

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
May 9, 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 May 9, 2018, there were present Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

Board Member De La Cerda arriving at 4:39 p.m. and Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:49 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:31 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:32 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, Chief Equity and Access Officer Sanders, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director Wendy McCulley, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff David Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Mills, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 the Board took action to approve the Lateral move of Joy Nunes, Principal II, Anthony Elementary School, to Principal II, King Elementary School
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Johnson, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 the Board took action to Promote Kacey Sanom, Vice Principal II, Bullard Talent K-8 School, to Principal II, Kratt Elementary School
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Johnson, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 the Board took action to Promote Jennifer Her-Yang, Vice Principal I, Lowell Elementary School, to Principal II, Lowell Elementary School
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Johnson, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 the Board took action to Promote Kelley Klassen, Vice Principal I, Wilson Elementary School, to Principal II, Wilson Elementary School

- On a motion by Board Member De La Cerda, seconded by Board Member Johnson, by the following vote 7-0-0 the Board took action to Promote David Jansen, Executive Director (General) Data Science and Application Systems, Research Evaluation and Assessment, to Executive Officer, Equity and Access

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Keerat Riar, student board representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Mackenzie Rivera from Hoover High School shared with the board that currently, Hoover's pathway program is competing in the national wind and turbine competition in Chicago. The competition focuses on renewable energy education, allowing students to get hands-on experience with experimentation kits, more curriculum and workshops. Hoover also just wrapped up its fourth annual powderpuff that had more than 1,000 people in attendance. The night concluded with a performance by the teacher band and fireworks. Students also wrapped up college signing day for seniors, who are eager to see what the future has in store for them. Mackenzie also congratulated Hoover's Varsity Men's Volleyball team for being North Yosemite League champions. The team has gone undefeated this season and is currently in the first round of playoffs. Girls' lacrosse also recently battled Fresno High and came out on top, allowing them to participate in the playoffs. Also, students from Ahwahnee Middle School shared with the board what they love about Ahwahnee and their future goals.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Thanked the district's more than 4,000 teachers and substitute teachers who play such a pivotal role in educating our youth. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and yesterday was Teacher Appreciation Day and the contributions our teachers make to our community cannot be measured.
- Recognizing National School Nurses Day. Fresno Unified is proud and grateful for the work of our 57 credentialed school nurses who work alongside our licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and health assistants daily to serve our students and their families. We're committed to expanding school-based health centers and providing health services staff at all schools as well as adding 10 credentialed school nurse positions next school year. Our health services staff are committed to both preventing and treating illnesses so students can stay healthy and in school.
- Congratulated six Fresno Unified teachers and one site administrator for attaining one of the highest accomplishments an educator can achieve – National Board Certification. Congratulations to Janet Hatch from Thomas Elementary, Megan Bremer from Forkner Elementary, Janna Kam from Anthony Elementary, Mahkefa Brown from Centennial Elementary, Luz Todd from Ewing Elementary. National Board is the most respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students and schools. Thank you to these seven rock stars for the personal commitment it took to achieve this milestone! Your student and colleagues will forever benefit from this accomplishment.
- Congratulated the first graduating class of Steve's Scholars. The special ceremony took place at Tehipite Middle School with Francine and Murray Farber and their general family. Six years

ago, the Farber's launches Steve's Scholars, providing each eligible graduate \$1,000 for the first two years of college. Participating students begin their journey as 7th graders at Tehipite Middle School and must maintain a 3.5 GPA, a 95% attendance rate and engage in ongoing community service projects. This year, 26 Steve's Scholars students were awarded college scholarships to help jump start their post-secondary education. Thank you to the Farbers for providing resources and honestly, your time to Tehipite Middle School students.

