

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
August 24, 2016**

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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Nutrition Center, Second Floor, Conference Room C, 4480 N. Brawley Avenue, Fresno, California 93722.

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on August 24, 2016 there were present Members Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. Member Ashjian absent. Superintendent Hanson was also present.

Board Clerk De La Cerda convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 8. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:39 p.m.

*Trustee Johnson arriving at 4:08 p.m. and Trustee Chavez arriving at 4:16*

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

There was no action to report.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Nutrition Director, Jose Alvarado led the flag salute.

**APPROVE Minutes**

Approved as recommended with corrections, the draft minutes for the August 10, 2016 Regular Meeting. Member Mills 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. ABSENT: Member Ashjian.

## **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- A video recap of activities from the first week of school and thanked staff for their hard work and dedication in creating a strong start.
- Superintendent Hanson shared that the district's fleet of 99 plus buses now have free Wi-Fi. This provides students the ability to login to the Student Portal, access assignments and do homework while riding to and from school and extra-curricular activities.
- SBAC results are in and Fresno Unified experienced gains at all grade levels in both English Language Arts and Mathematics -- the first time in 15 years. Superintendent Hanson noted that while gains were impressive, we are still not where we aspire to be and encouraged staff and students to continue to keep working and stay committed to continuous improvement.
- Superintendent Hanson highlighted the re-opening of Addicott Elementary, sharing comments that were shared with him from Principal Pleshe -- voicing the tremendous pride from parents, staff and the community.
- In preparation for the facility bond -- Measure X -- being placed on the November ballot, there are a number of informational Facilities Master Plan meetings being held. The first two are next week: Monday, August 29 in the Sunnyside cafeteria and Wednesday, August 31 in the Fresno High cafeteria. For a complete list of dates and locations visit the district website at [fresnounified.org](http://fresnounified.org).

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-6 and A-19 which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: 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** 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 August 10, 2016, Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, ADOPT Waiver Request for Special Education Credential in Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
**ADOPTED as recommended,** a waiver request for Patricia Schantz to serve as a Special Education Teacher in Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH). The Education Code 44225(m) allows the commission to grant waivers to fill in an area deemed hard-to-fill. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**A-4, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Alma Angelica Hernandez Chavez, Lucero Escareno Rosales, Maria del Rocio Gonzalez Ramos and Aaron Jesus Faz Elizondo ADOPTED as recommended,** Included in the Board binders are Variable Term Waiver requests for Alma Angelica Hernandez Chavez, Lucero Escareno Rosales, Maria del Rocio Gonzalez Ramos and Aaron Jesus Faz Elizondo. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**A-5, APPROVE 2016/17 Consolidated Application for Categorical Aid Programs Spring Release to the California Department of Education APPROVED, as recommended** The Consolidated Application (Con App) is the tool used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute funds from federal programs to school districts across California. Funds received enable us to serve students through activities described in each school's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and in the district's Local Education Agency (LEA) plan. A copy of the completed Con App is available in the Board Office for review. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Total funding for categorical programs included in the Con App is \$49,654,732. These funds are included in the 2016/17 Adopted Budget approved by the Board on June 1, 2016. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-6, APPROVE Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Street Saints Early Learning Outreach and Support PULLED for discussion**  
**APPROVED, as recommended** Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Street Saints will provide services at Fresno Unified School District's A Street Early Learning Center during its 246 days of operation. Services will support a safe learning environment and provide community outreach and referral to center services and resources. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$55,000 are available in the Child Development Unit budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

**Member Johnson** – What will the Street Saints be doing at the “A” Street Early Learning Center?

**Deanna Mathies** – They will provide a safe environment for the children and support the parents that utilize the services for child care, infants through five years old.

**Member Johnson** – The reason I ask is because between “A” and “B” street there is an alley and to the west there is a corner that people hang out on. Will Street Saints be able to talk to those people and get them to move on?

**Deanna Mathies** – We have been working with them and Street Saints has already put the word out into the community. They will be working with the staff at the site to assist in keeping the surrounding area safe, and working with the surrounding businesses as well.

**Member Johnson** – I was wondering, will police officers be able to spend more time going through that area to make sure it is somewhat sterile?

**Deanna Mathies** – Along with our safety department we have worked with them to create a clear communication with the police department when incidents occur. Our site

supervisor and manager of the center, she has communication with the police department and with Mr. Brian King.

**Mr. Brian King** – We are going to use our relationships with other businesses to make them aware of the early learning center and be ambassadors and recruit families so they know there is a facility for them to use. We are here to change the culture of the neighborhood.

**Superintendent Hanson** – We will have the conversation as the last of our SNROs land in our middle schools, to potentially help out in that area as well.

