



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**  
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**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District**

**Fresno, California  
September 04, 2019**

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 September 04, 2019, there were present Board Members Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Major Slatic. Superintendent Nelson was also present. Board Member Thomas arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Board President Cazares was ABSENT.

Board Clerk Mills 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 6:03 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 Mills, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote, 5-0-0-2, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Patricia Rivera, Case No. 2015-0564. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote, 5-0-0-2, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Jose Rodriguez, Case No. 2018-0351. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas by the following vote, 5-0-0-2, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Michael Frazier, Case No. 2005-1027, 2006-0822, 2013-0324. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson

Rosas, by the following vote, 5-0-0-2, the Board took action in Closed Session to appoint Nikki Henry to Chief Information Officer, Communications. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Perla Aguilera a parent from Ericson Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACKNOWLEDGE the 2019/20 Student Board Representatives and Alternates**

The Board recognized Joshua Camarillo, Edison High School, and Richard Romero, Fresno High School as the 2019/20 Student Board Members. Alternates are Angie Thao, Duncan Polytechnical High School; A.J. Villane, Patiño School of Entrepreneurship; and Julio Fisher, McLane High School.

### **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

The Board heard report from Mercedes Garcia, ASB representative from Roosevelt High School; and students from Sequoia Middle School spoke about what they love about being a student at Sequoia.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- Saturday September 14, at Leavenworth Elementary, Fresno Unified will join forces with the California Highway Patrol, the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno Fire Department and others to host a Bike Safety Rodeo. Each year, students risk being hit by vehicles as they ride their bikes to and from school. To equip our youth with the needed safety tools to ensure they travel safely each and every time they ride their bike, we will host the bike rodeo from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Leavenworth. The event is open to the public. Law enforcement will provide safety courses, helmet fittings and quick check of bikes to ensure they are working. If you don't have a bike but still want to take part in the event, gently uses bikes will be available so anyone who attends can participate.
- Shared, the district unveiled its new mobile health unit at Hoover High School. The mobile unit, with two exam rooms and a waiting area, replaces a 20-year-old unit and enables the district's Health Services Department to expand services and help to keep students healthy and in class. The unit will be visiting high schools through the district on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. When the mobile unit is not in use, health services are available at Tioga Middle School.
- Shared, September is Suicide Prevention Month and our school social workers and school psychologists will be focusing on this critical topic as they provide training to staff and students according to AB2246 – the state's suicide prevention policy. The trainings include education around mental health, depression, and suicide, and resources to get help. This year, Fresno Unified also implemented new student ID badges, providing information on the back of each badge about how to receive help through both local and back and national suicide hotlines. This month's outreach includes: Lunch time activities and support speeches; Sending positivity grams to fellow classmates with messages of encouragement; and photobooths where students make photo frames and take pictures with their friends while holding those militant positive messages of love and encouragement.

- Shared, mental health and suicide prevention are often seen as taboo subjects. Because of that, our community struggles to know where to go for help and resources. Educating adults along with the students we support is vital in this effort to build capacity, recognize warning signs and connect those in need to resources while there is still opportunity. Issues of mental health are not always easy conversations, but for the sake of those we love and support, including those in our Fresno Unified family, I want to encourage us all to engage in the education and learning. Thank you to our social workers, school psychologists and all who diving deep into this body of work.

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

There were no members of the public wishing to speak to an item on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, the consent agenda was approved, exclusive of agenda items A-4, which was pulled from the agenda by Board Leadership, and A-14, which was pulled for further discussion, on a roll call vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**

APPROVED as recommended, the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

#### **A-2, ADOPT Findings of Facts 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 August 21, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

#### **A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the May 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting and the August 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

#### **A-4, APPROVE Annual Increase in Board Member Monthly Stipend**

PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

#### **A-5, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-02, McLane and Roosevelt High Schools Ballfield Scoreboard Installation**

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 20-02, for installation of electronic scoreboards for the varsity baseball and softball fields at McLane and

Roosevelt High Schools. This project will complete renovation of the ballfields at these schools and includes structural steel support systems, electrical connections, and related concrete work. Installation of modern scoreboards is recommended based on evaluation of need and to increase equity of athletic facilities. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Fluoresco Services, LLC (Fresno, California) \$215,000.

**A-6, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 20-01, Charter Services**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Request for Qualifications 20-01, to provide a pool of qualified charter bus carriers to transport students, staff and chaperones to various school events and activities. Qualifying factors include driver and equipment credentials, age/condition of vehicles, insurance, and vehicle inventory. Charter companies provide a rate sheet for various trip types. When schools have a charter bus request, they contact the Transportation Department to identify the lowest cost charter for the specific trip. Based on extensive review, staff recommends approval of the following qualified carriers to provide charter services, on an as-needed basis, for a one-year term with an option to extend for four additional one-year periods.

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| Awesome Charters and Tours, LLC | Fresno, CA       |
| Best Tours & Travel             | Fresno, CA       |
| Classic Charter                 | Visalia, CA      |
| Delta Charter                   | Stockton, CA     |
| Golden Eagle Charter, Inc       | Fresno, CA       |
| Intell-Trans, Inc               | Sanger, CA       |
| Limo For You                    | Madera, CA       |
| VIA Adventures                  | Merced, CA       |
| ZUM Services, Inc               | Redwood City, CA |

**A-7, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.

**A-8, APPROVE Salary Schedules**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the following revised salary schedules: 1) Classified Management Consumer Price Index (CPI) Daily Salary Schedule; and 2) Certificated Management Consumer Price Index (CPI) Monthly Salary Schedule.

