

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
November 15, 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 15, 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 4:48 p.m.

President Ashjian convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:31 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:56 p.m.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas left the board meeting at 5:56 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Manager Frigon, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director Wendy McCulley and Chief of Staff David Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Selma Gonzalez, Director, School Leadership.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to hire Kristi Oliveras, Director, Data for Instructional Improvement, Information Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maria Turnbull, a parent that has had a positive impact at Thomas Elementary led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students Damian Carillo, Alex Fernandez and Mariah Lopez from Cambridge High School thanked Trustee Davis for attending their SAB meeting and for providing them with inspiring advice. Next, they shared that they will be participating in a community kindness project called

“Be a Santa to a Senior” which hopes to provide presents for up to 1,000 seniors who will be alone this holiday season. The students told the Board about Cambridge’s successful credit recovery opportunities. So far this school year, their APEX online program has recovered 780 credits. Cambridge hopes to have 10 graduates by December. The school also held its very first Welcome Back Rally, to introduce all staff members to students and advise students about programs available to them. Cambridge students also held their first Community Carnival. The carnival was a success with many families thanking the school for being hospitable to the community. Cambridge is also starting a new program to increase student voice on campus. Also, students from Terronez Middle School shared with the board that they love their school’s welcoming environment. They also shared the activities they participate and their future plans.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized School Psychologist Week and expressed gratitude for the exceptional work psychologists do on behalf of our students and staff. Every year, the California Association of School Psychologists awards the Nadine N. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist award to a recipient in each region recognizing service to students, teachers, administrators, parents, community agencies and the profession. For the past four years a Fresno Unified psychologist has been voted on to represent the region with all four then selected as the award recipient.
- Applauded CTE: Ticket to the Future event put on by the College and Career Readiness department. More than 5,500 eighth graders every middle school at Fresno Unified attended at Valdez Hall at the Convention Center to check out high school pathway demonstrations and programs.
- Mentioned the launching of Saturday Academy, open to all students with full day absences to make up school work and recover credits. The program has had a successful start with 13 initial launch sites and several hundred students from transitional kindergarten through high school participating. The students attend a variety of offerings focusing on reading, math, science art and more.
- New opportunities for classified staff who may want to move up the career ladder and are interested in teaching. Recently, the district launched the Grow2Teach program geared to help classified employees become credentialed teachers in hard-to-fill positions, such as special education, math, science and bilingual education. The program provides counseling, training and an annual stipend.
- Recognized Teresa Morales-Young who is a finalist for Fresno County Administrator of the Year. Teresa is the administrator of Teacher Development and has worked hard to support teacher support programs and has demonstrated a commitment to high quality instruction.
- Thanked the Young Professionals Network and the Fresno Association of Realtors for donating Thanksgiving food baskets for 50 Tehipite Middle School families. We’re truly grateful for those in our community who step forward to help our families in need, especially during this time of year.
- Encouraged everyone to take time during the Thanksgiving holiday to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones. Please take the time to create great memories with those closest to you. I wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Mills, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item A-11, which was pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member 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 November 8, 2017 Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, ADOPT Waiver Request for Cydney Danisi to Serve as Speech Language Pathologist**
ADOPTED as recommended, a waiver request for Cydney Danisi to serve in a hard-to-fill position, Speech Language Pathologist.
- A-4, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.
- A-5, APPROVE 2017/18 Fresno Unified Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Member List**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2017/18 Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee Member List.
- A-6, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-07, Education Center Cooling Tower Replacement**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-07, for a new cooling tower to provide cooled water for the air condition system at the Education Center. The existing cooling tower requires replacement due to corrosion, leaking, and lack of reliability. The new equipment will improve energy efficiency and conserve water.
- Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:
- Strategic Mechanical (Fresno, California) \$184,000
- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-08, HVAC Improvements in the Multipurpose Rooms for Pyle Elementary School, and Fort Miller and Yosemite Middle Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-08, to provide air conditioning to the multipurpose rooms (cafeterias) at Pyle Elementary, and Fort Miller and Yosemite Middle Schools. The project will replace the heating and evaporative cooling systems with heating and refrigerated air conditioning to provide a more comfortable environment and increase energy efficiency. Cafeteria air conditioning was prioritized by the Board for Measure X

funding. There are 22 projects, being implemented in three phases based on assessment of condition and age of equipment. The first three projects recommended are in the initial phase and were the first to be approved by the Division of the State Architect (DSA).