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

**A-7, APPROVE Contract with Solution Tree to Provide Professional Learning to All Principals and Lead Teachers in Support of Accountable Communities**

**APPROVED, as recommended** Solution Tree, Inc., will provide all site principals and 775 Lead Teachers with direct professional learning in support of developing and leading Accountable Communities (Professional Learning Communities). They will provide professional learning services for a cost of up to \$184,800. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds are available in the Chief Academic Office budget for a cost of \$184,800. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

**A-8, APPROVE Management Software License and Maintenance Agreement for Transportation Department Scheduling/Routing Software**

**APPROVED, as recommended** It is recommended that the Board approve the management software and maintenance agreement for the EDGAR scheduling, routing, and monitoring software used by the Transportation Department. The system also tracks bus mileage for preventive maintenance compliance required by the California Highway Patrol. The contract amount is \$82,560 and the term of the agreement is September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021. A copy of the agreement is available for review in the Purchasing Department. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Funding of \$82,560 is available in the Transportation Department budget. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**A-9, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions, Between Fresno Unified and Bedrock Land Development, Inc.**

**APPROVED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders and recommended for approval is Amendment No. 1 to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions between the District and Bedrock Land Development, Inc. for property located at Church and Peach Avenues in southeast Fresno. The property owner/seller has agreed to the Amendment, which would allow the District until October 24, 2016, to complete certain studies and obtain California Department of Education approval. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Approval of Amendment No. 1 results in no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**A-10, APPROVE Appointment of Chair to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

**APPROVED, as recommended** It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Barbara Steck as Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was established by the Board "to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond proceeds approved by the voters," and "to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measures" (Committee Bylaws). The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is not fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**A-11, APPROVE Request for Proposal (RFP) #17-01, Building Futures Newspaper**

**APPROVED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is information on RFP #17-01, to select a qualified vendor to design and print the monthly Fresno Unified Newspaper "Building Futures". The RFP was lawfully advertised on July 6, 2016 and July 13, 2016. Notifications were sent to 15 vendors and the district received three responses. The proposal was evaluated on the vendor's ability to meet or exceed the requirements set forth in the RFP. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: The estimated amount of \$120,000 is available in the 2016/17 Communications Department budget. Contact person : Miguel Arias, telephone 457-3733.

**A-12, APPROVE Agreement with Pearson Assessments**

**APPROVED, as recommended** The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) is a nonverbal measure of general ability published by Pearson Education. The test is commonly used to identify gifted students. All second graders in Fresno Unified will participate in an on-line NNAT testing as a screening process to be further evaluated for the GATE programs. Pearson will provide the on-line testing services as well as reports and download of results. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Annual costs of \$47,760. Funds are available in the Curriculum and Instruction budget. Contact person: Jorge Aguilar, telephone 457-3895.

**A-13, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**

**APPROVED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders are six (6) Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**A-14, DENY Claim #16-0216-0212**

**DENIED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages on Cynthia Ann Thorpe, case #16-0216-0212. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. The Superintendent recommends denial. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-15, DENY Claim #16-0216-0213**

**DENIED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages on Brianna Nicole Thorpe, case #16-0216-0213. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. The Superintendent recommends denial. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-16, DENY Claim #16-0721-0206**

**DENIED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages on minor, case #16-0721-0206. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. The Superintendent recommends denial. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-17, DENY Claim #16-0802-0214**

**DENIED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages on Michael Berg, case #16-0802-0214. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied and the matter referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling. The Superintendent recommends denial. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-18, RATIFY Submission of Grant Application to the College Futures Foundation**

**RATIFIED, as recommended** Ratification is requested for a planning grant application to the College Futures Foundation (CFF). The CFF seeks to increase the rate of bachelor's degree completion among California student populations who are low-income and have had historically low college success rates. The CFF planning grant provides the opportunity to fund the work of a FUSE Corps Fellow at Fresno Unified to lead significant new initiatives to improve access to college, advance the college going culture for low-income students, and increase the number of students transferring to a university to complete a bachelor's degree successfully. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: The application requests \$150,000 in grant funds. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**A-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016**

**PULLED for discussion**

**RATIFIED, as recommended** Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Purchase orders for \$10,000 or more are presented first, followed by purchase orders for less than \$10,000. A list of purchase orders issued for Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts is also provided. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Funding is noted on the attached pages. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**Member Mills** – I noticed on the purchase orders for the ASB Fund 950 that there are several items for the Island Water Park. I know that it is probably a fun place but I had a concern whether or not the district has checked into or accessed the safety record when we have students going to these types of locations. I would suggest that we may want to do that.

