



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on June 27, 2017, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian. Interim Superintendent Nelson was also present. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

Board President Ashjian CONVENED the Special Board Meeting in the Board Room at 4:05 p.m.

Prior to unscheduled oral communication Board President Ashjian made the following statement: *The potential plaintiff in one of the matters identified on the agenda as Closed Session Item No. 1 is an entity with which I have an indirect financial relationship. Therefore, pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270, I will be removing myself from closed session during the discussion of Item No. 1.*

Unscheduled Oral Communication

Pat Howell – Spoke about concerns with the Bullard High School weight room and equipment, it is out-dated and poses a potential safety issue. Requested that the board take action before a serious accident happens.

Tish Rice – Spoke about the Collective Bargaining Agreement and how it is a partnership between the Fresno Teachers Association (FTA) and Fresno Unified. Hopes that they can work together to be successful.

Jon Bath – Spoke about the Board Communication that was sent on June 23 and his interpretation of a miscalculation the district used in representing teacher salaries.

Manuel Bonilla – Provided a handout to Board Members and provided clarity regarding the June 23 Board Communication vs. the Fresno Teachers Associations salary schedule calculations.

The Board of Education RECESSED to Closed Session in the Cabinet Room at 4:18 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Two (2) potential cases

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

FUSD Negotiator(s): Paul Idsvoog; Employee Organizations(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Fresno Unified Building & Construction Trades/FTA; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees.

The Board of Education RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:25 p.m., there was no action to report out of Closed Session.

Board President Ashjian and Board Member Jonasson Rosas left after Closed Session and were not present for the Open Session portion of the meeting.

A. APPROVE Terminating for Convenience the Contract on Bid 16-13R and Concluding Construction on the Figarden Elementary School Classroom Building Additions Rebid Project.

Approved as recommended, the termination of contract for Bid 16-13R for convenience and concluding construction on Figarden Elementary School Classroom Building Additions Rebid project, pursuant to General Conditions sections 00 72 00.15, subparagraph I, and 00 72 00.16. The project involves construction of two eight-classroom buildings, a four-classroom kindergarten building and associated site work.

For the record, there was one community member Mr. Kenneth Mackie who spoke on this item. Mr. Mackie asked the board four questions: 1. Has construction been completed? 2. Why is the district terminating this contract? 3. Has the district paid any monies pursuant to the contract? 4. If so, has the district taken any steps to recover all monies paid pursuant to the contract?

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board Members regarding how far along was the construction project, clarity as to the reason for terminating the contract, and what will the costs be to the district for terminating the contract. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was able to provide clarification. Member De La Cerda moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 4-0-1-2 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, and Mills. ABSTENTIONS: Board President Ashjian. ABSENT: Johnson and Jonasson Rosas.

B. APPROVE Budget Appropriation for District Art Collaborative Expansion NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

As presented at February 22, 2017 Board meeting, the 2017/18 Proposed Budget includes an additional \$100,000 to support the expansion of the district art collaborative project to include approximately 40 teachers engaged in professional learning, supplies for student projects and gallery space to display students' work at Gallery One at ArtHop events located at the M Street Arts Complex.

Unscheduled Oral Communication

Kenneth R. Mackie with the law offices of Canelo, Wallace, Padron & Mackie representing Fresno Watchdogs for Ethical Bidding– Spoke about complaints that he has filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding Trustee Ashjian’s undisclosed interests in real property.

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.