



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

**Fresno, California
February 26, 2020**

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 26, 2020, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and President Thomas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

Board President Thomas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m. in the Board Room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through six.

For the record Board Member Jonasson Rosas left the meeting at 5:50 p.m. and returned at 7:02 p.m.

The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by the following vote 6-0-0-1 the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement with Michelle Sheehan, Case No. WC18-0906-1442.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by the following vote 6-0-0-1 the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement with Diana Mora, Case No. 2010-0561, WC11-0627-3138.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Annika Fink, a parent from Gibson Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEAR Reports from Student Advisory Representatives

The Board heard a report from Elise Valle and Joshua Camarillo, Student Advisory Representatives from Edison High School and student ambassadors from Computech Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted the work of teachers working as participants in the National Board Certification Program through our Teacher Development Department. A total of 30 teachers are now certificated through our cohorts.
- Recognized the Region 9 ACSA Award Dinner recipients Amy Smith, Bruce Thele, Carson Wood, Maiyer Vang, Julie Severns and Deanna Mathies.
- Shared the Health and Wellness Center at Addams Elementary School will celebrate its grand opening on March 23, at 9:00 a.m.
- Reminded everyone there is less than a week until election day, March 3, where voters have several important local decisions to make including the district's school facilities bond, Measure M. For more information you can find the Measure M Fact Sheet and Project list on the district's website home page.
- Stated that the Climate and Cultures Survey must be completed by Friday, February 28. The parent survey is an opportunity to tell us about your experience with your child's school. Your opinions are important to us and will allow us to better support your children and will help us inform our district's new vision, mission and goals.
- Shared that all applications for the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund are due this Friday. All seniors are encouraged to apply. Students can apply online or can talk to their high school counselor for more information.
- Thanked Boeing for selecting the district to provide students with an awesome opportunity through our CTE department at Sequoia Middle School where students can experience and learn the basic of being a pilot with a flight simulator.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Cazares: Congratulated the Hoover Boys Basketball team as well as Coach Echeveria and the Hoover Girls Basketball team. Thanked staff for their work organizing the site to host the Grand Master Wrestling Championship at Hoover High School.

Board Clerk Davis: Thanked Superintendent, Santino Danisi and team for excellent Local Control Accountability Plan meetings. Requested for future meetings to have more than one childcare room available. Honored Board President Thomas for her nomination as a Black Magical Woman.

Member Islas: Highlighted projects taking place in the McLane Region which focus on kindness. Celebrated projects promoting literacy, especially those in more than one language.

Shared safety concern taking place in the McLane Region for students walking home. Special recognition to Design Science Middle College School for 100% college acceptance for graduating seniors. Congratulated Division Five Valley Champs McLane Wrestlers.

Member Mills: Acknowledged the opening of the Addams Health Center. Requested board materials be posted online when the Agenda Item states available in the Board Office for review.

Student Member Camarillo: Request for transportation of student athletes be addressed. Shared concern with the operation of wi-fi on school buses, asked if staff can address issue. Expressed appreciation for virtual reality station at Edison High School.

Member Major Slatic: Expressed appreciation for the Grand Masters Wrestling Championship that took place at Hoover High School. Congratulated Sarah Kazarian for winning the Grand Masters Wrestling Championship.

Board President Thomas: Expressed appreciation to Kaiser Permanente and their work with the district. Specifically, the play presented at Computech Middle School and additionally the donation of books to Kirk Elementary.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Member Islas, the Consent Agenda was approved, apart from Agenda Item A-5, on a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas. ABSENT: Member 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 February 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Grant Application to Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program for the 2020 Grant Cycle
APPROVED as recommended, the 2020 Grant Cycle for Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program to pilot Heart Rate monitoring wearable technology in high school physical education classes.

A-4, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals E23002, Network Equipment for Internal Connections
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) E23002, to provide network equipment used for upgrading internet connections to all Fresno Unified School District School Sites and Facilities.

A-5, APPROVE Proposed Revision for Board Policies
APPROVED with amendment, proposed revisions for Board Policies 5030 Student Wellness, and 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education.

For the record there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-5. A summary is as follows: Request for clarity on how opportunities for public feedback will be implemented. Request for clarity on if there is anything preventing the district from exceeding the standard requirements. Request for clarity pertaining to the School Wellness Committee and if there is a method to how the committee will be selected. How will communication to the sites take place regarding guidelines for food items related to fundraisers and celebration events? Reporting periods for compliance to school wellness policy? What is the process to get food waste addressed in the Board Policy? Requested two items be solidified by the Board as follows: 1) The requirements for lead in school drinking water; and, 2) Fragrance free work environments. Analyst, Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item A-5 was approved, with the addition of the following statement: all students shall be provided opportunities to eat nutritiously on a regular basis, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Mill, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-6, DENY Claim GL20-0122-4602
DENIED as recommended, Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL20-0122-4602.

A-7, RATIFY Master Services Agreement with Beach Cities Learning Center/Learn Academy
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Beach Cities Learning Center/Learn Academy in the amount of \$198,507.

