



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

**Fresno, California
September 18, 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 18, 2019, there were present 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 one through seven. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

Staff Present

Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Information Officer Henry, Chief of Labor Relations and Human Resources Idsvoog, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief of Operations Temple, Executive Director McCulley, Executive Director Plascencia, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Vicky Burton, Case No. 2009-1150.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Eva Douglas a parent from Anthony Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard report from Mary Thomas, Sueheidi Maciel, and Jade Johannes, ASB representatives from Hoover High School; and, students from Tioga Middle School spoke about what they love about being a student at Tioga.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- This week marks the sixth week of school year. The first reporting period ends in two weeks with report cards heading home beginning the week of October 7. Progress reports should have gone home last week to give parents a glimpse into how students are progressing academically. We asked parents to register for EduText (grade and attendance updates through text messages) and to get an ATLAS account so they can review their child's progress reports and see how they are doing in the classroom.
- Fresno Unified is one of six California school districts chosen to participate in a new video pilot program highlighting CAASPP test results. CAASPP stands for the California Assessment of Students Performance and Progress and is the state test that students took last spring. In the past, parents received a letter showcasing how their child perform academically now, the state is in the process of turning those printed reports into interactive videos designed to engage parents on a whole new level. The videos will be delivered via text if parents are an EduText subscriber and will be available through ATLAS parent portal starting October 17. The videos personally designed will come in the family's home language and even feature closed caption.
- We are less than a month away from our annual State of Education luncheon at Double Tree Hotel. The event will take place Monday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m. this is the district's single largest fundraiser for the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. In addition to raising money to help support many of our graduating seniors with aspirations for a post-secondary education, the luncheon also provides an opportunity to showcase student success and hear about the district's plans for the future. To learn more about the event, including how to purchase tickets, please visit our website at Fresnounified.org
- Shared UCSF Fresno will be hosting an informational meeting for Fresno Unified students and parents interested in learning more about our Sunnyside Doctors Academy. The meeting will be Thursday, September 26 from 6PM to 7PM in the Sunnyside High School Library and is open to 8th graders who are interested in careers in health and medicine.
- Thanked Every Neighborhood Partnership and Reading Heart for partnering with us on the unveiling of a Little Free Library book box at Heaton Elementary last week. Fresno High construction students helped install the box. Several Little Free Libraries were built last summer by Fresno High and Alternative Education students in Construction and Geometry classes in preparation for installing the boxes at schools in all regions of our district to promote reading and community sharing, this is a great way to encourage reading and work-based learning opportunities in our Fresno High region.
- With the support of the Communications Department, Parent U, the California Highway Patrol, the Fresno Fire Department and the Fresno County Bike Coalition came together to host a Bike Safety Rodeo at Leavenworth Elementary. There was a great turnout as students even beyond the immediate neighborhood learned bike safety, were given helmets and got in some good exercise.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Mills – Attended the Central California Women’s Conference and while at the conference viewed Fresno Unified student art displayed at the Saroyan Theater. Requested the names of Fresno Unified students who received scholarships at the conference. Referenced board communication pertaining to after school care and requested the district work with the Fresno County Superintendent’s of Schools or other organizations to work on a plan, by 2020, to provide after school care for every child who needs it. Referenced board communication pertaining to passing a bond and requested clarification on information provided in the communication. Requested staff review pool and lawn issues at Fresno High School. Referenced board communication pertaining to Herrera Elementary School regarding Project Labor Agreement.

Member Major Slatic – Requested follow up information pertaining to grade-level aptitude. Requested board communication pertaining to NAEP scores.

Member Davis – Requested Superintendent to provide information pertaining to the California High School Exit Exam. Thanked Member Islas for her work in the Bike Rodeo at Leavenworth.

Member Islas – Thanked Principal Piedra, Vanessa Ramirez, Amy Idsvoog, Parent University staff, California Highway Patrol, Fresno Fire Department, and the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition for their work with the Bike Rodeo. Acknowledged Duncan for their 9/11 Memorial. Referenced Latino Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15.

Member Thomas – Thanked Reggie Rueben of the Transportation Department for help with transportation to after school events; Lindsay Sanders for work with equity in enrollment at magnet schools; Ms. Williams at Edison; Kim Mecum, and Paul Idsvoog. Referenced 5,000 Role-Models of Excellence a program she heard about at the Black Caucus in Washington, D.C.