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Lawson Mechanical Contractors (Fresno, California) \$1,048,902

A-8, APPROVE Re-Appointment of Trustee Carol Mills, J.D. to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly

APPROVED as recommended. Each year, member boards elect and/or appoint representatives from geographic regions to the California School Boards Association's (CSBA's) Delegate Assembly. According to CSBA's Bylaws and Standing Rules, districts with an ADA of 30,000 or above qualify to appoint representatives to CSBA's Delegate Assembly for a two-year term beginning April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2020.

Fresno Unified School District qualifies to appoint two members to the Delegate Assembly. The position up for appointment is currently being held by Trustee Carol Mills, J.D. whose term expires March 31, 2018.

A-9, RATIFY Change Order for the Project Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, a Change Order for the following project:

Bid 17-29, Center for Professional Development Parking Lot Improvements
Change Order 1: \$ 27,286

A-10, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion for the Following Projects

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

Bid 16-09, Baird Middle School Classroom Wing Addition
Bid 17-13, Terronez Middle School Gymnasium Make-up Air Unit Replacement
Bid 17-29, Center for Professional Development Parking Lot Improvements
Bid 17-42, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Classroom Relocation

A-11, RATIFY Purchase Orders from August 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, and Zero Dollar Contracts

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from August 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017. Purchase orders for \$10,000 or more are presented first, followed by purchase orders for less than \$10,000. A list of purchase orders issued for Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts is also provided.

Also attached and included for ratification is a list of 27 zero dollar contracts that specify terms but where no funds will be exchanged between Fresno Unified and other entities. The contracts are available for review in the Board Office.

Prior to the vote Board President Ashjian read the following statement:

“Included in item A-11 are purchase orders for the following vendors:

- *Todd Companies (two purchase orders – number 499402 & 495610),*
- *Todd Plumbing (one purchase order – number 500138),*
- *Davis – Moreno Construction (four purchase orders – numbers 452644, 499969A, 499969B & 498533), and*
- *Harris Construction Co. (one purchase order – number 350264A)*

“I have done business with Todd Companies, Todd Plumbing, Davis-Moreno Construction, and Harris Construction in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified. I did not participate in making these contracts.

Because of my relationship with these vendors, I have a financial interest in these contracts and, therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

Prior to the vote Board Member Cazares read the following statement:

“M street Arts Complex, doing business as FFDA Properties, LCC, is identified in Agenda Item A-11 as the vendor for purchase order number 498562. M Street Arts Complex is owned by Assemi Brothers. I work for Assemi Brothers, and I began working there more than 3 years prior to my election to this board. I am not an officer or director of the company and I do not own any stock in the company. I did not participate in making this contract. Because of employment with Assemi Brothers, I have a remote financial interest in this contract.

Consistent with prior recusals from decisions relating to the M Street Arts Complex, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 4-0-2-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Mills. ABSTENTIONS: Board President Ashjian and Board Member Cazares. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Stephanie Robinson – Spoke about the CTE Advisory Committees Goals and Responsibilities. Also recognized other CTE Advisory Committee members.

Lucilia Gurrola – Invited the Board and the viewing audience to their next Go Public Schools Fresno gathering. The group is a coalition of parents who aim to transform schools.

Artemia Arredondo – From Go Public Schools Fresno spoke about the needs of English Learners. Provided examples of her children who are getting good grades and are being redesignated but still need help with English once they leave high school and enter college.

