

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
May 17, 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 May 17, 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 4:33 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session at 4:53 p.m. to address items 1 and 5. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:49 p.m.

Board President Ashjian disclosed prior to adjourning to Closed Session that he would be recusing himself from two items on the Closed Session of the Agenda due to conflict of interest.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

The following individuals spoke about concerns with the district's contributions to the Employee Health Fund. Year after year, the burden had fallen to the employees. Employees shared stories of hardships in paying their medical expenses and asked the district to increase their contributions to the Health Fund:

Bill Swanson
Michael Friend
Chris Norman
Jon Bath
Don Redfern
Michael Sosa
Guadalupe Martinez
Debbie Acosta
Tish Rice

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendent Aguilar, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, 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

- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Corrinna Rivera, Principal II, Calwa Elementary.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Jason Duke, Executive Director, Maintenance and Operations, Operational Services.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Constance McMichaels, a student from Fresno High School led the flag salute.

APPROVE Minutes

Approved as recommended the draft minutes for the March 22, 2017 Regular Meeting, and March 30, 2017 Special Meeting. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 21-27, as Classified School Employees Week

ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming May 21-27 as Classified School Employees Week. Classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of campuses, the safe transportation of our students, provide healthy nutrition, enhance the educational process by assisting instructors, and provide our school district with specialized skills that contribute to the educational excellence of our students. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a vote of 9-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Student Board Members McCoy and Riar. Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students David Alvarez, Lily Cha and Kathalina Lee from McLane High School provided a report to the Board of Education, sharing details of their SAB meeting and thanked Board Member De La Cerda for attending and answering questions about the board agenda. The students shared some news happening at McLane High School, including their excitement about prom, the fact that 73 seniors will graduate with the Seal of Biliteracy, as well as upcoming events in arts and athletics. In addition, students from Scandinavian Middle School shared what they love about attending school, the clubs they participate in and their future plans.

HEAR Report from Interim Superintendent

- The interim superintendent thanked the district's nearly 3,500 classified employees who are diligently working behind the scenes each day, supporting students, school staff and site leaders. Nelson acknowledged the district's bus drivers who carefully transport our district's most precious cargo to school, field trips and athletic events. He thanked food service employees who are up before the sun preparing and distributing nearly 90,000 meals and snacks each day. The interim superintendent also called out maintenance, operations and safety personnel, who understand that creating a safe learning environment extends beyond the classroom and is reflected in every inch of our more than 100 campuses district-wide.

- As part of Classified Employee Appreciation Week, the local CSEA Chapter 143 was selected by the CSEA headquarters in San Jose to participate in a statewide program, one of ten districts among 700 chapters to participate. The program created opportunities for the Board of Education and district staff to job shadow our CSEA food service team, serving breakfast or lunch to students at a handful of schools. Nelson noted what a great opportunity to stop for a few hours and really visit and collaborate with front line employees.
- Nelson then highlighted the Career Technology Education Summit held at Duncan Polytechnical High School. The event attracted approximately 150 parents, students and community and business leaders. Folks had the opportunity to see CTE in action as students conducted live demonstrations. Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Jim Yovino, Fresno City College President, Carole Goldsmith, and Interim Superintendent Nelson shared updates and plans around CTE. Attendees were given the opportunity to provide their input, leaving the district team with a number of take-a-ways to consider.
- Key leaders from the district had the opportunity to sit in space with State Superintendent Torlakson, talking with him specifically about CTE and the roadwork that has been established with the district's 21 career pathways. The district received some valuable feedback as well as words of encouragement and support from the state superintendent. Torlakson also spoke at a press event as Fresno Unified and California Health Sciences University announced a new partnership.
- Parent University hosted the 2nd annual Fresno Unified Scholarship and Awards Dinner honoring 49 tenacious and hardworking seniors. Thanks to donations from Fresno Unified employees and our community, Fresno Unified awarded \$61,000 in scholarships.
- Finally, Nelson congratulated Dr. Jorge Aguilar who was recently appointed superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Dr. Aguilar has been instrumental in leading and advancing the district's work around equity and access.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-4 which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Member Riar and McCoy, Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

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 May 3, 2017, Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Carl D. Perkins Applications for Funding
APPROVED as recommended, Carl D. Perkins Applications for funding, one each for the secondary and postsecondary (adult school) Career Technical Education programs.

A-4, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Master Affiliation Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Clinica Sierra Vista Regarding Term
APPROVED as recommended Amendment No. 1 to the Master Affiliation Agreement with Clinica Sierra Vista for operation of health and wellness centers at district schools. The Agreement was approved by the Board on February 8, 2017 for development of health and wellness centers at Addams, Bakman, Duncan, Sequoia, Sunnyside and Tehipite over the next two school years. Amendment No. 1 is to:

1. Extend the initial duration of the agreement to a twenty (20) year term specific to each facility, commencing on the date the health and wellness center first provides patient services.
2. Include Gaston Middle School Health and Wellness Center in the agreement.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding Gaston and its need to be added to the agreement, the length of time involved for recoupment of investment, status of proposal for additional locations, and possible internships of our students with Clinica Sierra Vista. Chief Operations Officer Karen Temple, Executive Director Paul Rosencrans, and Clinica Sierra Vista's Chief Administrative Officer Ruben Chavez were able to provide clarification. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Dictos – Spoke about the Greek Genocide and invited the Board of Education and Interim Superintendent Nelson to a ceremony on May 19 in front of City Hall.

Liliana Vargas – A parent with two students a Homan Elementary expressed concern about losing teachers because of the existing leadership.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-5, Discuss and Adopt Resolution HR 16-21 Trustee Area Liaison, Job Description, Designated as Confidential

Trustee Area Liaisons will provide support in a respective region, “to meet the needs of Board members; organize and coordinate Board member activities and coordinate flow of Board member communications in a timely manner to the District and the general public.” Trustee Area Liaisons will be placed on the T-40 Confidential salary schedule, and will be designated as part-time, non-

benefitted, at 3.5 hours per day, 12 months per year, and will be supervised and evaluated by the Chief of Staff.

Presentation by Interim Chief of Staff David Chavez

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 pros and cons of having a Trustee Area Liaison, clarification on whether other districts have liaisons/assistants, what the liaison's role will be, the difference between a liaison and an assistant, the need for a liaison this year, and clarification on whether a trustee is not required to take an assistant. CFO/Deputy Superintendent Ruth F. Quinto and Interim Chief of Staff David Chavez were able to provide clarification.

Community Speaker John Leal, Board President for State Center Community College – thanked the board for their thoughtful conversation on the topic of Trustee Area Liaisons, suggested how the liaison should be used to get the most from the constituency, staff and students.

Member Jonasson Rosas moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 4-3-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian. NOES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, and Johnson.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-6, Fresno Unified School District's Third Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Jonasson Rosas – Requested information regarding the LCAP. Would like to know what percentage each category will be receiving and if she could get it broken down by region and by school.

Cazares – Thanked Mr. Caprioglio and Mr. Larios from the City of Fresno. The streets in front of Wolters Elementary are getting repaired. Also thanked staff for executing college signing days.

Ashjian – Thanked staff members Mecum and Fowler for their responsiveness during State Superintendent Tom Torlakson's visit.

Board President Ashjian ADJOURNED the Open Session portion of the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Board Members returned to Closed Session to address the remaining items.

Board President Ashjian left the board meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

Nothing was reported out of Closed Session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board Clerk Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 31, 2017 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.