



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District February 27, 2019**

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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721.

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on February, 27 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Cazares CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:14 p.m.

For the record, President Cazares had to leave after Closed Session and Clerk Mills RECONVENED to Open Session.

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 Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director McCulley, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for the following Workers' Compensation Settlement: Latrice Wallace v. Fresno Unified Workers' Compensation, Fresno Unified Case No. 2015-0928.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Dalia Mondragon, a parent that has had a positive impact at Columbia Elementary School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Noelle Mendoza and Rachel Perry, ASB representatives from Hoover High School shared how they continue to work on their Human Element project to reach a larger audience, as of now, they have ideas to create an Instagram page called FresnoKind. Also, they asked schools to bring in book donations for the Chamber of Commerce, and shared, that during March Madness they will have lunch activities every day in the quad, along with Breaking Down the Wall.

Students from Tioga Middle School were present and spoke about what they love about being a student at their school.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted celebrating Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. During this week, educators donned their funny Dr. Seuss outfits, hats, colored hair and even socks to help celebrate the joy of reading. Students, community leaders, college athletes, district staff, board members and others got together, all in an effort to bring reading to life for our elementary students.
- Superintendent shared that the Association of California School Administrators or – ACSA – Region IX recognized several top leaders from throughout the Central Valley at their annual awards banquet. This year, Fresno Unified had several administrators who were recognized. Congratulations to: Vang Pao Principal – Yua Lee; Central Office Administrator – Holland Locker; Classified Leader from Operations – Alex Belanger; Adult Education Administrator – Raine Bumatay; Student Services – Amy Hardcastle
- Superintendent shared that two of our Fresno Unified schools have been named a 2019 California Distinguished School. Congratulations to Baird Middle School and Design Science Early College High School. They are among 162 middle and high schools throughout California who were given this distinction, based on their academic performance and progress as well as their successful school climate. Both schools will be celebrated at a special awards ceremony in Anaheim this April.
- Superintendent thanked the Board for their recent investments in high school weight rooms. Phase one, which included Duncan, Fresno High, and Edison are complete. Phase two is underway and over the next months, we expect our comprehensive high schools to be completed.
- Last, Superintendent acknowledged and thanked board secretary, Jennifer Aguilar. This was Jennifer's last board meeting as she has taken a new position and will be supporting our Chief Academic Officer.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this portion of the Agenda.

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 re-admittance cases conducted during the period since the February 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the January 28, 2019 Special Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming March as 2019 Women’s History Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, it is recommended the Board adopt a resolution proclaiming March 2019 as Women’s History Month. Women’s History Month is a time to recognize, honor and celebrate the achievements of the American Woman.

For the record, there were comments by the Board a the wonderful women working in the district and sitting on the Board. Young women were encouraged to be strong, go to school, get educated and to continue to shatter glass ceilings.

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares.

- A-5, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver Request for Rafael Chavez, Sandra Garcia, Marina Nuno, and Patricia Tapia**
ADOPTED as recommended, the Variable Term Waiver requests for Rafael Chavez, Sandra Garcia, Marina Nuno and Patricia Tapia to serve as Dual Immersion Multiple Subject teachers. The Education Code 44225(m) allows the commission to grant waivers to fill in an area deemed hard-to-fill.
- A-6, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders**
ADOPTED as recommended, the Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education (CTE) Credential holders. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) has stated the Preliminary CTE credential holders should be issued a Variable Term Waiver for the English Learner Authorization until the CTE program is completed. The English Learner classes are embedded in the CTE program. Individuals will not have the English Learner authorization stated on their credential document until the CTE program is completed and the clear credential is issued.

A-7, APPROVE Addendum to the Center for Advanced Research and Technology Operating Agreement

APPROVED as recommended, an addendum between Fresno and Clovis Unified School Districts for the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART). The current Operating Agreement between Fresno and Clovis Unified does not currently provide for major maintenance repair and/or replacement of CART Facilities.

