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Fresno Unified School District
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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 January 24, 2018, there were present Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Jonasson Rosas convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:34 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

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, Chief Information Officer Arias, Administrative Analyst Adam Bonilla, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, and Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey 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 Connie Cha, Director Extended Learning, Summer School & After School Programs, College and Career Readiness.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session, to ratify one classified employee (1063703) dismissal and to give the affected employee notice of the Board's action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cadet Ruiz, from Duncan Polytechnical High School's Air Force Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) led the flag salute.

RECOGNIZE Duncan Polytechnical High School's Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Team

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognized Duncan Polytechnical High School's Air Force Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), which earned an overall unit assessment score of Exceeds Standards, the highest rating attainable for a high school team.

**All times are approximate and subject to change*

ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming the Month of February 2018 as African American History Month

Adopted as recommended, a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2018 as African American History Month. All schools are encouraged to celebrate the contributions of African Americans throughout the month of February through the use of curricular materials and other school-related activities. Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a vote of 9-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera. Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students Benton Johnson and Wilma Tsutsui from Fresno High School made a presentation to the board. They thanked Trustee Mills for attending their SAB meeting and encouraging them to continue their Service Project Campaigns. The students also congratulated Trustee Johnson for receiving the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award. The student shared some recent happenings at Fresno High School including the success of their BSU (Black Student Union) in the statewide Black Minds Matter Competition. The team took 3rd place in California at the event last Saturday at Fresno State. The group is working hard on campus to promote fairness and equality and have many activities planned for students. The students also held a winter sports rally called “Winter Wonderland” which honored sports teams, their Special Olympics team and Mock Trial team. Seniors are completing their IB Assessments and all students are excited about the upcoming Winter Formal. Students will also be holding a community clean-up day next Saturday. Also, students from Fort Miller Middle School shared the activities they participate in, their future plans and why they love attending Fort Miller.

Board Member Johnson departed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Congratulated Mychal and Erick Kendricks for their fantastic job playing on opposing teams in Sunday’s NFC Championship game.
- The district is continuing to expand Career Technical Education opportunities for students. The Heavy Truck project will help modernize current CTE facilities on the Duncan campus as well as provide a state-of-the-art building dedicated to heavy truck maintenance and repair. Duncan will also expand current welding and manufacturing classrooms.
- Nelson had the opportunity to speak at several events celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose words have laid the groundwork for many great civil rights leaders who followed, including Fred Korematsu. In 1942, when he was just 23 years old, Korematsu refused to go to the government’s incarceration camps for Japanese Americans during World War II. Korematsu appealed his arrest and conviction all the way to the Supreme Court with his case ultimately overturned after documents revealed Japanese Americans had not committed any acts of treason to justify their mass incarceration. Korematsu’s and Dr. King’s legacy continue to provide valuable civic lessons for our students. You can see students’ artwork as part of the McLane Art Venture project about the Japanese Internment on the second floor of the Education Center.
- Provided an update to the district’s African-American acceleration efforts. The district is currently collaborating with WestEd to develop a community task force and action plan for students. District leaders will meet with WestEd next week to discuss next steps and address the district’s and board’s initiatives and goals for students. Nelson stated that Fresno Unified is determined to increase the rate of achievement growth and outcomes for African American

Children. On February 13, Fresno Unified will host its first Black College Expo at Fresno High School, drawing more than 25 of the country's top black colleges and universities. Many schools will be accepting students for admission on the spot and providing financial scholarships.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no individuals for this portion of the agenda.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-3, A-4, A-10, A-13 and A-15 which were 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: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

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 January 10, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding moving the October 10, 2017 Special Meeting minutes to the next board meeting adding the Superintendents goals as public record. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Cazares, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

A-4, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreements to Support First 5 Fresno County Unified Framework for Success Grant Project

APPROVED as recommended, two Independent Contractor Services Agreements to support the First 5 Fresno County Unified Framework for Success: Developing an Integrated Approach to Early Childhood System of Care. Engage Research and Development in the amount \$55,000 and Leapfrog Consulting in the amount of \$15,800 for a period of 24 months.