- Acknowledged the 46 deserving seniors who were awarded with scholarships during last night's Fresno Unified Scholarship Awards Banquet. \$61,000 in scholarships were awarded to students who all shared personal stories of achievement despite adversity. Each scholarship recipient evoked pride amongst all of those in the room last night. Nelson congratulated the district's scholarship recipients and thanks many in the greater community who continue to support the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund.
- Congratulated student board member Mackenzie Rivera who was recognized this week with the North Yosemite League CIF Athlete Award.

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 Cazares, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-5, A-12, and A-13 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 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 April 25, 2018 Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the January 29, 2018 Special Meeting, February 7, 2018 Regular Meeting and April 25, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- A-4, APPROVE Request for Qualifications for Underwriter Services**
APPROVED as recommended, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 18-32, to establish a pool of firms to provide underwriter services for issuance of Measure X bonds, and non-Measure X financings such as refunding current debt. After careful consideration and based on their superior qualifications, the evaluation committee selected a pool of six firms to be recommended for the Board to approve:

- **Measure X bond issuances and/or other financings**
 - Piper Jaffray & Co
 - Raymond James
 - Stifel Nicolaus
- **Non-Measure X financings such as refunding current debt**
 - Morgan Stanley
 - UBS
 - Wells Fargo Securities

A-5, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with J. Elliot Marketing Agenda Item was Pulled from Agenda. No Action was taken. A renewal agreement with J. Elliot Marketing to provide communication consulting services in support of the Joint Health Management Board (JHMB) and its various health and wellness initiatives. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, newsletter development, web content development, open enrollment and plan change communications and use of social media to support wellness (WellPath) related activities.

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding selecting a local vendor, clarity on the vendors \$4,200 monthly retainer, clarity on the caveat of \$125 per hour if working more than 420 hours per year, conflict between the contract and attachment regarding monthly travel expenses, and understanding what vendor does for \$4,200 per month. Member Mills moved to have Agenda Item *A-5-Renewal Agreement with J. Elliot Marketing*, moved to a future board meeting seconded by Member Ashjian, 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 the Adoption of Resolution HR 17-47 Behavioral Intervention Specialist Position, Job Description, Designation as Management, Exempt APPROVED as recommended, Resolution HR17-47 to create the position and adopt the job description of Behavioral Intervention Specialist. This position creates vital support required by the district's Prevention and Intervention department. This career pathway can be found at other districts at both State and Regional levels and plays an essential role in the district's Prevention and Intervention department by supporting the social-emotional-environmental needs of our at-risk students by providing strategic services that identify and address those needs. This job description aligns with the District's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). The Behavioral Intervention Specialist position is designated Management, exempt and to be placed on E-13 of the Management Salary Schedule.

A-7, APPROVE the Adoption of Resolution HR 17-48 Clinical School Social Worker Position, Job Description, Designation as Management, Exempt APPROVED as recommended, Resolution HR 17-48 to create the position and adopt the job description of Clinical School Social Worker. This position creates vital support required by the district's Prevention and Intervention department. This career pathway can be found at other districts at both State and Regional levels and plays an essential role in the district's Prevention and Intervention department by supporting the social emotional and counseling needs of our at-risk students by expanding strategic services that identify

and address those needs. The Clinical School Social Worker position is designated Management, exempt and to be placed on E-24 of the Management Salary Schedule.

A-8, APPROVE Climate and Culture Specialist Revised Job Description, Designation as Certificated, Exempt

PULLED FROM AGENDA BY STAFF. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM. ~~A revised job description, Climate and Culture Specialist, formerly Categorical Instructional Specialist, which reflects the change in applicable programs, education and experience, licensing, and knowledge and abilities consistent with current expectations. This position is no longer categorically funded and has been vacant. This job description revision aligns with the District Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). In addition, this revised job description has been updated to reflect the Board's Core Beliefs and Commitments and District Goals. The Climate and Culture Specialist position is designated Certificated, exempt and is placed on the Teacher's Salary Schedule.~~

A-9, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies (BP) 5141, 5141.1, 5141.6, 5146, (NEW) 5148.2, 6143, 6161.1, and 6170.1

