

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
November 16, 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 November 16, 2016 there were present Student Board Members McCoy and Riar, Board Members Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. Deputy Superintendent Quinto was also present. Superintendent Hanson absent.

Board Clerk De La Cerda convened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

*President Chavez arriving at 4:45 p.m.*

**Staff Present**

Associate Superintendent Aguilar, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Information Officer Arias, Executive Officer Friesen, Executive Director Neufeld, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, and Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- The Board took action in Closed Session to give Superintendent Hanson a positive evaluation and to extend his contract to June 30, 2021 on a roll call vote of 4-2-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Ryan. NOES: Board Members Ashjian and Mills. ABSENT: Board Member Chavez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lisa Pierson, a parent that has had a positive impact at Easterby Elementary, led the flag salute.

## **APPROVE Minutes**

The draft minutes for the October 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved with comments from board members requesting clarification as to what board meeting date Board Member Ashjian's remarks would be noted. Chief Communications Officer, Miguel Arias was able to provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a vote of 6-0-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Davis, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. ABSENTION: Board Member De La Cerda.

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

Student Board Representatives Francisco Aguiniga, and Leslie Gallegos provided comments/reports from the Student Advisory Board Representative meeting hosted by Cambridge High School. Board Member Davis and Ryan attended their meeting. Student Board Representative Leslie Gallegos acknowledged the student ambassadors from Sequoia Middle School who shared highlights of various school activities and experiences.

## **HEAR Report from Deputy Superintendent**

- Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto welcomed those in attendance and shared that Superintendent Hanson was traveling to attend an editorial board meeting for Frontline Research and Learning Institute.
- The district held its first Community Idea Exchange workshop on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) at McLane High School. Over the next two months workshops are planned at every region across Fresno Unified. Each workshop includes a progress report along with time for discussion and sharing of ideas around how LCAP dollars should be invested. Dates for future meetings are available on the district website along with online surveys for community input.
- Ms. Quinto mentioned that next week is Thanksgiving break and there is no school.
- Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto recognized that tonight was the last board meeting for President Luis Chavez and Trustee Janet Ryan, thanking both for their dedication and service. President Chavez further celebrated Trustee Ryan who is retiring, while Clerk of the Board Christopher De La Cerda took time to formally recognize President Chavez, who is moving on to serve as a Fresno City Council member.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items: A-5, which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Member: McCoy and Riar, Board Members: Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez.

## **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 November 9, 2016, Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, ADOPT Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**ADOPTED, as recommended** a Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board as December 14, 2016.
- A-4, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Avante Health for Behavioral Health Benefit Administration Services**  
**APPROVED, as recommended** a renewal agreement with Avante Health to provide behavioral health administration services for eligible active employees and retirees.
- A-4a, APPROVE Gallery Space Lease for District Art Collaborative Project**  
**APPROVED, as recommended** an agreement with Gallery One at the M Street Arts Complex for student art displays. As part of a district collaborative art project, the Visual and Performing Arts Department will lease Gallery One at the M Street Arts Complex for seven months in the 2016/17 school year. Plans for this space also include instruction in visual arts and curating from teachers and guest artists. Students at various grades from early learning through high school at seven schools in the district are participating in this collaborative art project.
- A-5, RATIFY Purchase Orders from September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016**  
**PULLED for discussion**  
**RATIFIED, as recommended** purchase orders issued from September 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding reasons for abstaining to the vote and Willems Commercial Printing, Inc. Chief Information Officer Arias was able to provide clarification. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez. ABSTENTION: Board Member Ashjian.

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No individuals addressed the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communication

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

### **Agenda Item B-6, Present and Discuss Updates to the 2016/17 Local Control and Accountability Plan**

Staff presented an update on initiatives outlined in the Local Control and Accountability Plan for the current school year.

Presentation by Executive Officer Tammy Townsend

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

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board Members regarding the International Baccalaureate Program and related costs, the music instrument refresh program, fingerprinting hours/possible additional locations, and better Wi-Fi for students. Executive Officer Tammy Townsend, was available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

### **Agenda Item B-7, Present and Discuss College Readiness Block Grant from the California Department of Education**

The College Readiness Block Grant (CRBG) provides California's high school unduplicated pupils additional supports to increase the number who enroll at institutions of higher education and complete an undergraduate degree within four years. Funds shall be used for activities that directly support pupil access and successful matriculation to institutions of higher education.

Presentation by Christina Espinosa

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

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board Members regarding providing application sample questions in an English class to prepare students, the cost of the application, whether we track students who qualified to take AP courses but chose not to take them, and whether we follow up on our graduates. Associate Superintendent Aguilar, Executive Director Dave Calhoun and Christina Espinosa were available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

### **Agenda Item B-8, Discuss and Approve Proposed Revisions to Board Policies (BP) 1312.3, 3100, 5145.3, and 5145.7**

The following four Board Policies (BP) which meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association were approved as recommended:

- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures:
- BP 3100 Budget:
- BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment:
- BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment:

Presentation by Executive Director, Teresa Plascencia and staff

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

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board Members regarding the community input process as it pertains to BP 3100 Budget and the inclusion of social media as it pertains to harassment/sexual harassment. Executive Officer Jacquie Canfield and Executive Director Ambra Dorsey, were available to provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Ryan, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, Ryan and President Chavez.

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

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-9 the Constituent Services Quarterly Report for Constituent Services activities for the time period of August 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016. Also included was the Quarterly Report for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures from August 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member Ashjian** – Thanked Trustee Chavez and Trustee Ryan for their years of service in serving the children of Fresno Unified and their leadership on the Board.

**Trustee De La Cerda** – Requested a board communication on the district’s immigration policies regarding the support of the children.

**Trustee Chavez** – Last words at the dais – “Once a Rough Rider always a Rough Rider”!

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Chavez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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