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**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
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 February 21, 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.

Board Member De La Cerda arriving at 4:38 p.m. and Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:44 p.m.

President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/ CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Administrative Analyst Bonilla and Chief of Staff Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Ashjian and seconded by Board Member De La Cerda, by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board took action for a Worker's Compensation settlement on Jirlesa Montoya Case No. 2010-1001.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Julius Tennison, a parent that has had a positive impact at Gaston Middle School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students Kathalina Lee, Arianna Del Rel and Mayra Carillo from McLane High School made a presentation to the board. They thanked Trustee De La Cerda and Board Clerk Davis for attending their SAB meeting. The students then shared some recent happenings at McLane including their 2nd annual Unity Assembly hosted by McLane's Black Student Union Club. The event included performances, guest speakers and the African American Mobile Museum. The students also recognized student Elijah Neals for finishing 3rd in the Division I Valley Championship in Wrestling. He also made McLane history by becoming the only three-time League Wrestling Champion for their school. Neals is ranked 25th in the state and will compete in the State Championships this week. Also, both boys' and girls' soccer as well as boys' basketball went to playoffs. McLane is also hosting future Highlanders from Scandinavian and Yosemite middle schools. McLane students are looking forward to their Sadie Hawkins Dance happening next month. Also, students from Scandinavian Middle School shared with the board the activities they enjoy taking part in and their future plans.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Thanked Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer and the Fresno Police Department for their continued partnership in addressing social media threats. Last week, after the horrific events in Florida, schools across the country experienced copycat threats on social media, including our own Edison and Sunnyside high schools. Local law enforcement worked throughout the night to ultimately determine that the threats were not credible. They also ensured there were additional police officers monitoring our schools. Nelson also encouraged parents to monitor their child's social media activity and report anything suspicious. He also encouraged parents to ensure their child's emergency cards are up-to-date and to sign up for Rapid Alert emergency text messages.
- Congratulated the districts soccer and basketball teams' achievements for making it to the playoffs. #8 Sunnyside defeated #5 Bullard in penalty kicks to advance to the Central Section Division 1 Final against Clovis North. Edison High's girls' soccer team advanced to the Central Section Division II Final against Tulare Western. In basketball, Edison's boys will host Clovis North, Edison will travel to Bakersfield on Thursday and Sunnyside beat Buchanan and will play Clovis West. In boys Division II #8 Roosevelt will travel to #1 SJM, #10 Fresno High beat Independence to play Hanford. In Division II, #7. Nelson congratulated all athletes for their hard work this season.
- The agenda included an item to name Roosevelt High School theater after 1988 alumnus Audra McDonald. Ms. McDonald is a Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winning singer and actress. She has enriched the global arts community with her talent and skills and serves as a Broadway icon. Audra McDonald even tweeted about this honor over the weekend. The Roosevelt High School community and the Superintendent are excited and in full support of honoring Ms. McDonald with the Board's approval.
- Applauded the district expanding Dual Immersion programs for next school year. On Monday, February 26, the district will hold a special press conference to share our newest schools in the community, including a new opportunity at Vang Pao Elementary.
- Recognized Darryl Du'Chene, project manager for the Men's and Women's Alliance program. Mr. Du'Chene will be inducted to the "Wall of Honor" at Fresno City College hosted by State Center Community College District and the African American Historical and Cultural Museum.

- Encouraged the public to provide their input in the naming of the district's new southeast elementary school. The district is accepting suggestions for the naming of this new school located on 5090 E. Church. Fresno Unified is prioritizing Measure X funds to build the new school which is targeted to open in time for the 2020/21 school year. A survey has been created to collect community input and is available on our district website in multiple languages.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

The following individuals spoke in regards to Agenda Item A-9 – *Approve Roosevelt High School Dedication of the Audra McDonald Theater*,

Betty Johnson – spoke on behalf of Frank Johnson, and wanted the board to know that is was Mr. Johnson who suggested the theater to be named after Audra McDonald and formed a committee to spearhead the process.

Terri Edwards – read a letter on behalf of Audra McDonald and her father thanking the board for the acknowledgement.

Anne Gaston – showed support of the dedication and urged the board to support the Audra McDonald Theater.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items: A-4, A-5, A-9, A-13 and A-14, 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 February 7, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the October 23, 2017 Special Meeting and November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

A-4, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Medical Eye Services

APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Medical Eye Services (MES). Medical Eye Services currently provides vision eye care services on behalf of the district's eligible active employees, retirees and their respective dependents. These vision care services are in alignment with the Joint Health Management Board's established goals and responsibilities for providing high quality health care to active employees and retirees.

