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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 April 11, 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 Johnson arriving at 4:48 p.m. and Board Member De La Cerda arriving at 4:51 p.m.

President Jonasson Rosas convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:33 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief of Equity and Access Sanders, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director Wendy McCulley, and Chief of Staff David Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There were no items to report out.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Heather Owens, a parent that has had a positive impact at Malloch Elementary School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Students Benton Johnson and Shawn Hulsey from Fresno High School provided a report to the board. They shared with the board that this year’s senior class has 46 students who have earned the title of Valedictorian. This sets the record for the most the school has ever had. Students will celebrate the success with all seniors on May 1st at Fresno High’s 5th annual College Signing Day. Fresno High’s Spring Sports rally “Welcome to Jumanji” is Friday. The school will also

host the Stunt Cheer competition on Friday. Fresno High's Unified basketball team will be playing April 18th at home. Seniors are preparing IB assessments for next month, completing scholarship applications and registering for college. Also, students from Hamilton K-8 School shared with the board what extracurricular activities they enjoy as well as their career goals.

RECOGNIZE 11th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology Division I Champions: Kings Canyon Middle School

The Board of Education and Superintendent Nelson recognized Kings Canyon Middle School as the Division I Champions for the Middle School Tournament of Technology that was held at Roosevelt High School.

ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming April 2018 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide

Adopted a resolution proclaiming the month of April 2018 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide. Member Ashjian moved for adoption, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 9-0-0 vote. AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Jonasson Rosas.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Congratulated Forkner and Manchester GATE elementary schools for being named to the California Department of Education's 2018 list of Distinguished Schools. Their outstanding educational programs and practices help Fresno Unified students realize their potential on their path to academic success. Teachers, administrators and staff work in partnership with their families to create a supportive environment where each student can strive to be college and career ready. On May 9th, school assemblies will be held to celebrate these significant accomplishments. Congratulations were also given to Dailey Charter, a school chartered by the Fresno Unified School District.
- Congratulated the district administrators recognized by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region IX which include instructional superintendent Misty Her, Tamara Neely, a director of professional development, Cambridge High principal Pete Pulos, Ahwahnee Middle School principal Jose Guzman and College and Career Readiness executive officer Sally Fowler. Last week, we learned the statewide ACSA team selected Tamara Neely as the Classified Leader of the Year. Congrats, Tamara!
- Shared that Fresno Unified has a finalist in each category for the Fresno County Educator of the Year awards. They include Del Mar Elementary home school liaison Myra Ramirez, Gaston Middle School P.E. teacher Minith (Adam) Real and principal of Anthony Elementary School Joy Nunes. Congrats on this outstanding achievement!
- Encouraged students, families, businesses, educators and community leaders to attend the 2nd annual CTE Summit at Duncan Polytechnical High School on Thursday, April 19, 2018. There will be tours of Duncan, student demonstrations of CTE programs in nursing, construction, welding, manufacturing and automotive. We also hope to gain important community feedback on our current programs to help us expand opportunities down the road for our students.
- Pointed out the new posters on the walls in the board room which replace the six pillars of character that were there since the mid-90's. We felt it was time to update and highlight how our board-approved Graduate Profile works in conjunction with a student's social emotional learning. The profile outlines what we expect of our graduates today as they exit our district, as

well as those beginning their journey through elementary and middle school. A Fresno Unified graduate will be: a responsible and ethical decision maker, a creative and adaptive learner, a skilled communicator and collaborator, an adaptable and productive problem solver and a digitally literate citizen. It is crucial to note that this focus on social emotional development is being included in training for leaders in Fresno Unified, as well.

- Results came out earlier this week from the National Assessment of Educational Progress or NAEP. The results are encouraging. In addition to providing the board with details, Nelson is in the process of reaching out to our labor partners and setting up time to walk through the results with them, as well

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no individuals for this portion of the agenda.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-13, and A-15 which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board 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 March 21, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, March 12, 2018 Special Meeting and the March 21, 2018 Regular Meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Contact person: Robert G. Nelson, telephone 457-3884.

