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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 February 7, 2018, there were present Students Board Member Riar and Rivera and Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:37 p.m. and Board Member De La Cerda arriving at 4:53 p.m.

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 and 6. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Administrator Brian Christensen, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Administrative Analyst Bonilla and Chief of Staff Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paige Yebisu, a parent that has had a positive impact at Sunnyside High School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Anna Cervantes from Sunnyside High School made a presentation to the board. She thanked Trustee Davis for attending their SAB meeting and for encouraging students to never forget who they are and where they come from. Cervantes and members of the Black Student Union shared some recent happenings at Sunnyside High School, including that the school will have a BSU Showcase on February 22 at 5:30pm in the cafeteria in celebration of Black History Month. There will be different performances from stomp, spoken word, poetry and much more. The goal is to spread positivity and awareness of Black History. BSU students also

thanked the board for their support. Also, students from Kings Canyon Middle School shared the extra-curricular activities they participate in and the schools they'd like to attend in the future.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Commending all high school students and coaches who participated in the annual Fresno County Academic Decathlon. In division I, Edison came in second place outscoring University High on seven written tests. In Division II, Sunnyside placed third and in Division III, Duncan was third and won Most Improved. In Division IV, Cambridge placed third.
- The district received exciting news in its effort to provide every high school senior with an I Am Ready college packet. The packets are personalized by providing each student their eligible colleges based on their academic profiles. This effort increased college applications by 50% the first year and college acceptance rose by 53%. 97.5% of those seniors who applied to both a UC and CSU were accepted to at least one matching their academic profile. Thanks to our Equity and Access team for continue to dive deep into these data points. Nelson looks forward to sharing more data in the coming months.
- Gaston Middle School held an annual assembly to kick-off Black History Month. He encouraged everyone to take the time to celebrate and recognize the positive impacts that African Americans have had on our nation, state and community.
- Updated the public on the district's computer refresh program, which provides new laptops and computers for teachers and principals every three years. During Phase I, the district provided new laptops to 574 teachers. Phase II will begin in a few weeks with 510 teachers receiving their high-end HP laptops with touchscreens.
- The district hosted the 2018 Excellence in Education awards at Golden Palace Banquet Hall. It was a full house with 45 employees celebrated for their outstanding work. It was great to highlight amazing people who give so much of themselves for our students. Of the 45 finalists, five employees won a district award in their category. Nelson then congratulated Myra Ramirez, home school liaison from Del Mar Elementary for winning Classified Employee of the Year, Carlanda Williams, a third grade teacher from Greenberg Elementary for winning Elementary Educator of the Year, Gaston PE teacher Minith Real for winning Middle Educator of the Year, Duncan ROP-CNA teacher Laurie Wehner for winning High School Educator of the Year and Joy Nunes, principal of Anthony Elementary for winning Administrator of the Year. Of these five, Myra Ramirez, Minith Real and Joy Nunes will go on to represent Fresno Unified in the Fresno County Office of Education event this fall.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

No individuals spoke to items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-8, and A-11, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call 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.

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 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the October 10, 2017 Special Meeting and October 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- A-4, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2017/18**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 3 for fiscal year 2017/18. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 3 includes adjustments for updated information regarding carryover, actual beginning balances and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.
- A-5, ADOPT Waiver Request for Lindsey Nicole Tucker to serve as a Speech Language Pathologist**
Per Administration Agenda Item A-5 was pulled from the Agenda. No action was taken on this item. A waiver request for Lindsey Nicole Tucker, to serve as a Speech Language Pathologist. The Education Code 44225(m) allows the commission to grant waivers to fill unanticipated needs in an area deemed hard-to-fill. Lindsey Nicole Tucker currently holds a Bachelor's in Communicative Sciences and Disorders and is applying for acceptance into the graduate program.
- A-6, ADOPT Academic Calendar for 2018/19 and 2019/20**
ADOPTED as recommended, the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Academic Calendars for Fresno Unified School District.
- A-7, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC for Affordable Care Act (Employer Mandate) Services**
APPROVED as recommended a renewal agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, formerly Barney & Barney, to provide Affordable Care Act (Employer Mandate) support services to Fresno Unified School District.
- A-8, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Quiq Labs**
APPROVED as recommended an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Quiq Labs to establish an enrichment course that offers students the opportunity to actively learn about topics in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math in Hoover High School's after school program.

