



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District May 15, 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 May 15, 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Islas, Mills, Major Slatik, 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 one through six. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 7:05 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 Constituent Services Plascencia, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff Chavez.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Member Slatik by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement on *Jeannine Butler, Case No. 2010-0355*.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement on *Dietra Burts-Ford, Case No. 2013-0910*.
- On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Rene "Eric" Martinez to Principal IV, Duncan Polytechnical High School.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Maria de Los Angeles Hernandez, a parent from Wilson Elementary School, led the flag salute.

**HEAR Reports from Student Board Representative**

Mark Topoozian, ASB representative from Bullard High School, shared that the campus has several events to celebrate senior achievements like Grad Bash at Universal Studios, Sober Grad and Night of Knights, which is a senior award banquet.

Topoozian also shared that girls' softball and girls' lacrosse teams are playing the Valley Championship this week. Mark highlighted that the Speech and Debate Team is heading to the National Speech and Debate Tournament, this will be over 30 years that the school has made it to the tournament.

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

### **RECOGNIZE Student Board Representatives for the 2018/19 School Year**

The Board of Education and Superintendent recognized Student Board Members Malak Sarama, Sunnyside High School, and Eduardo Casarubias, Duncan Polytechnical High School, for serving on the Board during the 2018/19 school year.

### **RECOGNIZE Middle and High School Academic Pentathlon/Decathlon Competition Champions for the 2018/19 School Year**

The Board of Education and Superintendent recognized the Baird Academic Pentathlon Team – Fresno Unified Champions– Coach Willow Reed; and the Edison Academic Decathlon Team – Valley Champions – Coach Gary Mrkaich.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- The district is 16 days away from the end of the school year. SBAC testing, scholarship banquets, College Signing Days and end of the year carnivals are all indicators that the school year is nearly over. It is a time to reflect on all our efforts during this past year and to make time in these last weeks during all the activities to take a deep breath and acknowledge the incredible work you do on behalf of the youth of our district.
- Thursday, May 16 the district will hold its annual CTE Summit at Duncan Polytechnical High School. Students from around the district will provide live demonstrations highlighting a number of CTE pathways. The summit brings education and industry leaders, along with parents, students and members of the community, together to collaborate and provide feedback around our current CTE offerings-ensuring we meet the need of students and local employers.
- Friday May 17, we will celebrate the completion of Facility improvements at Roosevelt High School. The event will start with an official opening plunge by several district and city leaders. The new facilities area a great addition to campus and will be part of the ongoing Green Space-Blue Space partnership with City of Fresno.
- May 19 – 25, is Classified School Employees Week. While classified staff may not be in front of the classroom, our classified staff represent thousands of caring adults who are absolutely making an impact on the more than 74,000 students we serve. Our classified employees include bus drivers, food service workers, maintenance and trades staff, office personnel, gardeners, custodians, paraeducators and more. Thank you for what you do that not only supports our students, but the countless adults that support our sites and district departments as well.

- May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, raising awareness of issues surrounding people throughout our country, particularly children with mental health concerns. While often seen like a taboo subject matter, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts greatly reduces the numbers of children experiencing serious mental health conditions. Mental health issues are a serious problem facing our community and we are blessed to have countless district professionals dedicated and committed to this work.
- The special education department hosted two community meetings to share their proposed budget plans with staff, parents and the community. Assistant Superintendent Brian Beck presented the proposed budget and provided opportunity for stakeholder feedback. One tool for such feedback includes an online survey that can be found on the district website. The survey is available in English, Spanish and Hmong through next Wednesday as staff and board prepare to discuss and adopt the district's budget on June 12.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, the consent agenda was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Casarubias and Sarama, Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.
- A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**  
**ADOPTED as recommended**, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and re-admittance cases conducted during the period since the May 01, 2019 Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the April 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting.
- A-4, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-33, Sunnyside High School Stadium Scoreboard Replacement**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Bid 19-33, for purchase and installation of a new live video display scoreboard for Sunnyside Stadium. The existing scoreboard is 20 years old, with non-functional components due to corrosion and obsolete parts. The new scoreboard can be utilized for the multiple sports that utilize the stadium. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Fluoresco Services, LLC (Fresno, California) \$185,571.