For the record, there were comments/questions by the Board pertaining to how maintenance and repairs are paid according to the agreement. Concerns that language in the agreement extends beyond maintenance and repairs to the addition of facilities, and student enrollment at CART.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas moved for approval of the addendum with modifications to delete additions to existing CART facilities, seconded by Member Mills which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares.

A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-21 Sections A and B, Fremont Elementary School and Baird Middle School Boiler and Chiller Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-21 Sections A and B, to replace the boiler and chiller at Fremont Elementary School and Baird Middle School. The equipment is recommended for replacement based on “worst first” evaluation of greatest need that includes the totality of factors including age, condition as indicated by cost of repairs, regulatory requirements, and health and safety considerations. The new equipment will improve energy efficiency, and cooling and heating capacity and reliability. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Sections A and B: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$508,000.

A-9, APPROVE Language Learning Project Grant Independent Contractor Services Agreements

APPROVED as recommended, four Independent Contractor Service Agreements for Dual Language Learning experts supporting the Language Learning Project grant. The California Department of Education granted Fresno Unified School District \$995,900. The goal of the Language Learning Project is to improve professional development and training for early learning educators to better support the needs of young Dual Language Learners (DLLs) ages birth to 5.

For the record, there were comments/questions by student member Casarubias pertaining to the difference between the district’s dual language ELA program and the Language Learning Project.

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares. ABSTAINED: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-10, DENY Claim #GL18-1213-2402

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case #GL18-1213-2402.

A-11, DENY Claim #GL19-0129-2460

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Mary Ellen Martinez on behalf of Minor, case #GL19-0129-2460.

A-12, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 18-26 Balderas, Centennial, Leavenworth Elementary Schools, and Edison High School, Portable Classrooms Relocation and Infrastructure

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 110,443

Bid 18-33R Fort Miller Middle School Gymnasium Make-up Air Units Replacement Rebid

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 2,843

Bid 18-38 Addicott, Columbia, Kirk, Robinson, Thomas, and Vang Pao Elementary Schools Portable Classrooms Relocation and Infrastructure

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 49,227.

A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Primary Report and Zero Dollar Contracts

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Two agenda items presented to ratify purchase orders. The first agenda item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are covered in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item. By segregating purchase orders in this manner, Board members with potential conflicts of interest can abstain from taking action on the Supplemental Report while still voting along with the rest of the Board on the Primary Report. Also attached and included for ratification is a list of zero dollar contracts that specify terms but where no funds will be exchanged between Fresno Unified and other entities.

A-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Supplemental Report

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

Item A-14 on tonight's Agenda contains purchase orders from PG&E. I have financial investments that are valued at or above the reporting threshold in PG&E. Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Islas which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares. ABSTAINED: Member Mills.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Fabela – Spoke about teachers placed in courses in which they are ill-equipped to teach.

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke about Burger King incident near McLane High School. A member of the staff was available to speak with Ms. Mahoney.

Brenda Bautista – Spoke about access to the Master Plan for English Learner Success. Would like a copy in Spanish to be available in school libraries and the front office. A member of the staff was available to speak with Ms. Bautista.

Francisca Albas – Spoke about access to the Master Plan for English Learner Success. Would like a copy in Spanish to be available in school libraries and the front office. Thanked Mrs. Maldonado for being available to the parents to explain, in Spanish, points of the master plan.

Alicia Aleman – Spoke about access to the Master Plan for English Learner Success. Would like a copy in Spanish to be available in school libraries and the front office.

Gloria Gonzalez – Spoke about access to the Master Plan for English Learner Success. Thanked Ms. Maldonado and Mr. Berumen for being available to meet with parents.

Adela Moreno – Spoke about access to the Master Plan for English Learner Success. Would like a copy to be available in school libraries and front office.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-15, DISCUSS and APPROVE Grant Application to the California Department of Education for Low-Performing Students Block Grant

Requesting Board approval for a grant application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the Low-Performing Students Block Grant Funds. Funds will be used to close the literacy gap for African American students with high quality reading interventions in partnership with Springboard Collaborative and its proven reading program models. Presentation by Executive Director Wendy McCulley.