For the record, comments/questions were made thanking staff for bringing the item before the board, our non-profits are very importance to us, First 5 does great work in our county and this is big work and staff and the Board of Education cannot do it alone. Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum was able to provide clarification. Member Cazares moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

- A-5, APPROVE Amendment to Adult Transition Program Exchange Agreement with Fresno County Special Education Local Plan Area**
APPROVED as recommended, is the amendment to the Exchange Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno County Special Education Local Plan Area. The agreement is to provide special education and/or related services for Fresno Unified School District Adult Transition Program (ATP) students for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years. The projected amount is approximately \$860,000 for fiscal year 2018/19 and \$207,000 for fiscal year 2019/20.
- A-6, APPROVE 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application to the California Department of Education – Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, a grant application to the California Department of Education for the 21st Century Community Learning Center to provide additional after school and supplemental summer funding to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. The application includes the following schools: Balderas, Burroughs, Heaton, Hidalgo, Jackson, King, Lincoln, Lowell, Olmos, Storey, Sunset, Wilson, Wishon, and Wolters elementary schools and Fort Miller, Gaston, and Scandinavian middle schools. An estimated \$15 million in funding has been allocated to elementary and middle school students starting in fiscal year 2018/19.
- A-7, APPROVE 21st Century Grant Renewal Application to the California Department of Education by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, a 21st Century grant renewal application to the California Department of Education on behalf of Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS). This funding will allow FCSS to continue after school programs at three Fresno Unified school sites, Burroughs Elementary, Sequoia Middle School, and Roosevelt High School.
- A-8, APPROVE Grant Applications to the California Department of Education for the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program**
APPROVED as recommended, grant applications to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program. A grant application will be submitted to begin a program at Bullard, Hoover, and Edison high schools and a separate renewal grant application will be submitted for McLane, Sunnyside, and Fresno high schools, which are all in their final year of ASSETs funding.
- A-9, APPROVE the Adoption of Resolution HR 17-37 Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) Position, Job Description, Designation as Classified, Non-Exempt**
APPROVED as recommended, Resolution HR 17-37 to create the position and adopt the job description of Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA). This position creates vital support required by district Speech Language Pathologists. This career pathway can be found at other districts at both State and Regional levels and provides student speech therapy services to special needs students in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) position is designated Classified, non-exempt and to be placed on G-45 of the Classified Salary Schedule.

A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-13, Duncan Polytechnical High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Center Building Construction, and Alterations to Existing Shop Building

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-13, to construct a facility for new CTE programs in heavy truck maintenance/repair and construction trades. For the heavy truck program there will be a formal classroom, maintenance pit, tool storage, large garage work space for hands-on learning, covered exterior space for truck emissions testing, and staff office. For the construction trades program there will be shared formal instruction space and indoor work area, tool storage, material storage and exterior covered work pad, and CTE Pathway Coordinator office space including conference and collaboration space. Modernization and remodel of the existing CTE building will expand the welding and manufacturing shop classrooms and provide a presentation space, and upgrade lighting and add air and power cord reels for auto maintenance/repair. In addition, the building will be re-roofed, the fire sprinkler system will be modified for the new building layout, and the fire alarm, low voltage, public address, lighting and intrusion systems will be replaced.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Soltek Pacific Construction Company (Fresno, California) \$8,665,000

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding excitement about the new buildings, first in the nation to provide some of the equipment that is going to be developed through the CTE program at Duncan, the community asked and we were able to provide it, this is going to create jobs that will take kids out of poverty and thanked staff for bringing the item forward. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was able to provide clarification. Member De La Cerda moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-14, Addams Elementary School Portable Relocation and Infrastructure

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-14, for relocation of one portable classroom at Addams and related infrastructure including concrete pad with ramp and utility hook-ups. The portable is being relocated to begin the consolidation of early learning classrooms, in anticipation of a future classroom renovation project at Addams. The project will also provide space for the planned new school health center.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

GC Builders (Fresno, California) \$395,679

A-12, APPROVE Extension of Hanover Research Independent Contractor Services Agreement

APPROVED as recommended, an extension of the agreement with Hanover Research to provide research and information services. The agreement was originally approved by the board on January 25, 2017. Hanover Research is an information services firm that provides reliable strategic insights into areas as diverse as curriculum and instruction, federal programs, finance, human resources, student services, and facilities/operations.

A-13, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Fresno Southeast Asian Coalition for Action

APPROVED as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Fresno Southeast Asian Coalition For Action (FSACA).