A-4, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2017/18

APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 4 for fiscal year 2017/18. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 4 includes adjustments for updated information and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.

A-5, APPROVE Appointments to the Audit Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointments of Roy Kloose and Richard L. Holland, CPA to the Fresno Unified School District Audit Committee. The Audit Committee convened on March 19, 2018 and voted to recommend approval of these appointments to the Board of Education.

A-6, APPROVE Revisions for Board Policies (BP) 1312.3 and 6175

APPROVED as recommended, revisions for two Board Policies:

- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 6175 Migrant Education

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California Department of Education.

A-7, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits

APPROVED as recommended Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire.

A-8, APPROVE Agreement for State Center Community College District – Fresno City College

APPROVED as recommended, 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-9, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

Agenda Item pulled per staff request. No action taken on this item. It is recommended the Board approve the appointment of Guillermo Moreno to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). Mr. Moreno has served previously and is again nominated by Board Member Davis. Mr. Moreno is administrator at Senior Citizens Village in southeast Fresno, and is editor-in-chief of CVObserver and a radio host. He is a Valley native, is a resident of Fresno Unified School District, and is not a vendor, contractor, consultant, employee or official of the district. The role of the CBOC is *“to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measures.”*

A-10, APPROVE Use of Piggyback Contract for Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment

APPROVED as recommended, a piggyback contract, through June 30, 2018, for the purchase of HVAC equipment for a project at Fort Miller Middle School during the summer to upgrade gym cooling. Using a piggyback contract will shorten the lead time for equipment delivery. Contract details are below:

- Contract Number 4400005650, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Manufacturer: Seasons-4, Inc., (Douglasville, GA)
- Distributor: Applied Equipment, LLC (Danville, CA)
- Estimated amount: \$200,000

A-11, RATIFY Agreement with Whitney, Thompson & Jeffcoach for Legal Services

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Whitney, Thompson & Jeffcoach to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District. The contract period is February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

A-12, RATIFY Grant Application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s Public Benefit Grant Program

RATIFIED as recommended, a grant application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for the Public Benefit Grant Program - New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase.

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

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 18-08, HVAC Improvements in the Multipurpose Rooms for Pyle Elementary School, and Fort Miller and Yosemite Middle Schools

Change Order 1: \$997

Bid 18-09, Construction of Classroom Buildings and Modernization of Administration Building for Slater Elementary School

Change Order 1 (Buildings): \$74,533

Change Order 1 (Interim Housing): \$64,350

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

“Included in item A-13 are change orders for construction projects involving Davis Moreno Construction (Bid Number 18-09).

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.

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian.

A-14, 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 17-32, Expansion of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Facility Row 3

A-15, RATIFY Purchase Orders from January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018. 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-15 are purchase orders for Davis-Moreno Construction (purchase order numbers 460503, 504932B, 460506, 504291, and 504290), Expo Party Rental & Sales (purchase order number 505008), Expo Audio Visual (purchase order number 504607), and Todd Companies (purchase order number 503868).

I have done business with Davis Moreno, Expo Party Rental & Sales, Expo Audio Visual, 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”

Prior to the vote Board President Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:

Fresno EOC is the vendor for purchase order numbers 504316 ad 495711 as stated in item A-15. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts.

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 De La Cerda, which carried a 5-0-0-2 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Mills. ABSTENTIONS: Board President Jonasson Rosas and Board Member Ashjian.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals shared their concerns regarding English Language Learners, parent engagement, redesignation of students, training for parents, increased funding for English Learners, provide families a comprehensive analysis as to how the current funding ties into the EL master plan and the relationship between parents and staff at Vang Pao Elementary:

Margarita Villaseñor

Suhe Jimenez

Carmen Zamora

Cyndee Loryang

Nicole Linder from the Marjaree Mason Center – spoke about domestic violence in Fresno County and thanked Fresno Unified for the investment of the No More & Safe Dates Program.