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for the following eight Board Policies (BP):

- BP 5141 Health Care Emergencies
- BP 5141.1 Accidents (Deletion)
- BP 5141.6 School-Based Health And Social Services
- BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
- (NEW) BP 5148.2 Before/After School Programs
- BP 6143 Courses of Study
- BP 6161.1 Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
- BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

A-10, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of Brian Andritch to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), nominated by Board Member Mills. He is a resident of Fresno Unified, 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-11, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of Arthur Koster to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), nominated by Board President Jonasson Rosas. He is a resident of Fresno Unified, 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-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-24 Sections A-E, Water Conservation and Irrigation Improvements at Various Schools

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-24 Sections A-E, to provide fully automatic irrigation systems at Ericson, Jefferson, Kratt and Pyle Elementary Schools, Fort Miller and Tenaya Middle Schools, and Duncan Polytechnical High School. The project includes new irrigation main lines, automatic controls, and water efficient spray heads. There will be an approximate 20% decrease in water consumption with the elimination of flood irrigation. This project converts the final remaining school sites with majority manual irrigation systems. In addition to automation, improvement of irrigation infrastructure focuses on smart controllers and other upgrades to most efficiently and effectively use water.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

Section A	Jefferson	Elite Landscape Construction, Inc.	(Clovis, CA)	\$207,000
Section B	Pyle, Duncan	Sunset Landscapes, Inc.	(Fresno, CA)	\$316,733
Section C	Ericson, Fort Miller	Sunset Landscapes, Inc.	(Fresno, CA)	\$303,822
Section D	Kratt	Clean Cut Landscape, Inc.	(Clovis, CA)	\$788,539
Section E	Tenaya	Clean Cut Landscape, Inc.	(Clovis, CA)	\$533,477

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

Item A-12 is a bid award for a construction project involving Elite Landscape Construction, Inc. (Bid Number 18-24).

I have done business with Elite Landscape 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 Elite Landscape, 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 no comments/questions. 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. ABSTENTION: Board Member Ashjian.

A-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-25, Roosevelt High School Construction of New Aquatic Center

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-25, for construction of the new aquatic center at Roosevelt High School. The project is comprised of a 35-meter competition pool for swimming, diving, and water polo; a shallow section to accommodate teaching and community use; a team/locker building with coach's office and concession room; mechanical building with storage and office space; bleachers including a shade structure; and related site work.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Mark Wilson Construction, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$6,005,832

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

Item A-13 is a bid award to Mark Wilson Construction, Inc. for a construction project (Bid Number 18-25).

I have done business with Mark Wilson Construction 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 Mark Wilson Construction, 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 no comments/questions. 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. ABSTENTION: Board Member Ashjian.

A-14, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-31, Storey and Viking Elementary Schools, and Tioga Middle School, Boilers and Chiller Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-31, to replace the boilers at Storey Elementary School and Tioga Middle School, and the chiller at Viking Elementary School. The equipment requires replacement due to condition, age, and lack of reliability, based on assessment of need. The new equipment will improve energy efficiency and comply with Air Resources Board requirements.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Lawson Mechanical Contractors (Fresno, California) \$550,818

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke about partnering with the city and mentioned an abandoned car next to Hidalgo Elementary, asked the district to see what they could do about removing the vehicle. Also, mentioned we need to listen to our black and brown students.

Charlie Roberts – Spoke about his daughter who is on home hospital. Upset with the district for promising his daughter that she would be able to promote with her 8th grade class and was denied. Now, four years later she is again being denied the option to graduate with her class at Roosevelt.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-15, 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 7, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- March 7, 2018
- March 21, 2018
- April 11, 2018
- April 25, 2018

