



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 October 17, 2018, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:45 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 7. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief of Labor Relations and Human Resources Idsvoog, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief of Equity and Access Sanders, Chief of Operations Temple, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director Wendy McCulley, and Administrative Analyst Jensen.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There were no items to report out.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michelle Ramirez a parent that has had a positive impact at Robinson Elementary led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Malak Sarama, ASB representative from Sunnyside High School shared with the board ideas for this year's SAB project. She spoke how a club "Don't Laugh at Me" is currently visiting elementary schools and performing skits and plays for students to prevent bullying. SAB members are also looking for an appropriate way to respond to bullying thru kindness, emotional support and self-acceptance. Sarama shared that Sunnyside High School is hosting a Halloween Carnival night and the Unified Soccer is being hosted for the first

time. Students are also working on FAFSA and CSU applications. Sunnyside was recently honored as a state champion for helping students complete financial aid applications.

Students from Terronez Middle School were also present and spoke about what they love about their school, and being a Terronez student.

ADOPT Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as LGBT History Month

Adopted as recommended, a resolution recognizing October as LGBT History Month. This is an opportunity to understand and educate students and staff on the issues facing LGBT students, which will lead to them holding a more positive self-concept and feeling more connected to school, lower levels of bullying, decreased incidents of harassment related to sexual orientation and gender identity, increased teacher/staff support and intervention, as well as greater reporting of incidents. On a motion by Board Member De La Cerda, seconded by Board Member Davis, by the following vote 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members: Sarama and Casarubis, Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted the resolution recognizing October as LGBT History Month. ABSENT: Board Member Ashjian.

ADOPT Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Adopted as recommended, a resolution where Fresno Unified joins other districts across the country in recognizing the month of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Davis, by the following vote 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members: Sarama and Casarubis, Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted the resolution recognizing October as Cyber Security Month. ABSENT: Board Member Ashjian.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- The launch of eLearning Companion Device Initiative, LCD program. Over the next three years, Fresno Unified will provide all interested students with tablets to use at home to make sure they have the educational resources and tools they need outside of the classroom. This new initiative puts a tablet in the hands of students who want and need it, providing them academic support beyond the school site. This is the district's largest investment and distribution of tablets for home use ever with the plan to provide 24,000 tablets per year for the next three years. In the first phase, students in pre-K, TK, kinder and grades 9 through 11 will have the option of receiving one of these new tablets.
- Nelson also shared the annual School Choice Expo is October 25 at Duncan Polytechnical High School, in where nearly 30 magnet and specialized schools will be there to share their unique programs. The Expo provides an opportunity for students and families to come to one location and learn about the various school choice options our district has from visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate (IB), science/technology/engineering/mathematics (STEM), dual language programs, world languages, early college to career technical education and many more.

- Superintendent noted that the high school eFuel sports league had begun. Competition play opened up with 10 high school teams represented. Students from both comprehensive and alternative education sites are participating in this inaugural season. Teams are competing in the Rocket League, which is car-meets-soccer-meets-Indy car like sport. This innovative new eSport is building skill sets for those interested in going into the coding and gaming development field. Currently there are more than 200 colleges and universities around the country that are providing scholarships for eSports athletes, giving them opportunities to engage in gaming career pathways.
- Superintendent highlighted that the Board will vote tonight on a purchase agreement that will allow the district to buy the old juvenile hall campus at Ventura and 10th Street. The County of Fresno has owned that property since the 1800's and for 62 years, that building served as a jail to the youth of the city. With the Board's approval, Fresno Unified will demolish the building and replace it with a new state-of-the-art facility.

Prior to asking members of the Board if they had consent agenda items to be pulled, Board President Jonasson Rosas made the following statement:

Staff has pulled Consent Agenda Item A-15 on the Ratification of Purchase Orders from August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 because we will not have a quorum of Board members sufficient to conduct a vote on the matter.

Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270, Board members must recuse themselves and abstain from voting on any consent agenda item in which they have a financial interest. Four members of this Board have remote financial interests in one or more of the vendors listed in A-15. As a result, a majority vote on A-15 is not possible.

These Purchase Orders will be returned for Board ratification at the December 12th Board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no individuals who wanted to speak on Consent Agenda Items.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Mills, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-13 and A-14, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: 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 October 3, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the September 19, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution 18-07, Acknowledging that New Construction Funding Bond Authority Under the State Facility Program is Exhausted**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 18-07 acknowledging that the State's bond authority for new construction projects (versus modernization or CTE) has been fully encumbered by applications received by the Office of Public School Construction and therefore is exhausted for funds requested from the State Facility Program (SFP). Effective immediately, applications for new construction funding from the SFP must include an adopted Board resolution acknowledging the lack of funding.
- A-5, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-05 Phase 1A, Installation of District Video Security System at Elementary Schools: Aynesworth, Kirk, Lawless, Leavenworth, Phoenix, Turner, Viking, and Wishon**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-05 Phase 1A, to provide high definition video security systems at eight elementary schools: Aynesworth, Kirk, Lawless, Leavenworth, Phoenix, Turner, Viking and Wishon. The project includes installing low voltage wiring and electrical power connections, and mounting district supplied video security equipment. This is the first of eight phases of the project to provide enhanced security systems to all elementary schools. It is recommended the Board relieve Reliable Fire and Security Solutions, Inc. of its Section 2 bid due to failure to include rigid conduit per specifications, and award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders:
- Section 1: Reliable Fire and Security Solutions, Inc. (Madera, Ca.) \$141,221
Section 2: Michael Cole Electric (Clovis, Ca.) \$212,450
- A-6, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2018/19**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 2 for fiscal year 2018/19. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 2 includes adjustment for updated information regarding carryover, actual beginning balances and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.
- A-7, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire.
- A-8, DENY Claim #GL18-0323-1498**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #GL18-0323-1498.
- A-9, DENY Claim #GL18-0403-1579**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Gabriel Adkins, case #GL18-0403-1579.

A-10, RATIFY Addendum to Master Services Contract Agreement with the Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc.

RATIFIED as recommended, an addendum with The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc. in the amount of \$362,975. This nonpublic school and residential facility provides an educational placement of supports and services as required by the Individualized Education Program.

A-11, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Early Stars Program

RATIFIED as recommended, a service agreement with Fresno County Early Stars Program from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 to provide coaching support for participating teachers.

A-12, RATIFY Amendment to CalWorks Agreement for 2018/19

RATIFIED as recommended, The CalWORKs funding agreement for Fresno Adult School is to provide educational services to referred public assistance recipients under CalWORKs. Services include orientation, assessment, and instruction in Adult Secondary Education, English as a Second Language, and Career Technical Education training. Fresno Adult School is responsible for quarterly reporting of fiscal expenditures, student attendance, and student assessment data.

A-13, RATIFY Change Orders for Various Projects

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 18-02, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Modernization

Change Order 5: \$34,816

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

Change Order 4: \$200,420

Bid 18-10, Construction of Classroom Building 100 at Figarden Elementary School

Change Order 1: \$74,411

Bid 18-20, Gaston Middle School Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure

Change Order 2: \$12,757

Bid 18-22, Rata High School Modernization

Change Order 1: \$95,642

Bid 18-24, Section C, Water Conservation and Irrigation Improvements at Ericson Elementary School

Change Order 1: \$9,483

Bid 18-40, Bullard High School North Parking Lot Asphalt Reconstruction

Change Order 1: \$19,100

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

Item A-13 includes change orders for construction projects involving Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. (Bid Numbers 18-09 and 18-20) and Mark Wilson Construction, Inc. (Bid Number 18-02).

I have done business with Davis Moreno Construction and 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 these contracts. Because of my relationship with these contractors, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

Member Davis moved for ratification, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Ashjian.

A-14, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion for Various Projects

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications.

