

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
September 27, 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 September 27, 2017, there were present Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

*Board Member De La Cerda arrived at 4:41 p.m., Board Member Jonasson Rosas departed the meeting at 5:35 p.m. returning at 7:49 p.m. and Board Member Davis departed at 6:15 p.m.*

President Ashjian convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:33 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:17 p.m.

Prior to the board adjourning to Closed Session, Board President Ashjian made the following statement, *“Two of the parties in the case identified on the agenda as Closed Session Item No. 6 are business entities 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. 6.”*

**Staff Present**

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Adam Bonilla, 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 ratify the of placing a certificated teacher 1041070 on a compulsory unpaid leave of absence pursuant to education code 44940-44940.5.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to appoint David Chavez, Administrative Analyst, Superintendent’s Office to Chief of Staff, Superintendent’s Office

- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to reclassify Tressa Overstreet, Principal I, Design Science Middle College High School to Principal III, Design Science Middle College High School.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote LeAnn Nowlin to Director, Fiscal Services
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Eugene Trofimenko, Analyst II, Fiscal Services to Director, Fiscal Services

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Rosie Estrada, a parent that has had a positive impact at Muir Elementary led the flag salute.

### **APPROVE Minutes**

Approved as recommended, the draft minutes for the June 8, 2017 Special Board Meeting and June 14, 2017 Regular Meeting. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Cazares, which carried a vote of 5-0-0-2, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Members Davis and Jonasson Rosas.

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

Students from Gaston Middle School shared with the board the activities they enjoy participating in and why they love attending their school. Next, Aimee Khanchareun, Mikaela Ruiz-DaSilva and Eric Martinez, students from Edison High School, provided an update to the board about what is happening at their school including hosting the first ever Regional Leadership Retreat where roughly 200 elementary and middle school students from the Edison region participated in various sessions facilitated by Edison high students to establish community service goals for students to bring back to their campuses. The students are also planning for homecoming which has the theme “Decades.” More than 500 Edison students are involved in creating skits to make homecoming memorable. The students are also working on several activities to spread kindness.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- Thanked students, families and staff of Fresno Unified who jumped in to help those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Together, more than 1,000 boxes full of school supplies, clothes and other donations were collected for students and families of the Houston Independent School District.
- Thanked Papé Kenworth Trucking Company for their generosity. When Fresno Unified put out a call for help in shipping the donations collected by school sites for Houston Independent School District and Hurricane Harvey relief, Papé Kenworth stepped up to arrange for two semi-trucks, which included trailers from DTL Transport, to bring the items to Houston at no cost to the district.
- Shared the launching of the district’s first Unified Sports League where students in special education play alongside varsity players. The new league promotes inclusion and understanding through sports training and competitive experiences.
- Provided an update to negotiations with Fresno Teachers Association (FTA). The district provided FASTA, our substitute teachers union, a revised proposal which included up to

\$500 per day for substitute teachers in the event of a teacher work stoppage. As educators, the district is committed to ensuring supports are available every day to the students we serve. This “special pay” provides the Board of Education and the district the ability to recruit substitutes and fulfill its efforts to keep schools open, safe and functional for student learning in the event of a teacher strike.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Johnson, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-3 which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Members Davis and Jonasson Rosas.

### **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 September 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

**A-3, APPROVE Agreement with Fresno Pacific University Center for Peacemaking**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the implementation of a comprehensive Community Justice Conferencing program to address specific misdemeanor criminal offenses committed by students. The program will include family group conferencing, victim offender mediation, and restitution. The program aims to empower victims, increase student offender accountability, and promote school safety.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding an overview of what the partnership entails, are we looking at expanding the program in a couple of years, explain the reason why four high schools and one middle school and how will the program be implemented on the campuses. Executive Director of Student Services Ambra Dorsey and Seya Lumeya from the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies was able to provide clarification. Member De La Cerda moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 5-0-0-2 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Davis and Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

**A-4, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 17-35, United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Processed Food Products**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Request for Proposal (RFP) 17-35 to establish firm pricing for USDA commodity processed beef, chicken, fish and pork products such as beef patties, chicken nuggets, fish sticks, pulled pork and enchiladas served by the district in the National School Breakfast and Lunch programs. The bid is for a one-year term price agreement with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods.