An opportunity was provided for the public to speak to Agenda Item B-15.

Erin Williams – Spoke about her involvement with the summer reading program.

Jacque Corneia – Spoke about the results of the summer reading program and seeing the process and progress step by step. Parent involvement.

Kevin Tatum, Jr. – Spoke about parent participation in the summer reading program. Appreciated the opportunity to be involved in this program.

For the record, there were comments/questions by Board members regarding Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: How does the program manager position fit into the structure of the district? How will program manager position be funded? Pace of program expansion? Difference between SpringBoard CollegeBoard and Springboard Collaborative. Year five budget for expansion? What needs to take place to expand the program for all students across the district? How competitive is this grant? Executive Director Wendy McCulley was available to provide clarification.

Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Thomas, which carried a vote 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares.

Agenda Item B-16, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2019/20 Local Control and Accountability Plan Feedback

Senate Bill (SB) 97 requires that “a governing board of a school district shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units of the district, parents and pupils in developing the Local Control and Accountability Plan”. Staff will present and discuss the input received from our stakeholders in preparation for 2019/20 budget discussions.

For the record, at this point in the Agenda, Aurelia Clark who retired from Fresno Unified (Administrative Services Department) was recognized for her 41 years of service.

An opportunity was provided for the public to speak to Agenda Item B-15.

Shawn Albert – Spoke about the four goals of the district in relation to specialty schools and vice principal staffing.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke about the PAR program; collaboration with public libraries; collaboration with the Fresno Police Department and ShotSpotter; and computer carts to school libraries.

For the record, there were comments/questions by Board members regarding Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: communication to stakeholders; partnerships with community based organizations to maximize outreach opportunities; feedback from foster youth round tables; actions taken to satisfy student needs/requests; feedback from community engagement meetings; comparing student/parent feedback to staff feedback. Executive Directors Santino Danisi and Ambra Dorsey were available to provide clarification. No action required on this item.

Agenda Item B-17, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2019/20 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 16, 2019, January 30, 2019, and February 13, 2019 Board of Education meetings, the 2019/20 Governor's Proposed Budget and the District's preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On February 27, 2019 staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions.

An opportunity was provided to the public to speak to Agenda Item B-17.

No members of the Public wished to speak to this item.

For the record, there were comments/questions by Board members regarding Agenda Item B-17. A summary is as follows: cost of parking and possibility of in-house parking; risk management/health fund; resources to implement recommendations; metrics for tracking performance data; developing automated services; request for a list of afterschool and also intervention programs being used in elementary, middle, and high schools; qualifications for afterschool and extended day programs; availability and start time of afterschool programs; expansion of CTE opportunities. Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Ruth F. Quinto, Executive Director Kim Kelstrom, Assistant Superintendent Maria Maldonado, and Executive Director Sally Fowler were available to provide clarification. No action required on this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of the following items:

- Agenda Item C-18, Proposed Revisions for Board Policies (BP) 5141.52, 5144, 6142.3 (NEW), 6152.1 (NEW), and 6178
- Agenda Item C-19, Fresno Unified School District's Second Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19
- Agenda Item C-20, Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Jonasson Rosas – Requested an update on the Roosevelt dance trip. Would like the status of where the district is in regards to eBoard software.

Member Major Slatc – Update on Figarden incident investigation. Request for information on CollegeBoard SpringBoard 3-year budget.

Member Islas – Acknowledged Trustee Thomas’s birthday. Gave a shout out to Design Science. Shared a scholarship opportunity from the League of Mexican American Women.

Member Mills – Thanked Patrick Jensen and Paul Idsvoog for their help with a bus transportation issue. Requested an update on Conterra and if language in the bid proposal had been revised. Comments pertaining to vice principal staffing and applying the same standard to each school site across the district.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Member Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.