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding the eye exams/eye glasses that are offered to students for free, which schools will receive the services, and a concern that only some will receive the services when we should be offering to all. CFO/Deputy Superintendent Quinto

and Gail Williams were able to provide clarification. Member Ashjian moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, 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-5, APPROVE Agreement with SMG: Save Mart Center**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with SMG: Save Mart Center to provide facilities and audio-visual services for graduation ceremonies for six high schools and the African American Senior Recognition Celebration June 3-6, 2018.

For the record, there were comments/questions made regarding the struggle to get the contracts finalized in a timely manner year after year, a request of Superintendent to talk to President Castro to possibly approve the contracts for two years at a time, where did Patiño and Design Science graduate last year and thanked Leslie Loewen for her perseverance. Member Mills 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-6, APPROVE Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Education and Leadership Foundation**
APPROVED as recommended, an addendum to an existing agreement with the Education and Leadership Foundation in the amount of \$19,000. This vendor will provide academic support at Baird Middle School for Response to Intervention, English Learners, and Young Men's Alliance students and parents to promote academic achievement and reduce disproportionality. In addition, they will provide translation services for school communications.

- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-17 A-E, Installation of Exterior Lighting Upgrades at Various Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-17, to install district supplied poles, pole lights, wall packs, soffits, flood lights, and bullhorns to improve safety at 24 schools by upgrading exterior lighting for playgrounds, parking lots, and walkways. Schools in the project are: Addams, Anthony, Ayer, Bakman, Bethune, Cambridge, Chavez Adult School, Del Mar, DeWolf, Eaton, Ewing, Forkner, Fremont, J.E. Young, Lawless, McCardle, Olmos, Powers-Ginsburg, Roeding, Thomas, Viking, Webster, Wilson, and Yokomi.

- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-18, Sunnyside High School Irrigation Booster Pump for Landscaped Areas and Turf**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-18, for purchase of an irrigation booster pump for Sunnyside High School. Installation of the pump will be bid separately. The well previously used for irrigation at Sunnyside has failed. With water provided by the City of Fresno, the new booster pump will provide site irrigation with increased water pressure, for improved results and water use efficiency.

Staff recommended award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

SiteOne Landscape Supply (Fresno, California) \$112,293

A-9, APPROVE Roosevelt High School Dedication of the Audra McDonald Theater

APPROVED as recommended, a request to dedicate the Roosevelt High School theater, in the auditorium after 1988 alum, Audra McDonald. Ms. McDonald attended Roosevelt School of the Arts and was a member of Fresno's Good Company Players. After high school graduation, she went on to attend Julliard School. As a singer and actress, she has won Six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards and an Emmy Award. Roosevelt High School graduate Audra McDonald has made a monumental contribution to the global arts community.

For the record, there were comments thanking Board Member Johnson for suggesting the naming after Audra McDonald, about the exciting opportunity to dedicate a theater from a local talent, and someone who our students can relate to and aspire to be and someone who is a good role model. Member Jonasson Rosas 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-10, APPROVE Agreement for California State University, Fresno

APPROVED as recommended, a partnership agreement for California State University of Fresno (Fresno State) to receive \$192,225 through a \$500,000 grant awarded to Fresno Unified School District from the College Futures Foundation (CFF). This grant partnership was approved by the Board of Education at the October 28, 2015 meeting.

A-11, APPROVE Agreement for State Center Community College District – Fresno City College

~~Agenda Item was pulled by staff. No Action was taken on this Item. Approval is requested for a partnership agreement for State Center Community College District – Fresno City College to receive \$192,800 through a \$500,000 grant awarded to Fresno Unified School District from the College Futures Foundation (CFF). This grant partnership was approved by the Board of Education at the October 28, 2015 meeting.~~

A-12, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policy (BP) 0410

APPROVED as recommended, revisions for Board Policy (BP) 0410 which meet the legal mandates recommended by the California Department of Education:

- BP 0410 Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities: Revisions include updated titles and telephone numbers.

A-13, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects.