- A-8, RATIFY NCS Pearson, Inc. Agreement**
RATIFIED as recommended, Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, Third Edition (NNAT3) is a nonverbal measure of general ability for students.
- A-9, RATIFY Riverside Assessments, LLC d/b/a Riverside Insights Agreement**
RATIFIED as recommended, Riverside Insights provides the CogAT Assessment which is the Gate Test utilized to assess students for GATE ability based upon the screener or referral process.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kendal Ann Walton – Spoke regarding the robotics program.
Tamara Neely – Spoke regarding Classified Development opportunities. Provide Board Members with bags from the Classified Employee Conference.
Francisca Albas – Spoke regarding requests of Familias Empoderadas.
Estela Ortega – Spoke regarding requests of Familias Empoderadas.
Adela Moreno – Spoke regarding requests of Familias Empoderadas.
Blanca Contreras – Spoke regarding requests of Familias Empoderadas.
Ana Cabrera – Spoke regarding requests of Familias Empoderadas.
Rom Orm – Spoke regarding gated parking at Norseman Elementary.
Bob Mitchell – Spoke regarding Gaston Middle School and an African American Studies class and a Latino Studies class.
Curt Ward – Spoke to the need for African American school principals.
Ja’Juan Johnson – Spoke to the absence of African American male principals.
Dr. Daren Miller – Spoke to the absence of African American male principals.
Reginald Phillips – Spoke to the absence of African American male principals.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

- B-10, PRESENT and DISCUSS Academic Data from The Center for Advanced Research and Technology**
Dr. Rick Watson, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer for The Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART), presented academic data related to CART.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-10. A summary is as follows: Asked if there is data to show the percentage of students exiting CART and then matriculating to earn a college degree? Request for clarity pertaining to efforts made to recruit Fresno Unified students to CART. Expressed appreciation for the CART Showcase. Asked if the grade level to attend CART would be expanded to include other grades. A recommendation was made pertaining to the food offerings at CART. Requested clarity pertaining to parent orientation and if translators were provided. Requested clarity pertaining to enrollment numbers and if CART planned to expand. Dr. Rick Watson was available to provide clarity.

For the record, no action was required for this item.

B-11, DISCUSS and APPROVE Project Labor Agreement for Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School Project

APPROVED as recommended, the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for construction of Herrera Elementary School, and to incorporate the PLA into the bid documents for the project and take all other actions necessary to implement the PLA pursuant to its terms and conditions. The PLA is a contract between Fresno Unified and the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (Trades Council) and the Signatory Craft Councils and Unions with terms, work site conditions, worker qualifications, dispute resolution processes, etc. negotiated prior to beginning the project. The Herrera PLA includes internship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities that will directly benefit district students.

Presentation by Chief of Operations, Karin Temple, Building Trades Council Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Riojas, and Executive Officer, Jeremy Ward.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-11. A summary is as follows: Expressed appreciation for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the opportunities for students the MOU represents. Thanked staff for work on the MOU. Acknowledged Mr. Riojas and his work pertaining to the MOU and the MC3 curriculum. What is the plan to build capacity? Chief of Operations, Karin Temple, Building Trades Council Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Riojas, and Executive Officer, Jeremy Ward were available to provide clarity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-11

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board on B-11.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item B-11 was approved, by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.

B-12, DISCUSS and APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding with the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and the signatory Craft Councils and Unions regarding Career Technical Education Opportunities for Fresno Unified Students

APPROVED as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and the signatory Craft Councils and Unions, addressing Career Technical Education (CTE) opportunities for district students.

As part of the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) development process for the Herrera Elementary School project, the district and Trades Council agreed to establish a work opportunities program (CTE Program) for district students and local residents. The primary goal of the CTE Program is to maximize construction work opportunities for traditionally under-represented members of the community.

Presentation by Chief of Operations, Karin Temple and Building Trades Council Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Riojas.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-12. A summary is as follows: Have any competitive entities in construction, building or trades been invited to engage in similar MOUs or are there plans in the future? Chief of Operations, Karin Temple and Building Trades Council Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Riojas were available to provide clarity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-12

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board on B-12.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item B-12 was approved, by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.

B-13, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2020/21 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 15, 2020 and January 29, 2020 Board of Education meetings, the 2020/21 Governor's Proposed Budget and the District's preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On February 26, 2020, staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Ruth F. Quinto.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Request for clarity pertaining to the cost of legal services. Request for clarity on how staff is responding to the requests of Familias Empoderadas. Request for a response from staff which will show the budgetary impact to the district for each request of Familias Empoderadas. Requested clarity pertaining to the Community School Partnership grant. Encouraged staff to engage community partners. Commented on the need for quality food. Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Ruth F. Quinto was available to provide clarity.

For the record, no action was required for this item.

B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS New Every Student Succeeds Act Per-Pupil Expenditure Requirements

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaced the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and requires states to prepare and publish annual report cards that contain specified data elements, including district and school level average Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE). The district will submit this information to the State on February 28, 2020. This presentation will provide information to the Board on the new requirement, review the district's methodology, and outline additional steps taken by staff to further understand differences in spending by school. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto, Executive Director, Kim Kelstrom, and Director, Kaleb Neufeld.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-14. A summary is as follows: A comment made pertaining to new teachers placed at schools with challenging populations; a request was made for balance in terms of teacher experience and teacher placement. How to ensure there is a balance of experience at schools? Comment pertaining to the importance of partnering with organizations working to reduce traumatic childhood experiences and a request to see investments in areas with known underperforming populations. A request to see breakdown of information by region. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto, Executive Director, Kim Kelstrom, and Director, Kaleb Neufeld were available to provide clarity.

For the record, no action was required for this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-15, RECEIVED Fresno Unified School District's Second Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20

C-16, RECEIVED Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

C-17, RECEIVED California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Ballot

C-18, RECEIVED Dailey Elementary Charter School's Renewal Petition

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.