On May 9, 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 how can we connect our students to real trades in our district like lock smiths and HVAC technicians, how can we partner within our district for maintenance needs with training at Duncan, will our maintenance vehicles have GPS on them, quality issues with trucks and getting ahead of the issue, committee on safety recommendations and a possible budget request, police officer at Wawona Elementary instead of a sheriff, police department contract and filling vacancies with priority, the percent of African American Students who are not at grade level, the dramatic drop from 3rd grade to 5th grade on SBAC standards, ELA scores seem to rise in high schools so have we reached out to our teachers to see how that is occurring, Resource Counselor Assistants and the schools they will be serving, the college mentoring program ask of \$20,000 and the summer literacy program of \$30,000 does not seem enough, will the assessment of district office space be just downtown or all non-school sites, safety assistants and quadrants, Restricted Routine Maintenance and the percent of investment, the six positions that fall into that percent of investment, a request for a current list of differed maintenance and routine maintenance with the estimated costs, Doctors Academy and the number of students, the possibility of working with others hospitals, how was the request for Academic Advisors evaluated, what is the iReady program, explanation of the curriculum and model from Oakland and its success, not sure a Principal on Special Assignment is needed maybe a Vice Principal, need to spend money to fix the problem, a need for the culture to change and Bias training, need to set high expectations for students, how we project ourselves and how do students see us, what type of professional learning will be taught, suspensions and academic tutoring what is the plan for these students, African American students who do attend school and have no suspensions compared to African American students who get suspended and have attendance issues, Socio Economic factors being a variable in student achievement, Fresno Unified School District as being a leader in change, Campus Safety Assistant at Wolters, Yokomi and visiting Community Regional Medical Center, the number of tutors, and the addition of a Supervisor for Auto/Equipment Repair Shop and the phasing out of outside contracts. CFO/Deputy Superintendent Quinto, Chief of Operations Temple, Executive Director Duke, Executive Director McCulley, Executive Officer Fowler were able to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

In addition, the following individuals spoke on Agenda Item B-15:

Samuel Morgan – Wanted to encourage and compel the Board to support the African American Academic Acceleration department, initiatives and the 2018/19 budget. Supports tutoring for suspended students to keep them on track.

Kei Shabazz – Was present to advocate for African American students and the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative as it relates to STEM.

Pastor DJ Criner – Spoke in support of the African American Academic Acceleration initiative. Urged the board to support the work and efforts of Wendy McCulley.

Linda Hayes - Spoke in support of the African American Academic Acceleration initiative. Urged the board to support the work and efforts of Wendy McCulley.

The Board of Education took a ten-minute break at 8:18 p.m.

Agenda Item B-16, Hold a Public Hearing in the Matter of the School of Unlimited Learning Renewal Petition

The School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) renewal petition was delivered to the district seeking authorization to operate July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. SOUL currently serves approximately 177 students in grades 9-12. The school is located at 2336 Calaveras in Fresno.

President Jonasson Rosas recused herself and was not present during Agenda Item B-16.

Presentation by Instructional Superintendent Melissa Dutra and Principal Dr. Mark Wilson for School of Unlimited Learning

Board Clerk Davis opened the public hearing

There were no individuals from the public who spoke.

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the Board

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding the demographics of the school, the target population, the percent of students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch, and asked Zoey what she liked best about SOUL.

Board Clerk Davis closed the public hearing

No action was required for this item.

Agenda Item B-17, Adopt the Factual Findings Resolution and Decide in the Matter of the Kepler Neighborhood School Renewal Petition

The Board of Education made a decision regarding the Kepler Neighborhood School Renewal.

Presentation by Instructional Superintendent Melissa Dutra

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the Board and staff was available to respond.

Members of the public who spoke on Agenda Item B-17:

Barbara Fiske – read a statement indicating that Kepler has submitted documents when requested in a timely manner, was told repeatedly that the school was on the right track for renewal and just recently was informed that there were deficiencies. Requested that the district implement an improvement plan to address the concerns.

Krista Tsutsui – Stated that she disagrees with the comment that the school has demonstrated an unlikelihood to successfully implement the programs set forth. Kepler has made several necessary changes such as staff, organization changes and professional development.

