

MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
November 8, 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 November 8, 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 Johnson arriving at 4:42 p.m.

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 through 5. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:34 p.m.

Staff Present

Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Administrative Analyst Bonilla and Interim Chief of Staff Chavez.

Staff absent due to Fact-Finding - Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There were no items to report out of closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pete Gonzales, a parent that has had a positive impact at Roeding Elementary led the flag salute.

APPROVE Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the August 23, 2017 Regular Meeting. Member Johnson 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.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students Robert Vaca and Adriana Sagrero Villegas from Roosevelt High School thanked Trustees Jonasson Rosas, Davis and De La Cerda for attending their ASB meeting and supporting student voices. The students voiced their support for the Senior Santa Project, to help seniors who may be alone this holiday season. They also shared some recent happenings from Roosevelt High including that the number AP students choosing to stay enrolled in the rigorous courses is on the rise. They're thankful for a great AP Program and team that helps build relationships and academic success. Also, Pancho the Pig is back on Roosevelt's campus. This means both of the school's JV and Varsity football teams won the Little Big Game. Students, staff, alumni and community partners were proud to attend the game and support the school. Students say school pride is on the rise as many students and staff are taking part in service learning projects in the Roosevelt community. Also, students from Sequoia Middle School shared with the board their extra-curricular and academic activities, as well as their career aspirations.

ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming November as National Runaway Prevention Month

ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming November 2017 National Runaway Prevention Month. Member Jonasson Rosas moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 9-0-0-0 vote on a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- The State of Education luncheon raised more than \$35,000 for the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. The event featured one of last year's scholarship winners, Lou Vang, who is now studying to be a teacher at Fresno State. Vang spoke about a teacher at King Elementary who spent extra time teaching her English and had a major impact on her life. The two lost touch, but were reunited at the State of Education luncheon. Her teacher, Thim Bounnhong-Sivlay, is now teaching at Storey Elementary. The event featured, for the first time, student artists from McLane and Edison high schools who were working on art pieces during the luncheon. At the end of the event, the pieces were auctioned off to benefit the scholarship fund.
- Thanked CalViva Health, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino and Tzu-Chi Buddhist Foundation for their partnership in the See 2 Succeed program. See 2 Succeed provides free eye exams by an optometrist, prescriptions and free glasses to students who haven't pass their vision screening. Last year the mobile vision unit visited eight Fresno Unified schools. This year, the program has expanded to visit 18 campuses.
- Encouraged district employees to nominate their fellow outstanding employees for the Excellence in Education awards.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Cazares, the consent agenda was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, 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 October 25, 2017 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 13, 2017. Pursuant to section 35143 and 72000(c)(2)(A) of the Education Code of the State of California, the governing board of each district shall select an annual organizational meeting date. The date must fall within a 15-day period commencing on the day a new member's term begins or would begin, i.e. the same 15-day period applies to election and non-election years. Pursuant to California Education Code section 5017(a), new member terms begin on the first Friday of December. Therefore, the 2017 annual organizational meeting date must fall between December 1, 2017 and by no later than December 15, 2017.
- A-4, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2017/18**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 2 for fiscal year 2017/18. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 2 includes adjustments for updated information regarding carryover, actual beginning balances and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.
- A-5, APPROVE Revision to Exhibit A to the Joint Use Agreement with City of Fresno for Weekend Community Open Space Program, to Add Eleven Elementary Schools Adjacent to City Parks**
APPROVED as recommended, revision to "Exhibit A" the agreement between Fresno Unified and the City of Fresno for use of district green space at elementary and middle schools for the City's Weekend Community Open Space Program. It adds eleven elementary schools to the program, phased in over an approximate twelve-month period. The schools were identified by the City PARCS (Parks, After-school, Recreation and Community Services) Department to utilize the adjacent City parks to maximize green space available to the public. The operational plan includes installing a pass-through gate, specified by the district and at City expense, between the schools and parks. PARCS has committed to providing three supervision/recreation staff members at these schools (versus

two at the current schools) and engaging increased Police Department patrols for added safety/security.

A-6, ADOPT Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc.

ADOPTED as recommended, an addendum to an existing agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc. in the amount of \$585,000. This vendor will provide speech/language services to students as required by Individualized Education Programs.