Bid 16-31, Turner Elementary School New Classroom and Administration Buildings
Change Order 4: \$75,540

Bid 17-14, Fresno High School – Royce Hall Acoustical Improvements and Remodel
Change Order 1: \$29,410

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

“Included in item A-13 are change orders for Davis Moreno Construction (Bid Numbers 17-14). I have done business with David 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 this contract. Because of my relationship with Davis Moreno, I have a remote financial interest in this contract. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding concerns in removing the brick wall for a cement finish at Turner Elementary. William Belanger was able to provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, 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.

A-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and Zero Dollar Contracts

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Also a list of zero dollar contracts that specify terms but where no funds will be exchanged between Fresno Unified and other entities.

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

“Included in item A-14 are purchase orders for Davis-Moreno Construction (purchase order numbers 460506 & 460495), Expo Party Rental & Sales (purchase order number 503267), Expo Audio Visual (purchase order number 503455), Mark Wilson Construction (purchase order number 504027), and Todd Companies (purchase order number 503868).

I have done business with Davis Moreno, Expo Party Rentals, Expo Audio Visual, Mark Wilson Construction, and Todd Companies 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 these companies, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

Board President Jonasson Rosas also made a statement prior to the vote:

“Fresno EOC is the vendor for purchase order numbers 503586 as stated in item A-14. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making this contract. Because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in this contract.

Consistent with prior recusals relating to Fresno EOC, 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 Cazares, which carried a 5-0-2-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Mills. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cindy Piombino – Shared concerns regarding safety on school campuses. Asked what are we going to do in the district to protect the students, teachers, staff and visitors. Our children deserve to feel safe.

Bishop Westbrook – Shared his experience in attending the First Black College Expo at Fresno High School. Was encouraged and excited to see juniors and seniors meeting one-on-one with many historically black colleges and universities. Many received acceptances and scholarships. Thanked the Board the Superintendent for putting forth this event.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-15, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2016 - 2019 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association – Building Trades Professionals

Contract negotiations between the District and Fresno Teachers Association – Building Trades Professionals for the 2016 – 2019 contract. Negotiations began in June 2016. After twenty-two (22) sessions and two (2) mediation sessions, the Parties' have reached a Tentative Agreement and wish to ratify.

Presentation by Chief of Labor Relations Paul Idsvoog

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. Member Mills moved for ratification, 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 Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson absent for the vote.

Agenda Item B-16, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2017-2018 reopener Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar (CSEA)

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.

Presentation by Chief of Labor Relations Paul Idsvoog

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. Member Mills moved for Agenda Item B-16 *Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2017-2018 reopener Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar (CSEA)* to be moved to the next agenda, seconded by Member Ashjian, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Johnson absent for the vote.

Agenda Item B-17, Present and Discuss the 2018/19 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 24, 2018 and February 7, 2018 Board of Education meetings, the 2018/19 Governor's Proposed Budget and the District's preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On February 21, 2018, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

Presentation by CFO/Deputy Superintendent Ruth F. Quinto and 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 GATE being offered during the Expanded Learning Summer Program, Clarity on the Young Scholars Program, what are we doing with students who want to take advanced classes during summer school, what is the definition of an EL student, how come African American students are not considered EL students, clarity on the total increased investment for English Language Services vs. African American Academic Acceleration Initiative, concerns over the list of schools listed for expansion for Dual Immersion, concerns with expanding at Williams, is there a possibility to add additional aides in the classroom, where are we at with the number of paras that we do have and where are they being utilized, where is the greatest need for our para's, a request to expand the para program, clarity on the redesignation rate, do students redesignate sooner if caught early, how are our English Language Learners doing in comparison to our English Only students, what are we doing for our middle school students, why are African American's our lowest group of learners, high expectations for all our students, showcasing our AP clubs and their summer trips, how do our Syrian refugees fit in our data, how long have they been here, mention of LCAP surveys increasing, how many meeting has the district conducted, where does the recommendation for the one FTE for Fiscal Services come from, mention of being transparent to the community regarding class size reduction step by step in what the district is doing, would like to see increased student participation in the feedback for the LCAP survey, highlighted the high response to mental health supports, clarity on English Language services for English Only students, wait lists for Dual Immersion schools, and supports for academic English instruction. No action was required for this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-18 Fresno Unified School District's Second Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2017/18, Agenda Item C-19, Proposed Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2018/19 and the 2019/20 School Years; and Agenda Item C-20, Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Ashjian – Requested the Superintendent to review the Constituent Services Quarterly Report, specifically the Special Education CDE Complaints being at zero.

Board Member Cazares – Thanked staff for always staying to the very end of the meeting.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas – Questioned when the board was going to see the report on facilities.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.