Fresno Unified is collaborating with FSACA on a pilot program at 12 elementary schools in an effort to change learning outcomes for district-identified fourth through sixth grade Southeast Asian students that are not meeting academic outcomes, as well as their grade-level household members. A total of 127 students will receive services from FSACA through this partnership.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the importance of the agreement for the Southeast Asian community, expect big things from this partnership, just the tip of the iceberg, support of the program, clarity on the metric of 60 percent success rate, would like to see a higher success percentage, selection process of students, making sure we are selecting the most neediest of students, clarity on the parent engagement metric, Case Managers as a key component, and support/assistance from the district. Chief of Staff David Chavez and Pao Yang Executive Director, Fresno Center for New Americans were able to provide clarification. Member Ashjian moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

A-14, RATIFY Master Contract with Logan River Academy, LLC for Nonpublic School and Residential Placement

RATIFIED as recommended, a Master Contract with Logan River Academy, LLC for a student requiring non-public, nonsectarian school/agency services in the amount of \$77,161. The vendor will provide residential services to meet the mental health needs for student as identified in their Individualized Education Program. The term of the Master Contract is January 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

A-15, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects.

Bid 16-18, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Conversion 2016 Row 2

Change Order 2: \$ 2,770
Deduct Change Order 3: \$ (25,000)

Bid 17-30, Design Science High School Portable Campus Addition

Change Order 1: \$ 13,758
Change Order 2: \$ 8,117
Change Order 3: \$ 3,433

Bid 17-39, 2017 Summer Portable Relocation and Infrastructure

Change Order 1: \$ 23,848

Bid 17-42, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Portable Classroom Relocation

Change Order 1: \$ 3,825

Prior to the vote Trustee Ashjian read the following statement:

“Included in item A-15 are change orders for Todd Companies (Bid Number 16-18) and Davis Moreno Construction (Bid Numbers 17-30 & 17-39). I have done business with Todd Companies and Davis Moreno in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified beginning at least five years prior to my election to this Board. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of relationship with Todd Companies and Davis Moreno, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding clarity in errors in omission and who the requestor was. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSECTIONS: Board Member Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kimberly Waldron – Spoke about the erroneous revocation of her son from Baird Elementary. Concerned that other parents might have to go through the same experience. The request should have never occurred.

Rochelle Cantu – Upset about the closing of Special Day class. She is not getting any answers and is getting shuffled around.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-16, Present and Discuss Overview of Governor’s 2018/19 Proposed Budget.

The presentation and discussion outlined the Governor's 2018/19 Proposed Budget. .

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto

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 number that is paid for ADA, prior mandated claims, an update on a list of options that one-time funds could be used for, how much of the \$100 million for SELPA does Fresno Unified School District get, if we get extra money for Special Education we need to fix the problems of parents not getting the help they need, review of what receive in their overall total compensation package for teachers which includes salary, health and retirement, additional funds in LCFE funding, salaries should not be paid from supplemental concentration funds, what is the amount that we anticipate receiving in supplemental and concentration monies, and projected employer pension increases. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto was able to provide clarification. No action is required on this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board is in receipt of Agenda Item C-17, Proposed Academic Calendars for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Davis – Mentioned the passing of Fresno Unified retiree Bob Davidson.

Board Member Mills – Need to review how the district is handling Transfers. Significant Personnel issue at Fresno High that needs to be addressed immediately. Letters have been sent to the head of Human Resources and Superintendent.

Board Member Ashjian – Concerned about the established Pool Safety Protocols and Fresno City's involvement in the care of the District's pools. Other people should not be responsible for the care of our pools. Also thanked Karin Temple for the list of school improvements but would like an excel spread sheet that shows what projects have been completed and which projects are outstanding. Requested that the district advertise more for the positions that are most needed not just teachers. Lastly mentioned the event matrix, if the table cannot be filled by the board then we should not purchase a table.

Board Member Cazares – Concurred with Board Member Ashjian regarding the pools and maintenance needing to stay with the district. Also thanked Karin Temple for the list of projects but only saw one project in the Hoover Region. Would like to see more of the Hoover region as there are many schools that could use improvement. Thanked Sally Fowler for coordinating the FUSD and FSU send-off. A wonderful event and experience for students and staff. Congratulated Trustee Mills Fresno High Varsity Girls Basketball team who beat Hoover High.

Board President Jonasson Rosas – Requested more information regarding what the districts standard practice for errors and omissions, the pros and cons of reducing and/or considering removing the percentages.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.