- A-5, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-38, Edison High School Gymnasium Floor Replacement APPROVED as recommended,** Bid 19-38, to replace the wood flooring system for the Edison High School Gym. The gym floor was constructed in 1972 and is at the end of its life cycle, recognized by major cracking throughout the floor. Maple wood, tongue and groove gym flooring requires sanding every seven to ten years, and begins to thin and crack after being sanded four to five times. Gym floors are inspected annually and refinished every summer as part of standard deferred maintenance practices; replacing flooring is more involved than this annual maintenance work. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: McWil Sports Surfaces, Inc. (Gardena, California) \$286,540.
- A-6, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-40 Phases 4A and 4B, Installation of District Video Security System at Elementary Schools (Ayer, Bullard Talent, Centennial, Columbia, Del Mar, Eaton, Figarden, Forkner, King, Lowell, Manchester, McCardle, Olmos, Roeding, Rowell and Vang Pao) APPROVED as recommended,** Bid 19-40 Phases 4A and 4B, to provide high definition video security systems for 16 elementary schools: Ayer, Bullard Talent, Centennial, Columbia, Del Mar, Eaton, Figarden, Forkner, King, Lowell, Manchester, McCardle, Olmos, Roeding, Rowell and Vang Pao. The project includes installing low voltage wiring and electrical power connections, and mounting district supplied video security equipment. These are the final phases of the projects to provide enhanced security systems to all elementary schools. All projects are planned to be completed by the start of school in August 2019. Staff recommends award for installation only to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Phase 4A and 4B: Rex Moore (Fresno, California) \$767,827.
- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-43, Fresno High School Gymnasium Locker Installation APPROVED as recommended,** Bid 19-43, to install new lockers to replace the existing deteriorated lockers in the boys' and girls' locker rooms (including cement locker bases and benches) at Fresno High School. Replacement of lockers is a standard deferred maintenance practice, based on evaluation of need. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: RF Con, Inc. (Clovis, California) \$166,000.
- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-47, Pyle Elementary School Portable Restroom Relocation and Infrastructure APPROVED as recommended,** Bid 19-47 for installation and remodel of a district-owned modular restroom building, including site infrastructure and utility connections, for Pyle Elementary School. Additional restrooms are needed due to preschool expansion, which resulted in relocation of kindergarten classrooms to portable buildings without restrooms. Availability of the restroom building will enhance supervision and improve access from classroom and play areas. The project will also provide fencing of the early learning complex for added safety. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Haus Construction Inc. (Fresno, California) \$449,000.

**A-9, RATIFY Grant Application to the 2019 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, a grant application to the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program to support the after school program by extending the amount of time students participate in physical fitness activities at the 29 elementary After School Education and Safety programs that are operated by Fresno Unified. The 2019/20 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program grant application is for \$75,000 to continue the work that is already in progress from the 2018/19 grant.

**A-10, RATIFY Grant Application to the 2019 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program for the Heart Zone System**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, a grant application to Kaiser Permanente to pilot the Heart Zones System at the comprehensive high schools including Duncan Polytechnical. The application requests \$75,000 to purchase the wearable technology that will empower students to pursue a safe, healthy and active lifestyle by allowing them to monitor and measure their heart zone levels during fitness activities.

**A-11, RATIFY Grant Application to the 2019 Social and Emotional Innovation Awards**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, a grant application to the NoVo Foundation in partnership with Education First and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors for the 2019 Social and Emotional Learning Innovation Awards. Grant funding in the amount of \$17,500, if awarded, will be utilized for the Buddy Bench Social Emotional Learning project.

**A-12, RATIFY Second Amendment to the Manchester Center Lease for Fresno Adult School**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, the second amendment to the Manchester Center lease for the Fresno Adult School (FAS). At Manchester Center, FAS offers a variety of programs and courses to meet the diverse needs of adult learners in the Fresno community. Programs offered by FAS provide educational experiences and options that foster successful academic achievement and/or social growth for students. Classes are held in the mornings, afternoons, evenings, and on weekends. The community and students are excited about recent renovations at Manchester Center including the Dream Resource Center. Interior and exterior upgrades have created a desirable location that is more conducive to learning.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Kate Woertman** – Spoke regarding the Special Education budget proposal and vagueness of survey.