Francisca Albas – A parent leader from Go Public Schools Fresno addressed the concerns of English language learners and requested that the district invest more in LCFF funds to support students who have been designated long-term English Learners.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke about the district’s expenditures. Feels the district is wasting money on the FTA strike instead of using those funds to help students in the classroom.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-12, Present and Discuss Updates to the 2017/18 Local Control Accountability Plan.

Staff presented an update on initiatives outlined in the LCAP for the current school year.

Presentation by Executive Officer Santino Danisi

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 expansion of Khan Academy and its positive response, after school tutoring and the support staff, do we track student progress in afterschool, status update regarding Dual Immersion expansion, data for after school programs, how are students enrolled in afterschool at each level, can a student just walk into an afterschool program and get assistance, do all afterschool programs have certificated teachers, parent engagement, clarification on the Art and Music expansion, how were the schools selected for the Art and Music expansion and why certain schools were excluded, Williams Elementary and the need for additional support for African American students, when will we see the weight room item come back to the board under goal two, what does African America Academic Acceleration mean, clarity on resource counseling assistances, furthering the education of our resource counseling assistances, what are we going to do for our African American students, what CTE items were added to Roosevelt, need to get to a one-to-one with technology for our students, clarity on the expansion of psychologists, discussion on the possible need for more school psychologist, and a request of a delineation of duties of our school psychologists, therapy providers and social workers. No action is required for this item.

Agenda Item B-13, Discuss and Approve Project to Improve High School Weight/Fitness Rooms and Authorize Utilization of Individual Piggyback Contracts for 2017/18

Item was pulled by staff. No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item B-14, Discuss and Approve Grant Applications and Projects to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Facilities Program

Staff requested approval for grant applications and identified projects to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP). The CTEFP funds projects to reconfigure, construct, or modernize Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities, and/or purchase equipment for CTE programs to modernize CTE facilities and/or equipment at comprehensive high schools.

Presentation by Executive Officer Sally Fowler

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

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding Sally Fowler and her hard working efforts towards preparing for the grant, the board thanked the district advisory committee and staff, applying for round two and three, planning for growth and support in the programs set forth by the district. Member Davis moved for approval, 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 Board President Ashjian.

Agenda Item B-15, Present and Adopt Resolution 17-09 Making Findings on Energy Cost Savings, Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.12, Related to Potential Energy Services Agreements for Comprehensive High Schools and the Brawley Service Center

Staff recommended for adoption Resolution 17-09, making findings on energy cost savings related to potential Energy Services Agreements for solar energy and battery storage projects to be recommended in the future. Government Code Section 4217.12 requires that prior to entering into Energy Services Agreements, the Board adopt a resolution finding that the anticipated cost of the energy provided by the solar projects will be less than the anticipated marginal cost of energy in absence of the projects. Approval of the Energy Services Agreements would allow development of parking lot solar shades and battery storage projects at the comprehensive high schools and the Brawley Service Center. At a future meeting it will be recommended that the Board approve Energy Services Agreements with ForeFront Power, LLC to finance, design, permit, construct, own, operate and maintain solar power and energy storage facilities. The district would purchase the solar energy generated by the systems for 20 years at a specified flat rate. It is estimated the district would save \$28 million in utility costs over the 20-year period.

Presentation by Chief Operation Officer Karin Temple

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

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

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board is in receipt of Agenda Item C-16, the Fresno Unified School District Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno Food Services Unit Chapter 143 for Re-Opener Negotiations for the 2017/18 School Year, Agenda Item C-17, the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Fresno Food Services Unit Chapter 143 Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for Re-Opener Negotiations for the 2017/18 School Year; and Agenda Item C-18, Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Cazares – Expressed the Board’s condolences to Tony Perry’s family and the Edison High School community.

The board paused for a moment of silence in memory of Tony Perry.

Board Member Mills – Mentioned CSBA’s annual conference.

Board President Ashjian – Requested a dedication date for the Bullard buildings and funding for the Water Polo team at Tenaya Middle School.

Board Member Davis – Mentioned the two high school water polo pools that have yet to be completed.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.