This is a line item award. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

Advance Pierre Inc.	(Cincinnati, OH)	\$ 190,729
Brookwood Farms Inc.	(Siler City, NC)	\$ 66,000
Cargill Kitchen Solutions	(Monticello, MN)	\$ 277,434
Conagra Brands Inc.	(Troy, OH)	\$ 270,325
Integrated Foods	(Gardena, CA)	\$ 844,555
JTM Provisions Inc.	(Harrison, OH)	\$ 352,975
Land O Lakes	(Arden Hills, MN)	\$ 13,320
Red Gold LLC.	(Elwood, IA)	\$ 198,154
Rose & Shore	(Vernon, CA)	\$ 3,980
Schwan's Food Service Inc.	(Marshall, MN)	\$ 582,030
Smuckers Food Service Inc.	(Orrville, OH)	\$ 271,680
Trident Seafoods	(Seattle, WA)	\$ 95,700
Tyson Foods Inc.	(Springdale, AR)	\$ 1,022,539
Wawona Foods	(Clovis, CA)	\$ 65,000

**A-5, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**

**APPROVED as recommended,** Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.

**A-6, DENY Claim #17-0825-0281**

**DENIED as recommended,** a Claim for Damages by Jake Arax, case #17-0825-0281.

**A-7, RATIFY Grant Funds from California Department of Education for Supporting Inclusive Practices Project for Fiscal Year 2017/18**

**RATIFIED as recommended,** a request to accept a \$20,000 grant from the California Department of Education (CDE) to participate in the statewide Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP) project for the 2017/18 school year. The SIP project goals will focus on building, implementing, sustaining, and scaling up programs to increase inclusion of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment, grades preschool through third.

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

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

**Bid 16-09, Baird Middle School Classroom Wing Addition**

Change Order 3:	\$ 31,374
Change Order 4:	\$ 11,884

**Bid 16-31, Turner Elementary School New Classroom and Administration Buildings**

Change Order 3 (New Buildings):	\$ 71,309
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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**David Wisar** – representing the Fresno Area Council of English Teacher (F.A.C.E.T.) spoke about his request to have Fresno Unified fund English teachers to attend their annual conference in Yosemite.

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

### **Agenda Item B-9, Present and Discuss Implementation of Actions Delineated in the Master Plan for English Learner Success**

Staff presented information to the Board on the current academic achievement of English learner students and provided an update on the implementation of actions as described in the Master Plan for English Learner Success.

Presentation by Assistant Superintendent English Learner Services Maria Maldonado

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, how schools were selected for Dual Immersion expansion, concerns that two of the schools selected are highly populated and not enough room for growth, concerns with teachers and misconceptions of what Dual Immersion means, is the districts English Learner number going up, the need for more bilingual teachers, is there a need to offer Dual Immersion in Hmong, would like to see data on Designated Schools and Dual Immersion and how they overlap, would percentages increase if we had more Dual Immersion schools, how many Dual Immersion schools do we currently have, support in offering more Dual Immersion to our lower grades and in more languages. Assistant Superintendent of English Learner Services Maria Maldonado was able to provide clarification. No action is required on this item.

*The board took a ten-minute break.*

### **Agenda Item B-10, Present and Discuss Fresno Unified School District's Mathematics Instructional Program**

Staff presented an update to the Board on the district's current mathematics instructional program.

Presentation by Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum

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 concerns of our low math scores below state average, the use of Khan Academy to its fullest for all grade levels to help student with their homework, pushing kids to fast to complete Algebra and Geometry, reassess teacher development, possible additional supports in the elementary grades, how long have our strategies been in place, clarity that the results should be available next year, are we looking at any other strategies or best practices from other areas, how do we ensure that our accountable communities are working the

way they should with our teachers, are accountable communities in all of our schools, are we tracking our results from our students who had Pre-K and K to students who did not to see if there are improvements, what are we doing to train attract Math teachers, do we know who is utilizing the on-line tools, hope we make sure that we are reaching our elementary students, what is our goal for improvement, how do we catch those students who don't grasp a concept and the class is moving on to the next concept, wanting teachers to know that we understand the root causes and we support them, homework should be measureable and meaningful and we have had significant growth but we have a lot more work. Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum, Instructional Superintendent Katie Russell and Bullard High School Principal Carlos Castillo were able to provide clarification. No action is required on this item.

**Agenda Item B-11, Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution in the Matter of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to Comply with the Requirements of Education Code Section 60119**

The governing board of each district is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil, including English learner students, have standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in these subject areas: English Language Arts, mathematics, history/social science, health (grades 7-12), foreign language (grades 7-12) and science equipment (grades 9-12).

Presentation by Instructional Superintendent Melissa Dutra

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 whether K and Pre-K had all of their instructional materials. Instructional Superintendent Melissa Dutra was able to provide clarification. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Davis.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Board Member Jonasson Rosas** – requested a board communication on the partnership between Fresno Unified School District and the District Attorney's office regarding SARB (Student Attendance Review Board) and Truancy.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.