**Karin Temple** – So noted.

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

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

### **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke about his concerns in regards to the Math and English scores and the correlation to graduation rates. Made comments in regards to the district getting Wi-Fi on the school buses but we can't get air conditioning on our buses. Lastly, stated that people want a list of projects set in place on the bond measure so when it is voted on nothing can ever change.

**Xeng Her** – Spoke about his request to have a fulltime Hmong Liaison at Yosemite Middle School. Last year they had someone on staff who was able to speak Hmong but this year they do not.

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

#### **B-20, PRESENT and DISCUSS Opening of Schools**

**PRESENTED and DISCUSSED** the strategic and operational initiatives to support student success for the 2016/17 school year. Presentaion by Bob Nelson.

Presentation by Chief of Staff, Bob Nelson and staff

For the record, there were comments/questions made by Community Member Andrew Fabela, Board Members Mills, Ryan and Superintendent Hanson. No action was required on this item.

A copy of the presentation is available on the district website.

#### **B-21, ADOPT Resolution 16-04 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution 16-04 providing for the issuance and sale of 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$127 million to refinance the following outstanding general obligation bonds:

- General Obligation Bonds, Election 2010, Series B

- General Obligation Bonds, Election 2010, Series C

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent, Ruth Quinto

For the record, there were comments/questions made by Board Members Davis, De La Cerda and Mills. Ruth Quinto and legal counsel were available to provide clarification. Member Davis moved for adoption, seconded by Member Ryan, on a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Members Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. ABSENT: Member Ashjian.

A copy of the presentation is available on the district website.

**7:00 P.M**

**B-22, PRESENT and DISCUSS Constituent Services Reporting**

**PRESENTED and DISCUSSED** the Constituent Services report for the 2015/16 school-year. This report is an update from last year's report which was presented to the Board on August 26, 2015. Also, included is the Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting for Constituent Services activities for the time period of May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. The Quarterly Reporting for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures reporting for May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 are also included, in accordance with Education Code § 35186. Presentation by Executive Director, Teresa Plascencia.

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For the record, there were comments/questions made by, Board Member Ryan. Teresa Plascencia was available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

A copy of the presentation is available on the district website.

**7:15 P.M**

**B-23, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion on the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2016/17 School Year**

**OPPORTUNITY was provided.** 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 California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125 proposal was initially made public at the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education. This proposal is hereby returned to this agenda for formal presentation, public discussion and acknowledgment of receipt. Presentation by Chief of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog.

Presentation by Chief of Human Resources/Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog

For the record, there were no comments/questions. No action was required on this item.



**7:25 P.M**

**B-24, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion and ADOPT the Fresno Unified School District Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125 for the 2016/17 School Year**

**OPPORTUNITY was provided and ADOPTED as recommended.** 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. Included is the Fresno Unified School District's proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 125 for the 2016/17 school year presented at the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption. Presentation by Chief of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog

Presentation by Chief of Human Resources/Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog

For the record, there were no comments/questions made by Board Members. Member Davis moved for adoption, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote, as follows: AYES: Member Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. ABSENT: Member Ashjian.

**7:35 P.M**

**B-25, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion on the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2016/17 School Year**

**OPPORTUNITY was provided.** 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 California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit proposal was initially made public at the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education. Presentation by Chief of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog

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For the record, there were no comments/questions. No action was required on this item.

**7:45 P.M**

**B-26, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion and ADOPT the Fresno Unified School District Proposal to California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit for the 2016/17 School Year**

**OPPORTUNITY was provided and ADOPTED as recommended.** 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. Included in the Board binders is the Fresno Unified School District's proposal to California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, Food Service Unit for the 2016/17

school year presented at the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption. Presentation by Chief of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Paul Idsvoog

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For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for adoption, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote, as follows: AYES: Member Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. ABSENT: Member Ashjian.

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

#### **C-27, RECEIVE Fresno Unified School District's Fourth Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2015/16**

**RECEIVED** the fourth quarter investment report for the period ending June 30, 2016. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on district investments. As of June 30, 2016, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments. Fiscal impact:

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member De La Cerda** – Thanked the Fresno Unified staff for all their hard work with the opening of schools. Also thanked the community for their support on the previous bond measure. The improvements made to Addicott are wonderful and exciting and making impacts in so many ways that words cannot describe.

**Member Mills** – Made mention of the emergency cards that parents/guardians are required to fill out each year. Asked if possible to have the card on-line for parents to fill out. The process of no-shows. Requested that the timeline to get that information submitted be extended.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Chavez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2016 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**