A-7, RATIFY Placement of School Psychologist Intern

RATIFIED as recommended, a School Psychologist Internship Agreement in the amount of \$17,575. The intern will perform duties and responsibilities required of school psychology interns. The term of the School Psychologist Internship Agreement is September 13, 2017 through June 8, 2018.

A-8, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications.

Bid 17-28 A-C, Asphalt Shingle Re-Roof for Locker and Multipurpose Rooms at Three Campuses

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Fabela – Concerned about the district getting enough teachers in the event of a strike.

Beverly Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Planting, Jennifer Blackman and Tonya Stokes- spoke about the 72 days of no action from the district regarding the LGBTQ comments of Board President Ashjian.

Bishop Westbrooks – Does not believe Board President Ashjian’s comments promote bullying. Mentioned many parents don’t know that they can opt out of the curriculum.

Kevin Vang – The importance of the engagement between the Southeast Asian community and staff. Thanked staff that attended the meeting.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-9, Present and Discuss Designated Schools Achievement Data

Staff presented an update to the Board on student achievement at designated schools. The presentation reviewed academic student achievement growth along with perception data from students, parents, and teachers at designated schools.

Presentation by Curriculum and Instruction 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 why first year schools are outperforming third year schools, are we replicating what is working well, what are we doing to assist those third year schools that are not doing well, when were the surveys administered, do the teachers develop their rubrics in their accountable communities, how many teachers were surveyed, clarity on the 2016-17 SBAC growth, what is the district average of those living in poverty, the percentage of English Learners in the district, pull critical components from designated schools and share with non-designated schools, and are we considering moving to all schools. Instructional Superintendent Ed Gomes and Instructional Superintendent Misty Her were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required for this item.

Agenda Item B-10, Present and Discuss Conceptual Planning for New Southeast Elementary School

Staff presented planning concepts for the new Southeast Elementary School. A new elementary school is needed in the Sunnyside High School region to accommodate increases in enrollment, and was prioritized by the Board for Measure X funding.

Presentation by Chief of Operations Karin Temple

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 projected enrollment, concerns of local canals, reaching out to residents of the mobile home park, portables on the plan, cost projections for new site, Valley Children's helping to pay cost of clinic, funding source of project, parking lots, planning for growth, creating an innovative school, accessible bathrooms for public use, southwest development, neighborhood schools, and admitting Fresno Unified students first. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action is required for this item.

Public Speaker:

Andrew Fabela – The number of classrooms projected for the new schools will not be big enough. Made suggestions for better utilization for new school.

Agenda Item B-11, Opportunity for Public Discussion on the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno White Collar Unit Chapter 125 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for Re-Opener Negotiations for the 2017/18 School Year

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno White Collar Unit Chapter 125 proposal was initially made public at the October 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. The proposal was returned for formal presentation, public discussion and acknowledgment of receipt.

Presentation by Administrator Brian Christensen

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

For the record there were no comments/questions were made by board members or the public. No action is required on this item.

Agenda Item B-12, Opportunity for Public Discussion and Adopt the Fresno Unified School District Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno White Collar Unit Chapter 125 for Re-Opener Negotiations for the 2017/18 School Year

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. Presented was the Fresno Unified School District's proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno White Collar Unit Chapter 125 for Re-Opener Negotiations for the 2017/18 school year presented at the October 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption.

Presentation by Administrator Brian Christensen

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

For the record there were no comments/questions were made by board members or the public. Member Davis moved for adoption, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

Agenda Item B-13, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2016-2019 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative. Presented was a copy of the tentative agreement (TA) between Fresno Unified School District and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521.

Presentation by Administrator Brian Christensen

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

For the record there were no comments/questions were made by board members or the public. Member Mills moved for ratification, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-14, Updates to the 2017/18 Local Control and Accountability Plan and; Agenda Item C-15, Fresno Unified School District's First Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2017/18

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Mills – Mentioned the passing of AB 24 State Seal of Civic Engagement. Would like to get the information to staff so they are aware of the requirements. When placing items on the agenda, place the small discussion items first.

Member Cazares – Requested a schedule of the football playoffs. Thanked Holland Locker and staff for making her and her family so welcomed. Would like to be notified of any community driven events.

Member De La Cerda – Thanked staff for the CTE event for 8th graders.

Member Ashjian - Requested a Confidential Board Communication regarding the Pacific Justice Institute and Violation of the Healthy Youth Act regarding the survey.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.