**A-9, DENY Claim GL19-0201-2451**  
**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case GL19-0201-2451. The Superintendent recommends that the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Executive Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-10, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 18-13, Duncan Polytechnical High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Center Building Construction and Alterations to Existing Shop Building Change Order(s) presented for ratification (CTE Building): \$129,882;

Bid 19-27 Section B, Exterior Painting for Various Schools: Burroughs and Greenberg Elementary Schools, Kings Canyon Middle School, Change Order(s) presented for ratification (Kings Canyon): \$10,000; Bid 19-33, Sunnyside High School Stadium Scoreboard Replacement Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$8,861.

**A-11, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 18-13, Duncan Polytechnical High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Center Building Construction and Alterations to Existing Shop Building; Bid 19-27 Section D, Exterior Painting for Various Schools: Starr and Yokomi Elementary Schools; Bid 19-34, Fresno High School Gymnasium Thermoplastic PVC Re-Roof.

**A-12, RATIFY Renewal Grant Application to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for the 2019 Citizenship Assimilation Grant Program**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, submission of a grant application to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for the 2019 Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program. The grant would provide César E. Chávez Fresno Adult School the opportunity to prepare lawful permanent residents for citizenship by offering both citizenship instruction and naturalization services.

**A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 – Primary Report**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on purchase orders issued from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first 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 in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

**A-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 – Supplemental Report**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on purchase orders issued from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first 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 in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Member Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:  
“Item A-14 on tonight’s agenda contains purchase orders for Fresno EOC. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contracts related to these purchase orders; but because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those contracts. Therefore, consistent with my prior recusals relating to Fresno EOC, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Islas, which carried a 4-0-1-2 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic. ABSTAINED: Member Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke to the status of replacing swamp coolers and outdated AC units.

### **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### **B-15, PRESENT and ADOPT Resolution 19-03 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution 19-03 providing for the issuance and sale of 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$110 million to refinance the following outstanding general obligation bonds: General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2001, Series G.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas moved for adoption, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 5-0-0-2 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic. ABSENT: Board President Cazares and Member Thomas.

#### **B-16, PRESENT and APPROVE the 2018/19 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, 2018/19 Year-End Budget Revision and 2019/20 Gann Limit**

**APPROVED as recommended**, 2018/19 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, 2018/19 Year-End Budget Revision and the 2019/20 Gann Limit Resolution.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: When will the district see savings from solar panels? Medical reimbursement funds? Is the district above the 5%? Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Operations Officer Temple, and Executive Director Kelstrom were available to provide clarity.

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Islas, which carried a 4-0-0-3 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic. ABSENT: Board President Cazares, Member Thomas and Member Jonasson Rosas.

**B-17, PRESENT and DISCUSS Opening of Schools 2019/20**

Staff will present, and the Board will have an opportunity to discuss, an update to year-end results for 2018/19 and strategic and operational initiatives to support student success for the 2019/20 school year.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-17. A summary is as follows: Marquee for Cambridge? Air conditioning work orders. Request for Summer School comparison year-by-year. Free Little Libraries? How will the Nutri-slice APP be rolled out to students? Mayfair Elementary: need for pedestrian gate improvements. Yosemite Middle School: need for a Marquee and AC in Gym; additionally, issue with new bleachers not all students can participate when bleachers are open. Ericson Elementary has swamp cooler in cafeteria, no stage, and parking issue. Wishon has issue with AC in cafeteria. Ewing has HVAC issue in portable room 38; additionally, cracks in blacktop. Sinking portables at Hidalgo. Flooding at curb in front of Turner. Help with school garden at Centennial. Addicott: issues with changing tables, appropriate ADA covering for fire drill area, and playground equipment students can use. How is leveling figured, by grade or grade-span? Retrofitting school buses. Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Human Resources Officer Idsvoog, Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto were available to provide clarity.

**B-18, PRESENT and DISCUSS Constituent Services Reporting**

Included in the Board binders is the Constituent Services report for the 2018/19 schoolyear. This report is an update from last year's report which was presented to the Board on August 22, 2018.

Also, included is the Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting for Constituent Services activities for the time period of May 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019. The Quarterly Reporting for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures reporting for May 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 are also included, in accordance with Education Code § 35186.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

The Board was in receipt of one item as follows:

**C-19, RECEIVE Summary of Measure X, Series B Bond Issuance**

Included in the Board binders is a memorandum prepared by the district's financial advisor Keygent, providing a summary of the \$75 million Measure X, Series B bond issuance conducted on August 8, 2019. Bond proceeds will be used to continue implementation of Measure X school facility improvement projects.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

**Member Davis** – If possible, request Maintenance Department to work with The City of Fresno to address flooding issues in front of schools.

**Member Slatic** – How is the Parent/Student Handbook shared with parents? Request that error in digital copy of the Parent/Student Handbook be addressed. Commented on grade-level aptitude.

**Member Jonasson Rosas** – Requested staff to provide, Board Members that sit on the joint committee with The City of Fresno, any issues or concerns they would like addressed. Project Labor Agreement for Herrera, what are next steps, what direction does staff need in order to proceed?

**Member Thomas** – Asked if the district received complaints pertaining to students leaving schools for confidential medical appointments? Recognized sites for great back-to-school nights. Request for Superintendent and staff from the Human Resources Department to address a specific personnel issue.

**Member Islas** – Thanked teachers and principals for a great start to the school year. Request for staff to continue putting best foot forward when supporting students. To support students with kindness and understanding and to create a safe and nurturing environment

**Member Mills** – Thanked staff for posting signs pertaining to Fresno Unified encouraging a fragrance-free environment and asked when/if schools will receive posters. Requested response on email pertaining to Bond polling.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Clerk Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.