



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

**Fresno, California
March 04, 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 March 04, 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 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through five.

The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Islas by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Michael Habar, Case No. 2016-1082.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Islas by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Phillip Puente, Case No. 2016-0158, WC18-1101-2040.
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Davis by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Linda Armstrong, Case No. 2006-1089, 2006-1221.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Rita McEntire, a parent from Bakman Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEAR Reports from Student Advisory Representatives

The Board heard a report from Richard Romero Student Advisory Representative from Fresno High School and Student Ambassadors from Fort Miller Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted the community's positive response to Measure M and thanked the Fresno Unified School District Trustees for their commitment to providing the best facilities to our students. Thanked community partners who helped get the word out and to Fresno residents.
- Recognized Bullard High School Boys' Basketball team for making it to the division championship. Hoover High School is moving to the next round after their win on Tuesday night.
- Shared information regarding the coronavirus, or COVID-19. Health Services Department and other key departments are in constant contact with the Fresno County Department of Health as both local and state health professionals continue to monitor this new virus. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, is also providing updates. A letter was sent to parents and the community on February 11. The letter is available on the district's home page and on PeachJar. The health risk to the general public in California from COVID-19 continues to remain low. Cases involving children are limited, but there are precautions to prevent the spread of any infectious illness, like a cold or the flu. You can do your part to reduce the spread of germs by remembering these key everyday precautions:
 - If you are sick, stay home; Avoid close contact with those already sick; Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or the crook of your arm; Wash your hands often with soap and water. If you don't have access to soap and water, hand sanitizer with alcohol content of 60% or more is a great alternative; Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth; In addition, custodians are cleaning classrooms and common areas each day as part of their everyday cleaning routine.
- Reminded everyone to look for the 2020 Census arriving at homes mid-March. A correct count will help ensure our students, families, and community are represented accurately. Census Day is on April 1.
- Highlighted the creative approach from J. E. Young students to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Their art will be displayed in May at Art Hop. Thursday night, at the M Street Arts Complex, McLane region's "Sheroes" Art Exhibit will be displayed at Art Hop from 5-8PM. Art will highlight nine historical women, art, ceramics, live performances and a fashion show featuring some students from Ericson, Norseman, and McLane.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Mills: Thanked the community for their support with Measure M. Thanked Fresno High for partnering with Mi Familia Vota and Urban Institute to organize Champions of Democracy. Requested to have middle school student ambassadors listed on the agenda. Shared that Our Lady of Victory is closing and asked staff to reach out with transition of students.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Thanked the community for their support with Measure M. Shared the importance of Census 2020.

Member Islas: Thanked the community for their support with Measure M. Highlighted events in the McLane Region as follows: Duncan Portfolio Day on March 05, 2020, Fundraiser for McLane Girls Golf team. Shared public health information.

Board Clerk Davis: Thanked the community and congratulated the Superintendent regarding Measure M. Shared information pertaining to Baseball Tournament at Sunnyside High School.

Member Cazares: Thanked the community for their support with Measure M. Congratulated Hoover High School Basketball team for moving to the quarter finals.

Board President Thomas: Thanked community for their support with Measure M. Acknowledge support from Kaiser Permanente for donating books to Kirk Elementary. Congratulated Edison Football team for their new coach Cory Hall. Thanked Fresno High School for their work with Little Free Libraries.

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 Board Member Cazares, the consent agenda was approved, apart from Agenda Item A-6, on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas.

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 Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the February 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3a, APPROVE Use of Piggyback Contract for Purchase of Modular Classroom and Restroom Buildings

APPROVED as recommended, a piggyback contract with Silver Creek Industries, Inc. This contract was inadvertently omitted from previous piggyback approval recommendations and is needed to allow purchase of buildings for summer installation to meet schools' projected enrollment and program needs. Utilization of piggyback contracts allows for efficient and cost-effective procurement and is permissible under Public Contract Codes 10299 and 20118. It is a best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another public agency.

A-4, RATIFY Amendment Agreement with The Hanover Research Council, LLC

RATIFIED as recommended, an amendment agreement to expand the research capacity to include two days onsite for focus group facilitation, with a maximum of three focus groups conducted in a single day. These focus groups are in support of gathering input from staff regarding the district's vision, mission and goals. The amendment agreement is February 17, 2020 – June 30, 2020.