President Cazares – Thanked staff and students for the regional football game. Expressed missing the Tioga cheer team at the game.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke to Agenda Item A-8, Approve Annual Increase of Board Member Monthly Stipend.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to Agenda Item A-8, Approve Annual Increase of Board Member Monthly Stipend; and A-10 RATIFY Agreement Between Quiq Labs and Patiño School of Entrepreneurship.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Thomas, the consent agenda was approved, on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: 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 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 September 04, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the September 04, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Resolution 19-20 Proclaiming October 2, 2019 as California Clean Air Day

ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming October 2, 2019 as California Clean Air Day. The draft resolution will be available on, or before, September 13, 2019.

A-5, 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 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-6, APPROVE Agreement with The Hanover Research Council, LLC

APPROVED as recommended, an additional contract for Hanover Research Council in order to facilitate up to three (3) 90-minute focus group sessions per day (3 total) towards investigating and ensuring qualitative evidence of impact of Cultural Proficiency and implicit bias trainings planned by the Dimensions of Equity and sponsored by Equity and Access. This addition is recommended by ongoing evidence that the success of equity, diversity, and inclusion trainings must be captured through multiple measures. This contract includes all preparation work, recruitment, on-site administration, transcription, coding, analysis, and deliverables associated with these focus group sessions.

A-7, APPROVE Amendment to Education Testing Services Agreement

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement between Educational Testing Services (ETS) and Fresno Adult School (FAS), a state approved test center selected by the State of California, for the delivery of the high school equivalency test (HiSET) in paper/pencil format as well as the computer-based option. The amendment reflects process and fee changes.

- A-8, APPROVE Annual Increase in Board Member Monthly Stipend**
APPROVED as recommended, an annual increase in Board Member Monthly Stipend. Fresno Unified School District Board members are currently paid a monthly stipend of \$1,500.00 per month. The Legislature has delegated to school boards the authority to increase the stipend (Ed Code §35120) through approval by the governing Board. If the Board were to approve an increase to the stipend, the increase would be adjusted on an annual basis by 5%, effective October 1, 2019 (not retroactive). Subsequent annual increases of 5% will be effective at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- A-9, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.
- A-10, RATIFY Agreement Between Quiq Labs and Patiño School of Entrepreneurship**
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Quiq Labs and Patiño School of Entrepreneurship for Quiq Labs to provide educational and work-based learning opportunities for Patiño students in order to increase their technology skills, including computer programming, website development, online marketing, and graphic design. Quiq Labs will provide two industry consultants who will develop curriculum for three courses: web design/online marketing, advanced online marketing, and advanced web design. Both consultants will also support Patiño's junior and senior business teams as they develop websites and build online marketing campaigns for their companies. In addition, they will teach side by side with credentialed teachers four days per week. The consultants are entrepreneurs within the community, as well as experts in the fields of web design and online marketing. Their expertise and knowledge of industry standard is driven by day-to-day experience within the field and is critical to the success of Patiño's student businesses and the credibility of its program within the business community.
- A-11, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**
RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 19-47, Pyle Elementary School Portable Restroom Relocation and Infrastructure, Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$6,572; Bid 19-49, Calwa and King Elementary Schools Portable Classroom Infrastructure, Change Order(s) presented for ratification (Calwa): \$1,220, Change Order(s) presented for ratification (King): \$1,220.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke to the helpfulness of staff at Fresno High School.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to the appreciation for Bullard High School athletic director and the work done for the Bullard High School football game.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-12, HOLD a Public Hearing and ADOPT Resolution in the Matter of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to Comply with the Requirements of Education Code Section 60119

HELD Public Hearing and ADOPTED as recommended, the Resolution in the Matter of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. The governing board of each district is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil, including English Learner students, has standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in these subject areas: English Language Arts, mathematics, history/social science, health (grades 7-12), foreign language (grades 7-12) and science equipment in grades 9-12. A survey to determine sufficient instructional materials at each school site was administered to all schools (transitional kindergarten-12).

Board Member Jonasson Rosas moved for adoption, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares.

B-13, DISCUSS Proposed Revisions for Existing Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and Drafts for Two Proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures

The Board Discussed revisions to Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and drafts for two proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures.

Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-13

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to Brown Act and information available for public review.

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke to request for updated Censure of Member Major Slatic.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Requested that a line in board bylaw 9130 be kept in the policy, Request for names of those who sat on the Board Policy Subcommittee; Referenced Board Policy pertaining to Governance Standards; Campaigning against bond measures; What happens when there is no board majority vote? Chief of Staff Chavez and Legal Counsel VanWagenen were available to provide clarity.

No action was required for this item. Proposed Revisions for Existing Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and Drafts for Two Proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures will return for approval to the October 02, 2019 Board Agenda.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.