



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
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**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Fresno Unified School District**  
**April 19, 2017**

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

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on April 19, 2017, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. Interim Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Ashjian CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:35 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 and 6. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

*Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:44 p.m. and Board Member Cazares left at 5:56 p.m.*

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- The Board was informed of the lateral move of Linda Ramirez, Principal II at Williams Elementary to Greenberg Elementary
- The Board was informed of the lateral move of Bonifacio Sanchez, Principal II at Greenberg Elementary to Williams Elementary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cynthia Newell, a parent that has had a positive impact at Centennial Elementary led the flag salute.

### **APPROVE Minutes**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, which carried a vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

### **ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming April 2017 Autism Awareness Month**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a resolution recognizing April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month. Fresno Unified School District urges all schools and individual citizens to participate in Autism Awareness Month in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders and create a better community for individuals with autism. Member Jonasson Rosas moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, on a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

### **ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 1-5, 2017 as Teacher Appreciation Week**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a resolution recognizing May 1-5, 2017 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Fresno Unified teachers work collaboratively with the Board of Education, Superintendent, administrators and staff 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 Mills, on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Student Board Member Riar and McCoy. Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

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

ASB President Kesli Ashjian from Bullard High School provided a report to the Board of Education, sharing details of their SAB meeting and thanked Board President Ashjian and Board Member Mills for attending and encouraging students to be successful. The students shared some news happening at Bullard High School, including that there are 60 valedictorians this year at Bullard, construction on a brand new library is nearly complete, and a record number of juniors have taken the SAT thanks to the district offering the test for free for students. In addition, students from Bullard Talent shared their academic goals.

### **HEAR Report from Interim Superintendent**

- Shared details of the press event announcing the relaunch of the Law and Criminal Justice Pathway at Bullard High School. Nelson was joined by Board President Ashjian, Principal Carlos Castillo, students, staff and members of the law pathway advisory board as they shared news of new sustainable curriculum and experiences gaged for students in grades ninth through twelfth beginning in the fall. The program links students to careers directly after graduation as well as a number of college options locally and in California in the social justice arena.
- 6,000 Fresno Unified fifth graders headed to Roosevelt High School to watch a theater production of "Founding Fathers... and Mothers," an original production written, directed and cast by the Good Company Players. The production brings U.S. History to life in conjunction with providing many of our students their first live theater experience. Interim

Superintendent thanked Francine and Murray Farber for their support of Fresno Unified and the arts as once again, through their generous gift, students are enjoying this wonderful production.

- Nelson closed out his remarks by sharing that three Fresno Unified schools were named to the elite list of 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools by the California Department of Education-- Baird Middle School, Design Science High School and Edison High School. Recognition is given to middle and high schools in the State who demonstrate exemplary educational programs along with the implementation of rigorous academic content—leading to increases in academic outcomes. The three schools were among 275 secondary schools state-wide honored as Gold Ribbon Schools. Nelson congratulated the principals, teachers, students and their families noting that success of this nature takes the commitment and dedication from an entire community and this recognition is proof of that.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-5, which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Member Riar and McCoy, Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

## **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 April 5, 2017, Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Agreement with ViaTron Systems, Inc. for Data Conversion and Scanning**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a service agreement between ViaTron Systems, Inc. and Fresno Unified School District for data conversion and scanning of accounts payable and payroll records. The contract period is April 20, 2017 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$24,350.
- A-4, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Association of Directors of Activities/California Association of Student Leaders**  
**APPROVED as recommended**. As part of the district's commitment to engaging all students in arts, activities, and athletics, California Association of Directors of Activities/California Association of Student Leaders (CADA/CASL) will provide camp programming, facilities, recreation, room, and board for Fresno Unified high school students and adult sponsors. CADA/CASL Summer Leadership Camp will utilize a collaborative learning model for teaching leadership skills and advocacy that will bring

positive campus culture building strategies back to all high school sites. Camp will be held July 17-20, 2017 and students from 12 high schools will be invited.

**A-5, APPROVE Agreement with Leadership Associates to Conduct Superintendent Search**

**PULLED for discussion**

**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Leadership Associates to conduct the search for a permanent Superintendent. After presentations by four firms on March 22, 2017, the Board directed the Purchasing Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Leadership Associates, the best value firm based on results, qualifications, experience, references, price and methodology including obtaining stakeholder and community input. Leadership Associates will conduct the search as delineated in their response to RFQ 17-22 and as presented to the Board on March 22, 2017.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the time table for the Superintendent search. Interim Chief of Staff David Chavez, was available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

**A-6, DENY Claim #16-1013-0336**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #16-1013-0336.

**A-7, DENY Claim #17-0317-0083**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #17-0317-0083.

**A-8, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, Change Orders for the following projects:

- **Bid 16-21, Duncan Polytechnical High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**  
Change Order 2: \$0 (extension of completion date)
- **Bid 16-23, Roosevelt High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**  
Change Order 2: \$0 (extension of completion date)
- **Bid 16-27, McLane High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**  
Change Order 2: \$8,125

**A-9, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications.

- **Bid 16-21, Duncan Polytechnical High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**
- **Bid 16-23, Roosevelt High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**
- **Bid 16-27, McLane High School Gymnasium New Cooling Addition**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Kenneth R. Mackie** with Fresno Watch Dogs for Ethical Bidding – Spoke about Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Complaint regarding Board President Ashjian.

**Estella S.** student from Dailey Elementary – Requested that Fresno Unified implement Meatless Monday's which would result in many positive effects such as energy conservation, better diet and water conservation.

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

### **Agenda Item B-10, Present and Discuss the 2017/18 Strategic Budget Development.**

The Governor released the proposed State budget for 2017/18 on January 10, 2017. 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 25, 2017
- February 8, 2017
- February 22, 2017
- March 8, 2017
- March 22, 2017
- April 5, 2017

Staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Ruth F. Quinto 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 regarding the increased percent in Early Learning and if there was anything else that was needed to increase that percentage, do we track retention rates for our employees, do we do an exit survey when employees leave, are we going to get buses with air conditioning, concern we need to increase the number of buses and bus drivers, does Fresno Unified have plans to start using solar panels, would the plan for solar be a phase-in implementation, do our lead teachers lead the accountable communities, why are we purchasing buses just now, what happens if we don't get grant funds for the buses, would we sell the buses, what does the \$115,00 for the bus mechanic include, do we recruit nurses who go through our nursing program, can you elaborate on the demonstration classroom and the training you want to expand, will every school have a demonstration classroom, are we planning to expand our Early Learning programs, will Fresno Unified be effected if First Student buses do not convert their buses, are we doing anything to promote our crossing guards, we need to get teachers that look like our students, what is the plan to close the gap regarding our African American students, would like to see information as to where our African American's stand with the gap, the benefits of SpotSpotter and the need for more square miles, the cost of owning our own special needs buses, and the savings that we will be getting from the sewer fees where will they go. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Executive Director Deanna Mathies, Chief of Human Resources Paul Idsvoog, Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, Executive Officer Sally Fowler and Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required for this item.

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

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member Mills** – Recognized Student Board Member McCoy for being accepted to the University of the Pacific.

**Member De La Cerda** – In addition to information on the RFP would also like information on the board liaison position.

*At 8:23 p.m. the board ADJORNED back into closed session.*

Nothing was reported out of Closed Session.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.