A-5, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

A-6, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from December 1, 2019 through December 31, 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, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:

“Item A-6 on tonight’s agenda contains purchase orders for Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contract related to the purchase order; but, because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in the contract. Therefore, consistent with my prior recusals relating to Fresno EOC, and in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to the need for assistance with bussing for students attending Fresno City College.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-7a, DISCUSS and DENY Claim GL19-0807-4747

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Terrence Patrick Slatic, case GL19-0807-4747.

For the record Board Member Major Slatic left the dais for the duration of Agenda Item B-7a.

Presentation by Legal Counsel Shawn Van Wagenen.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-7a

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to the definition of the word censure.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions regarding Agenda Item B-7a. A summary is as follows: Commented that during the Board of Education Meeting on August 07, 2019 a record was established pertaining to the factual basis for the censure and verification that due process was satisfied. Legal Counsel Shawn Van Wagenen was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item B-7a was denied as recommended by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. ABSENT: Board Member Major Slatic.

B-7, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2019/20 Second Interim Financial Report with a Positive Certification

APPROVED as recommended, Fresno Unified School District's 2019/20 Second Interim Financial Report which reflects a positive certification of the district's financial condition.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto.

For the record, there were no comments or questions by Board Members to address Agenda Item B-7.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-7

For the record, there were no individuals from the public wishing to address Agenda Item B-7.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item B-7 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Major Slatic.

B-8, DISCUSS and APPROVE California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Ballot

APPROVED, ballot material for candidates seeking election to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly for Subregion 10-B, Fresno County.

Presentation by Chief of Staff, David Chavez.

For the record, Board Members had questions/comments regarding Agenda Item B-8. A summary is as follows: Comments made to provide information pertaining to number of delegate seats and the candidates. Board Member Mills and Chief of Staff Chavez were available to provide clarity.

For the record, the Board agreed upon the following three candidates: Darrell Carter of Washington USD, Phillip Cervantes of Central USD, and Gilbert Coelho of Firebaugh-Las Deltas USD.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-8

For the record, there were no individuals from the public wishing to address Agenda Item B-8.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, with an amendment by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, Agenda Item B-8 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Major Slatic.

B-9, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2020/21 Strategic Budget Development

The 2020/21 Governor's Proposed Budget was released on January 10, 2020. The Board of Education has discussed the Governor's proposal and the potential impacts on Fresno Unified, as well as the strategic budget development process, at the following Board of Education meetings: January 15, 2020; January 29, 2020; February 12, 2020; and February 26, 2020.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions regarding Agenda Item B-9. A summary is as follows: Requested to extend Cultural Proficiency training to the Transportation Department and Classified Employees. Requested clarity as to the information in the Local Control and Accountability Plan action box on the African American Academic Acceleration (A4) slide. Asked how the district is engaging parents? Asked reason for the decrease in the A4 budget? Comment made pertaining to the A4 budget and how it should not struggle, would like a commitment from the Board. Expressed appreciation for the Cultural Proficiency trainings. Excited about the Robotics Club. Request made for an Equity Walk similar to one seen during a visit to West Sacramento High School. Request for clarity on enrollment for children 3 and 4 years old. Asked if there was an opportunity for students to receive keyboards for tablet. Chief of Equity and Access, Lindsay Sanders, Executive Director, Wendy McCulley, Executive Director, Deanna Mathies, and Chief of Technology, Kurt Madden were available to provide clarity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-9

For the record, there were no individuals from the public wishing to address Agenda Item B-9.

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

B-10, DISCUSS and APPROVE Draft Fresno Unified School District Superintendent Goals for 2020/21

On January 22, 2020, the Board held a Special Meeting to Discuss and Establish the Superintendent's Goals for 2020/21. On February 12, 2020, the Board received a draft copy of goals and has an opportunity to submit revisions to be included for considerations and approval. Draft goals with revisions will be available on, or before, February 28, 2020.

Presentation by Chief of Staff, David Chavez.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions regarding Agenda Item B-10. A summary is as follows: Request for meetings to be calendared with as much advance notice as possible. Comment made pertaining to goal number eight regarding equity in facilities. Comment made regarding equity vs. equality. Requested clarity pertaining to goal number four and if it was collapsed into another goal item. Chief of Staff, David Chavez was available to provide clarity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-10

Andrew Fabela – Spoke to holding Superintendent accountable at time of evaluation.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, Agenda Item B-10 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and Board President Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Major Slatik.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.