**Lark Atkin** – Spoke regarding physical therapy needs in the district.

**Jada White** – Spoke regarding safety and bullying.

**Inez Sears** – Spoke regarding safety, bullying, and Edison High School staff.

**Shawn Albert** – Spoke regarding the budget.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**B-13, PRESENT and DISCUSS Update on Solar Energy Projects**

Staff and the district's solar energy partner, ForeFront, will update the Board on the status of the district's solar projects at the comprehensive high schools, Chavez Adult School, and Brawley Service Center. Fiscal impact: The presentation has no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-13.**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Statewide completion of projects of this magnitude. Is this a piggyback contract? Did ForeFront work same projects for other districts simultaneously/concurrently as Fresno Unified? Whose responsibility was it to submit to PG&E? When did ForeFront submit to PG&E for the five high schools? Interconnection agreements and implementation challenges. PG&E easement. How many school districts are experiencing the same delays? Care of equipment. Brian Taylor of ForeFront, Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, and Executive Director Jason Duke were available to provide clarity.

No action required on this item.

**B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS Update on Proposed Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School**

Staff and the project architect will update the Board on design of the proposed Herrera Elementary School, planned for 5090 E. Church Avenue. Fiscal impact: The presentation has no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-14.**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-14. A summary is as follows: Steps for community engagement for project. Sufficiency of site capacity, two-stories? Integrating solar power into project. Concern about canals. Construction cost for bid. Health Center. Soccer complex, district should not provide amenities to City without City contribution. Secure bicycle parking. Ensuring playgrounds are inclusive. Project labor agreements. Counseling rooms/cooling off periods. Use of funds for greenspace/community space. Seeking alternate partners before going to bid. Tony Avila with Darden Architects, Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, and Assistant Superintendent Alex Belanger were available to provide clarity.

No action required on this item.

**B-15, PRESENT and DISCUSS Update on Fresno Unified eLearning Companion Device Initiative**

The Board will receive an update on the first six months of the eLearning Companion Device (LCD) initiative. The Board binders will include the presentation *Advancing digital literacy and equity within Fresno Unified School District*. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Kurt Madden, telephone 457-3560.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-15.**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Tracking academic data of students. Timeline for seeing all students with a tablet. How are students reached? Insurance policy? Responsibility, district or parent? Percentage of breakage? Age of user? Chief Technology Officer Kurt Madden, Executive Directors Tami Lundberg and Saori Jansen were available to provide clarification.

No action required on this item.

**B-15a, PRESENT and DISCUSS the State's May Revised Budget Proposal for 2019/20**

Governor Newsom has released the state's May Revised Budget Proposal for 2019/20 on Thursday, May 9, 2019. On May 15, 2019, staff will present the updated information to the Board of Education including the budget risks and the impact on Fresno Unified School District. Fiscal impact: Not available at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-15a.**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-15a. A summary is as follows: Thank you to staff.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

The Board is in receipt of four items as follows:

**C-16, RECEIVE the California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar initial proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2020 Reopener Agreement**

Receive the California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar initial proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2020, Reopener Agreement. In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the exclusive representative shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**C-17, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar for the 2019-2020 Reopener Agreement**

Receive the Fresno Unified School District initial proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 125 White Collar for the 2019-2020, Reopener Agreement. In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be public record. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**C-18, RECEIVE Fresno Unified School District's Third Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

Included in the Board binders is the third quarterly investment report for the period ending March 31, 2019. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on district investments. As of March 31, 2019, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

**C-19, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies 0415(NEW), 0420, 0460, 1312.3, 5148.3, 6142.3 (NEW), 6170.1 and deletion of 0411**

Included in the Board binders are proposed revisions for the following eight Board Policies (BP):

- (DELETION) BP 0411 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- (NEW) BP 0415 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- BP 0420 School Plans/Site Councils
- BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan
- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 5148.3 Preschool/Early Childhood Education
- (NEW) BP 6142.3 Civic Education
- BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Staff will bring these items for discussion and approval at a future Board meeting. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3566.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

**Member Mills:** Follow-up on the Herrera School and the Clinic. Continue to work with the City to extend the bus line. Request staff to be aware and keep Board aware of Solar Projects/PG&E issues and contracts.

**Member Thomas:** Shout out to Edison Hmong Decathlon students.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.