Bishop Westbrook – Stated to the Board that he supports Wendy McCulley. Asked that the Board support her as well and her work with the African American Acceleration Initiative.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-16, 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 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
- March 7, 2018

- February 7, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- March 21, 2018

On April 11, 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 budget requests from Special Education and waiting for the Council of Great Cities report, the number of school psychologists, the reduction in county services, smaller class sizes for teachers who have special education students, the Special Ed Committee how will you add them to your pyramid and who will train them, facility needs with the additional teachers, case load for each SLP, a suggestion to keep caseloads as low as possible, expansion of SLP internships, have you targeted any amount of funding for the second phase of your Special Education budget discussion, who sat on the Special Education Committee, school site funds should not be used for social and emotional supports, which school will be part of the pocket computer pilot, will there be district controls on the pocket computer, who will fix the broken screens, how much do each of the pocket computers cost, do we have adequate band with for the addition of the tablets, will Wi-Fi be installed on the tablets, funding source for the pocket computers, support of Equity and Access and Research and Evaluation coming together, explanation of what Equity and Accesses first area of focus will be, Music primary grade expansion, How many Music teachers do we have, will there be a Music teacher for each campus, and Water Polo at the intermediate level. No action is required on this item.

Agenda Item B-17, Discuss and Approve to Change Phillip J. Patiño School of Entrepreneurship to a 9th – 12th Grade School Beginning 2018/19

Presented to the Board was a request to change the Phillip J. Patiño School of Entrepreneurship from a 10th - 12th grade model to a 9th - 12th grade model.

Presentation by Instructional Superintendent Brian Wall

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 the positive impact in adding a fourth year, the impact to Design Science, GPA at date of enrollment, encouraging Foster Youth, out of district students, is 2 FTE enough, how do we ensure to FUSD students get priority, every type of student is eligible to go to Patiño, student space at Patiño, how many Freshman are we looking at, how was the student study conducted, what is the final cost in adding the 9th grade, would health services expand with the addition of the 9th grade, and consider talking to 6th graders. Member De La Cerda 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.

Agenda Item B-18, Present and Adopt the Proposed Curriculum Recommendations for 7th – 12th Grade History/Social Science

Adopted as recommended, the proposed curriculum recommendations for 7th – 12th grade history/social

science courses. The proposed curricula are a result of a semester-long process of deep review of the materials for secondary history/social science courses by teachers, community members, and department leaders.

Presentation by Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum

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 cost of the proposed curriculum, how do we negotiate when they know we have approved the curriculum, excited about the curriculum, honest current and objective curriculum, asked the teachers their opinion on the textbooks, thanked teachers for going through the adoption process, current book being used, workbooks for students, clarification on the overall percentage, how long do we normally keep our books, and uploading additional material for teacher use. Member De La Cerda moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 7-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of the following items:

- C-19, Kepler Neighborhood School Renewal Petition
- C-20, Resolution 17-45, Providing For Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016 (Measure X), Series A, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$60,000,000 and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith
- C-21, List of Proposed Names for the New Southeast Elementary School

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Ashjian – Regarding Agenda Item C-20 Resolution 17-45, would like a list of the projects with the amount next to them. Thanked staff and district with their partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center. Requested a board communication that outlines the formula used by SPED for staffing at sites. Concerns about the EduText that recently came out.

Board Member Cazares – Congratulated 10th and 11th grade Hoover Students in the Technology Pathway and Physics won the state competition and will be going to Chicago to compete for the National Championships. Requested the projected enrollment for next school year in addition to the FTEs for each site. Supported the use of the EduText that Board Member Ashjian mentioned.

Board Member Davis – Mentioned her recent conference with CSBA.

Board Member De La Cerda – Would like to know how we are going to use the new Psychologist as they come on board. Also supported the EduText that came out. Parents appreciated the information.

Board President Jonasson Rosas – Concerned about the long-term ongoing commitments with the number of FTEs being requested in this budget cycle. Would like to know how many positions were added in last year's budget.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.