Bid 18-23, Sections A - C, Exterior Painting at Various School Sites

Bid 18-24, Section A, Water Conservation and Irrigation Improvements at Jefferson Elementary School

Bid 18-40, Bullard High School North Parking Lot Asphalt Reconstruction

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

Item A-14 includes a notice of completion 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.

Member De La Cerda moved for ratification, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Ashjian.

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

PULLED BY STAFF. NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM. ~~Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from August 1, 2018 through August 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.~~

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Katherine Crozier, West Fresno Christian Coalition – Spoke about longevity of the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative, hopes that it is a district wide effort, proper investments across the board from the classroom to the board room, proper training for all, adequate funding to empower and equip the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative office, direction for all departments to support the African America Academic Acceleration office, and seeing the West Fresno Christian Coalition as a viable respected partner.

Debbie Darden, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) – Spoke about student enrollment at Computech and the selection process, the absence of African American principals, and the need for a GATE program in West Fresno.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-16, Opportunity for Public Disclosure and Ratification of the 2018-2021 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of the 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. The Board was provided a copy of the Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125.

Presentation by Chief of Human Resources and 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 comments thanking both sides of the bargaining table for their efforts to reach an agreement. On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the Board ratified the 2018-2021 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 by the following vote 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

Agenda Item B-17, Discuss and Adopt Resolution 18-01, Approving the Execution of a Sale/Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions Between Fresno Unified and the County of Fresno Pertaining to a 12.5 Acre Parcel of Land Located Near the Intersection of East Ventura Avenue and South Tenth Street in Southeast Fresno, and Also APPROVE Related Matters

Resolution 18-01, approved the execution of a Sale/Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions with the County of Fresno for an approximate 12.5-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Ventura and Tenth. The property is the site of the former juvenile detention facility, which would be demolished to allow construction of the district's Urban Academy (UA) campus. The UA is envisioned to include the Cambridge, J.E. Young and eLearn programs, the Educational Resource

Center, and early learning and health center facilities. The two office buildings on the site are included in the district's central office space evaluation currently underway.

Presentation by Chief of Chief of Operations Karin Temple

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 process in coming to an agreement with the county, thanked Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, thanked the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the dismal remains and memories of what once was of the old juvenile hall, concerns over Measure X and allocations, suggested that discussions need to take place prior to any major projects moving forward, glad to see staff just as excited as the board in securing property, a good message to the community, a move toward the future, an unbelievable opportunity with many potential possibilities, and thanked Superintendent Nelson for his innovative thinking. On a motion by Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Member De La Cerda, the Board adopted Resolution 18-01, approving the Execution of a Sale/Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions Between Fresno Unified and the County of Fresno Pertaining to a 12.5 Acre Parcel of Land Located Near the Intersection of East Ventura Avenue and South Tenth Street in Southeast Fresno, and approved Related Matters, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas.

Board Member Ashjian and Davis exited the board meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda Item B-18, Present and Discuss the California Dashboard Overview Series, Part Two

The Board received an overview and review of the California Dashboard. The presentation is part two of a three-part series on the California Dashboard. This presentation provided a brief review of differentiated assistance and the student groups in Fresno Unified School District that qualified for differentiated assistance.

Presentation by Chief of Equity and Access Lindsay Sanders

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 much of the data is the district is currently using and how much data are we waiting to receive, groups that are showing a decrease and what is the district doing to reverse that decline. There is no action required on this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of the following items:

- C-19, The Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019 – 2022 Successor Agreement

- C-20, The Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association for the 2019 – 2022 Successor Agreement

- C-21, The Service Employees International Union, Local 521, Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019 – 2022 Successor Agreement

- C-22, The Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union, Local 521, for the 2019 – 2022 Successor Agreement

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Mills – Would like a better explanation regarding why Lawson has not been rolled out to all the schools and suggested that press conferences should take place after board action has been taken and not before.

Board President Jonasson Rosas – Seconded the thought that the district can better our technology, and appreciated the update on English Language Learners but would still like a presentation.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.