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**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Fresno Unified School District**  
**March 21, 2018**

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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 March 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 Jonasson Rosas and De La Cerda arriving at 4:33 p.m. and Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:43 p.m.*

Board Clerk Davis convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Johnson, by the following vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Carol Badawi, Principal III, Bullard Talent K-8 School.
- On a motion by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by the following vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to promote Jose Munoz, Principal V, Edison High School.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by the following vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to approve the lateral move of Kelley Auston, Principal II, Robinson Elementary.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by the following vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to approve the lateral move of Miguel Naranjo, Principal II, Burroughs Elementary.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by the following vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action to approve the lateral move of Cha Vang, Principal II, Aynesworth Elementary.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Virginia Campos, a parent that has had a positive impact at Hoover High School led the flag salute.

## **RECOGNIZE The Fresno Unified School District Winter Sports Teams for the 2017/18 School Year**

The following Fresno Unified sports teams were recognized for the 2017/18 school year.

- **McLane Wrestling** – CIF Wrestling State Qualifiers - Head Coach Brian Perreault
- **Bullard Wrestling** – CIF Wrestling State Qualifiers - Head Coach Carlos Urrea
- **Edison Girls Soccer Team** – CIF Division 2 Valley Champions - Head Coach Larry Hinz
- **Sunnyside Boys Soccer Team** – CIF Division 1 Valley Champions - Head Coach Fabian Rangel

## **ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming April 2018 Autism Awareness Month**

**ADOPTED**, a resolution recognizing April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month. Fresno Unified School District urges all schools and individual citizens to participate in Autism Awareness Month in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders and create a better community for individuals with autism. Member De La Cerda moved for adoption, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 9-0-0-0 vote. AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Jonasson Rosas.

*Board Member Cazares left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.*

## **ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming March 2018 Women's History Month**

**ADOPTED** a resolution proclaiming March 2018 as Women's History Month. Women's History Month is a time to recognize, honor and celebrate the achievements of the American Women. Member Mills moved for adoption, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried an 8-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

## **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Students Aimee Khanchareun and Daniela Hernandez from Edison High School provided a report to the board. On March 12, Edison had its second regional leadership conference involving all feeder schools. Students from grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> participated in workshops like Student Parliamentary Procedure, Think Before You Post and Student Voice. Also, Edison had more than 400 students attend the annual sadies dance. The theme was outer space black light. Wednesday is the opening for the Lion King play being put on by Edison's theater department. The students also recognized Lindsay Sanders for her devotion to students, positive attitude and strong work ethic while serving as principal of Edison for six years. Also, students from Computech Middle School shared with the board what they love about attending Computech, activities they participate in and their career goals.

## **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- Recognized Mattie Thomas of CSEA who will be honored as Woman of the Year in District 5. She is a force for all that is good and we're thankful for the opportunity to collaborate with her.
- Commended students and staff for their collaboration around the students National School Walkout. With guidance from our communications team, site leaders, campus culture directors and

student groups worked together to plan alternatives to walkouts that kept students on campus and safe while still ensuring their voices were heard. From moments of silence to classroom discussions to open forums in the quad, the activities were meaningful and allowed students to express their thoughts and emotions.

- Congratulated the students who competed in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Tournament of Technology at Roosevelt High School. More than 600 middle school students competed in 14 events in three categories: robotics, video productions and design. Each event also had an online competition that took place a week before the tournament in categories like design, website development, computer programming and video advertisements, public service announcements and movie trailers. Nelson congratulated Division 1 winners Kings Canyon Middle School (1<sup>st</sup>), Sequoia Middle School (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Computech Middle School (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Division 2 winners Tioga Middle School (1<sup>st</sup>), Scandinavian Middle School (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Ahwahnee Middle School (3<sup>rd</sup>). He especially thanked Kurt Madden and the IT team for making this event happen.
- Addressed concerns relating to the district’s current dress code policy, specifically related to “distracting” hairstyles. The district has taken action and initiated a review of the dress code policy. Schools have been directed to suspend enforcement of hair-related provisions and a cross-departmental team has been designated to review the policy so it’s consistent with our goals on diversity, equity and inclusion. Students will also be included to assist in the review and revision of the existing dress code to ensure the district addresses concerns relative to today’s student. Nelson hopes this effort will eliminate any additional challenges for students, families, and staff.
- Highlighted World Down Syndrome Day. Superintendent Nelson asked that we all do our part to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.
- This week the district began the last quarter of the school year. Nelson is encouraging staff and students to take time next week to relax and unwind during spring break. Take time to unplug and reenergize for a strong finish to the school year.

### **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, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Cazares.

### **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 March 7, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

#### **A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

and the March 7, 2018 Regular Meeting.

