno Unified School District Proposal to Fresno Teachers Association - Building and Construction Trades Unit for the 2015/16 School Year

RECEIVED, In accordance with government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The Fresno Unified School District is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal to Fresno Teachers Association (FTA)-Building and Construction Trades Unit, for the 2015/16 school year. This proposal shall be available for public view in the Board of Education Office from April 13, 2016 through April 27, 2016. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district to be determined at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvog, telephone 457-3548.

C-11, Receive the Fresno Teachers Association - Building and Construction Trades Unit Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2015/16 School Year

RECEIVED, In accordance with government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The Fresno Teachers Association (FTA)-Building and Construction Trades Unit is herewith submitting its negotiations proposal to Fresno Unified School District, for the 2015/16 school year. This proposal shall be available for public view in the Board of Education Office from April 13, 2016 through April 27, 2016. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district to be determined at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvog, telephone 457-3548.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Mills – Provided clarification on Mr. Joe Barron’s comments from the March 30, 2016 board meeting in regards to the IB program at Fresno High School.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Chavez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2016 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.