For the record, there were comments thanking high school principal Rebecca Wheeler and her partnership in ensuring the students at Hoover High receive the best services the district has to offer. Member Cazares moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

A-9, APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding with Carter G. Woodson

APPROVED as recommended a Memorandum of Understanding with Carter G. Woodson detailing the relationship between the district, the Charter Corporate Entity, and the charter school regarding operation, oversight, and monitoring.

A-10, APPROVE Master Contract with Judge Rotenberg Educational Center for Nonpublic School and Residential Placement

APPROVED as recommended, a Master Contract with Judge Rotenberg Educational Center for a student requiring non-public, nonsectarian school/agency services in the amount of \$130,469.

A-11, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from November 1, 2017, through November 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.

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

“Included in item A-11 are purchase orders for Davis-Moreno Construction. (purchase orders 460495 and 499969A). I have done business with 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 my relationship with 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, there were no comments/questions. Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals spoke regarding Elisa Messing no longer being principal at Fresno High School and requested that the board reconsider the decision.

Kyra Orgill
Cate Dossetti
Rafaela Tzinzun
Laura Ortiz
Gladis Paulino.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-12, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2016-2019 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association.

RATIFIED as recommended, 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. Provided to the Board was a copy of the Tentative Agreement (TA) between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association (FTA).

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 comments/questions regarding how pleased the board is regarding the changes the board and FTA have made with health care, psychologists, special education and teacher salaries, thanked staff and FTA representatives, concerns about the last minute side-letter, not in favor of a parcel tax to fix the class size reduction, bond measure funds should be used to address class size reduction, there are still needs at certain high schools, developed better relationships with teachers and the community, Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-1-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. NOES: Board Member Ashjian.

Agenda Item B-13, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Adoption of Changes in Wages and Health Benefits to Non-Represented, Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees Consistent with Bargaining Unit Members

ADOPTED as recommended, Changes in wages and health benefits for bargaining unit members are applicable to non-represented, Management, Confidential, and Supervisory employees.

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

Agenda Item B-14, Present and Discuss the 2018/19 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 24, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the 2018/19 Governor’s Proposed Budget and the District’s preliminary strategic budget development was discussed. On February 7, 2018, staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions. Fiscal impact: Not available at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

Presentation by CFO/Deputy Superintendent Ruth 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 having RN’s and LVN’s at school site vs. health assistants, a request for a list of health care professionals school by school with the number of days at each site, what determines if a middle school get one or two vice principals, a suggestion that each intermediate school have two vice principals, a suggestion that there should be a set standard for high schools as well, clarity on what factors go into staffing the number of principals and vice principals at high schools, what are the school site allocations used for, are the school site funds based on population, a request for a list of school site funds for each school by region, are we actively recruiting for registered nurses, how many retirements/resignations have we received so far, clarity on staffing a vice principal and a teacher on special assignment at the same time, does the principal get to decided is the get a vice principal or a teacher on special assignment, need to hire high quality safety assistants, clarity on guidance learning advisors and their duties, the May revise and the uncertainty of more money, and how often do we do time studies for our custodial staff, Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Director of Health Services Williams, Executive Director Duke were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

Agenda Item B-15, Present and Discuss Personalized Learning Initiative Year 1 Results and Continued Expansion

Presentation to the Board regarding the Personalized Learning Initiative (PLI). The presentation will review academic student achievement growth, teacher Accountable Community (AC) performance, use of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) GoMath, and digital collaboration. The presentation will also include perceptions of principals, teachers, and students involved with the PLI program. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457- 3731 and Kurt Madden, telephone 457-3868.

Presentation by Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum and Chief Technology Officer Kurt Madden

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 of students, do they each have a computer, do you reach out to other teachers or do they reach out to you, if you needed something what would your ask be to this board, thanked the teachers of the program, have you seen any issues with our English language learners, will there a budget request for this program, are we at a 1 to 1 with our technology for our students, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Executive Director Neufeld, and Vice Principal on Special Assignment Coe were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Jonasson Rosas – Requested an update on the clinics. Also requested a board communication organized by region and grade for each school on enrollment square foot and classroom specifically wanting to get at what schools have classrooms that are underutilized.

Board Member Johnson – Requested a board communication regarding the 32 African American students at Computech and why the number went down approximately 50%.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.