- A-4, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Saltzman & Johnson Law Corporation**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, an amendment to the agreement with Saltzman & Johnson Law Corporation to provide consulting legal services to the Joint Health Management Board (JHMB).
- A-5, APPROVE Property and Liability Insurance Renewal 2018/19**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a summary of quotations received by the district's insurance broker, DiBuduo & DeFendis, for the district's various forms of coverage. Included for renewal is coverage related to Property, General Liability, Designated Lessees and Excess Liability requirements. The policy period will extend from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.
- A-6, APPROVE Amendment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws to Move Annual Report Presentation from December to January**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the Bylaws of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to change the presentation of the CBOC's Annual Report from a December Board meeting to a January Board meeting. The Annual Report provides information for the prior fiscal year and is focused on verifying the district's compliance with the State Constitution with respect to the expenditure of bond funds. The timing change is recommended due to the historically heavy Board agendas for the December meeting; there is no impact on execution of the bond program. CBOC Bylaw amendments require Board approval. The recommended amendment, included in the Board binders, was approved by the CBOC at its February 15, 2018 meeting.
- A-7, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the appointment of Inez Hill to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Ms. Hill is nominated by Board Member Johnson. The role of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, per its Bylaws, is *"to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measures."* Ms. Hill is a resident of Fresno Unified School District, and is not a vendor, contractor, consultant, employee or official of the district.
- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-19, Copy Paper**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Bid 18-19, to replenish copy paper held in warehouse stock for use district wide.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Contract Paper Group (Uniontown, Ohio) \$571,284

- A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-21, Sunnyside High School Irrigation Improvements**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Bid 18-21, for installation of a district supplied irrigation booster pump at Sunnyside High. The well previously used for irrigation failed and on February 21, 2018, the Board approved Bid 18-18 for purchase of the booster pump in consideration of the long lead time required. The recommendation to award Bid 18-21 is for installation only. The new booster pump, using water supplied by the City of Fresno, will provide increased water pressure and efficient use of water. The total cost of the project (equipment and installation) is \$254,776.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Clean Cut Landscape, Inc. (Clovis, California) \$142,483

**A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-22, Rata High School Modernization**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Bid 18-22, to modernize Rata to better meet the needs of students with disabilities and medically fragile conditions. The project includes remodeling the existing building (ten classrooms and life skills kitchen) and adding two classrooms; adding two fully equipped nurse stations; providing new conference, laundry and other support spaces; extending and widening the outdoor walking track; installing new concrete walks for access to play courts and exercise apparatus; modifying the bus loading/unloading areas; and improving fencing and gates for access security. There will be fully accessible restrooms in every classroom, and all doors will be widened and automated to accommodate wheelchairs and other accessibility equipment.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

BVI Construction, Inc. (Selma, California) \$5,210,000

**A-11, DENY Claim #17-0829-0284**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #17-0829-0284, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-12, DENY Claim #17-0829-0285**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #17-0829-0285, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-13, DENY Claim #GL17-0821-268**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case # GL17-0821-268, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-14, DENY Claim #GL17-0825-281**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by Shanwanda Davis, case #GL17-0825-281, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-15, DENY Claim #GL17-0927-266**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #GL17-0927-266, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-16, DENY Claim #GL17-1027-267**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by Shanwanda Davis, case #GL17-1027-267, and will be referred to the district's Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-17, 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 18-07, Education Center Cooling Tower Replacement

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Andy Fabela** – Mentioned the graduate profile that was presented at the November 9, 2016 Board meeting as Agenda Item B-14. Requested an update as to the status of the profile and how it is being implemented.

*Board Member Ashjian left the Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

### **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### **Agenda Item B-18, Present and Discuss the 2018/19 Strategic Budget Development**

The 2018/19 Governor's Proposed Budget was released on January 10, 2018. The Board of Education has discussed the Governor's proposal and the potential impacts on Fresno Unified, as well as the strategic budget development process, at the following Board of Education meetings:

- January 24, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 7, 2018

On March 21, 2018, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

Presentation by CFO/Chief Financial Officer Ruth 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, there were comments/questions regarding, if the Human Resource department is asking for enough, a suggestion that they need to take a bigger stronger role in recruiting high quality leaders for all positions in the District, made a suggestion to redeploy staff from Parent University back to the high schools, a mention of an IB module that could be used by Parent University, shared that PBS had a good elementary module and is something we should take a look at, clarity on the need for communications during a 51/50 call at school sites, CTE grant money and the plan if we don't get all the money, appreciates the personnel calls and e-mails from the Communications department when there is a situation, the more help in Constituents Services the better especially with for our Hmong community, would like a list of all the modules that Parent University offers, and if not already suggested a module for parents on Instagram, Facebook etc., appreciation for the cost neutral ask for College and Career Readiness, is the cost neutral because of grants, and a suggestion to make the District's website more user friendly and streamlined, having parents do more things on-line. There is no action on this item.

### **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

**The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-19, Proposed Revisions for Board Policies (BP) 1312.3 and 6175**

- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 6175 Migrant Education

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). At the next Board meeting, on April 11, 2018, the items will be brought back for discussion and adoption.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Member Mills** – Mentioned how Fresno High’s Women’s Alliance were invited to present at a National meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and should be recognized by the Board. Stated that men can be role models as well to their daughter’s wives and sisters.

**Member De La Cerda** – Board Meeting was long but for all the right reasons highlighting the District’s students.

**Member Davis** – I always tell my daughters, “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the earth either directly or indirectly.”

**Member Jonasson Rosas** – Inquired when the joint meeting with the City is going to be scheduled. Requested a 10-year trend Interim Assessment report for her region.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.