Timothy Yeager – Spoke about the findings that the petition failed to provide comprehensive descriptions of the schools 15 elements. Asked the board to support the petition on the condition the school meets the measurable goals outlined in element A of the petition.

Nathan Carson – Disputed the claim that the districts findings showed Kepler failed to perform at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools its students would otherwise have been required to attend.

Marilyn Tenty – Spoke about alleged lcomments made by Debra Odom at a Kepler board meeting stating they were told if Fresno Unified School District had concerns regarding Kepler’s academic performance that they would put in place a performance improvement plan. Was shocked to see the findings and discouraged that commitments from the Charter Office were not upheld.

Dr. Margaret Ameel – Spoke in support of renewing the Kepler petition stating significant changes in staff and professional learning have been made and there has been tremendous progress in the last several months. Requested technical assistance in the form of a MOU or measurable improvement plan.

Coreen Campos – Presented an e-mail to the board that directly addressed the findings.

Christine Montanez – Spoke in support of renewing the Kepler petition. Significant changes have been made and if given the opportunity would increase student achievement. Requested that the board approve an MOU for at least two to three years in order for Kepler’s changes to come to full fruition.

Matthew Jacobs – Shared son’s experience of being enrolled at Kepler. Previously struggled academically and is now reaching expected standards for his grade level. Requested that the board approve the Kepler charter.

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding staff being present at the September Kepler board meeting indicating the district would be issuing a renewal with a MOU, clarity on how many years the district can renew a charter, options to renew with set benchmarks, comparison with other charters that were granted MOU’s, discussion on comparative schools, Fresno Unified being obligated to assist with technology, taking into consideration improvements in staff changes,

number of 7th and 8th graders at Kepler and the number of students that tested, comparison with Baird, the timing in receiving the fact finding report, have we ever made a work plan for a charter school, did the CCSA reach out to help them, what is their current leadership plan, how long have the current vacancy's been vacant, the number of teachers on staff, different strategies such as longer days, boards having to make tough decisions, Kepler's own data showing that students are not prepared after they leave Kepler, the requirement to follow Education Code, commended and appreciated parents and staff advocating for your choice school, focusing on the charter petition when making the decision, and concerns with Kepler's outreach to increasing enrollment with our most disadvantaged students. Instructional Superintendent Melissa Dutra and Legal Counsel Susan Hatmaker were able to provide clarification. On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Davis, the request to renew the charter petition for the School of Unlimited Learning was denied by the following vote 5-2-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. NOES: Board Member Ashjian and Board Member Mills.

Agenda Item B-18, Discuss and Approve Naming of Southeast Elementary School

Provided to the Board was a list of names for the Board's consideration for the district's new Southeast Elementary school. Through a public survey, the district received over a 100 potential names which was provided to the Board on April 11. From that list, the Board was asked to review and select those names it would like to have researched, validated and authorize.

Presentation by Administrative Analyst Amy Idsvoog

Members of the public who spoke on Agenda Item B-18:

Larry Salinas – Spoke on behalf of CSU President Dr. Castro. Submitted for recommendation the name of Juan Felipe Herrera sharing his many accolades also noting that Dr. Herrera was a local product of a public school from Fowler, CA.

Venancio Gaona - a representative from the Latino Education Issues Round Table – shared their proposal of the name Juan Felipe Herrera. Sharing his grassroots heritage with the valley and many achievements in art, poetry, music and education.

John Leal – Spoke on behalf of several groups: Latino Education Issues Round Table, AMAE, Fresno Latino Rotary Club, Education Leadership Foundation, La Raza Faculty Association CSUF, Latino Faculty and Staff Association FCC, etc. requested to submit their recommendation of Juan Felipe Herrera for the new Southeast school.

Crystal Cabrera – Spoke on behalf of La Raza Lawyers Association. Submitted the name of the late Judge Armando Rodriguez for the name of the new Southeast school. Shared a few of the many reasons why he should be considered. He was from Fresno, first Latino Judge and a good role model.

Rebeca Flores – spoke in support of naming the new school after Juan Felipe Herrera. Shared her experience in being mentored by Juan Felipe Herrera and how it changed her life.

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 many accolades of Juan Felipe Herrera, the district being heavily populated by Hispanics, exciting and proud for the Hispanic community to be able to say we have a school named after such prominent person, the contributions of Judge Armando Rodriguez, born and raised in the Fresno area and went to our schools, and stayed in this community, one of the founders of Arte de Americas, the mention of Juan Felipe Herrera not growing up in Fresno and not going through our schools, Mr. Herrera's ties to the Fresno Community are not deep, a difficult decision with many deserving individuals, the Fresno community does not lack inspiration from its community, when making a decision looking to someone or individuals who are doing and inspiring for our children, making a direct impact, and mention of Francine and Murray Farber and their dedication to the community. Member Cazares moved for the name of the Southeast Elementary school to be Juan Felipe Herrera, seconded by Member Ashjian, which carried a 4-3-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, De La Cerda, and Johnson. NOES: Board Member Davis, Mills, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

Member De La Cerda moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m., seconded by Member Ashjian, 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-19, DISCUSS the April 2018 GO Public Schools Fresno Choosing Our Future Report and ACCEPT the Recommendations

The Board was in receipt of the April 2018 GO Public Schools Fresno Choosing Our Future Report. Go Public Schools Fresno is requested the Board to consider accepting the recommendations included in the report.

The Choosing Our Future Report was first written in 2005 to help provide guidance to the district during leadership transition. Many improvements have been made in finances, operations and student outcomes at Fresno Unified since the initial report. GO Public Schools Fresno engaged more than 700 parents, teachers, principals and community members in the creation of the next iteration of Choosing Our Future (2018) to set a bold vision for our schools, to provide robust and transparent accountability, and to create policy recommendations that help move the district toward this vision, including:

- Redefining what success looks like in the 21st century and commit to every child graduating prepared to succeed.
- Empowering students and educators with individualized data to ensure every child is making adequate annual progress toward graduating prepared to succeed.
- Creating an innovation zone to design and support transformational school models.

Members of the public who spoke on Agenda Item B-19:

Tish Rice – Deeply concerned that the district is considering the recommendations in this agenda item. Concerns that the district is set to approve resources and positions to something that is vague and has not been vetted by all stakeholders. Questioned the process and possible motives behind this possible action.

Jon Bath – The district has an unfortunate pattern on relying on outside reports to steer major policy changes. Did not hear anything new in the report and didn't hear a plan.

Manual Bonilla – Many concerns in the report. Many questions like how do we address the inequity of the innovation zones, what are the formulas used to fund these zones, what is the teacher students impact in schedules of the zones, who approves the curriculum, and are there conflict of interests that need to be addressed. Passing and rushing into these recommendations is a step backwards especially with the recent collaborative rhetoric from the district. Additionally, this undermines the Superintendents Leadership. The board should not be looking for leadership from an outside agency. Request that all stakeholders be involved in the process.

Lorena Moreno – Encouraged the board to accept the recommendations. Has seen the suffering in her community and has looked outside her neighborhood for services. Currently drives one child 30 minutes to school to get a better education. We need more innovated schools in our neighborhood schools.

Rosemary Soto – Requested that the board accept the recommendations in the Choosing Our Future Report. It is important that we work in a collaborative way with parents, teachers and community leaders.

Michele Darchuck – Supports the Choosing Our Future Report and urged the board to accept the recommendations.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Due to time constraints pursuant to Board Bylaw 9323, the meeting was adjourned prior to this item.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Due to time constraints pursuant to Board Bylaw 9323, Board President Jonassoan Rosas declared the meeting adjourned to a later date at 11:00 p.m. Agenda Item B-19 will be continued at a future meeting.