



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

Fresno, California

April 15, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the April 15, 2020 Board of Education meeting was held via teleconferencing and available for all members of the public seeking to observe via <http://go.fresnounified.org/ustream/>, or on the Ustream App on your Android or Apple device, Comcast Xfinity Channel 94 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or through the following teleconference line: Teleconference Line – English - Dial in: +1 559-512-2623 Passcode: 141 945 774#. Teleconference Line – Spanish - Dial in: +1 559-512-2623 Passcode: 281 959 252#.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on April 15, 2020, there were present Board Members Davis, Cazares, 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. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through six.

The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Mills, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session on a Workers' Compensation for Shane Soto, Case No. 2005-0576.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Mills, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to promote Edith Navarro, Principal at Kings Canyon Middle School to Administrator, Curriculum Instruction.
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to appoint Bryan Wells, Executive Officer at Instructional Services to Assistant Superintendent, Goal 2.
- On a motion by Board President Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to appoint Heather Allen, Executive Director at Career Education to Executive Officer, Instructional Services.

- On a motion by Board President Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to promote Kali Isom-Moore, Principal on Special Assignment, to Instructional Superintendent, School Leadership.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to tentatively promote (pending 2020/21 budget adoption) Sandra Aguayo, Principal at Winchell Elementary School to Administrator, School Leadership.
- On a motion by Board President Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 the Board took action in closed session to tentatively promote (pending 2020/21 budget adoption) Jennifer Stacy-Alcantara, Principal at Webster Elementary School to Administrator, School Leadership.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted due to COVID-19 crisis, the loss in revenue will not be easy to handle but our Business and Administrative Services team are leading the way across the state and federal landscape with some modeling and planning; anticipating student and staff needs and considering possible risks and offsets. Thanked, Deputy Superintendent Ruthie Quinto and her team, for setting our district up to deal with a crisis such as this, and for leading the way.
- Recognized the work of Food Services team. They show up every weekday to feed our community with love and compassion. Since the beginning of school closure, we have served over ONE MILLION meals for our community. More than 85% of those meals have gone directly to students, with the other 15% serving other family members in need at this time. Thank you to our partner at Fresno EOC, Every Neighborhood Partnership, and our faith community for stepping up and serving our families on Good Friday while our Food Services team and site leaders took a much-needed holiday.
- Stated since the beginning of school closure, the Parent University team has been manning the COVID-19 Call Center. A total of 17 staff members have been answering calls and supporting parents in English, Spanish and Hmong. As the frontline of crisis response to the many questions of our families, students and community – this team has been strong and taking care of one another during this heavy lift. Since the call center was set up on Saturday, March 14, they have taken over 7,500 calls.
- Shared the ATLAS/LCD Help Desk has been fielding calls from families and students as well to help with technology needs during this unprecedented time. In February, they took 700 calls and then experienced a huge jump to over 2,400 calls in March. In just the first half of April, they have received over 3,000 calls. All of this has been done with two permanent staff plus help from others from the Technology team.

Technology is working on setting up a call center specifically for technology support. Thank you, Technology team and site leadership teams for getting out an additional 10,000 devices since the beginning of school closure.

- Highlighted more than 2,000 educators registered for professional learning to build their skills in providing distance learning, the number of students engaging in online learning growing each week, and seeing our teachers finding creative and innovative ways to engage with their students. We recommend checking our website as often as possible and following along on social media for regular updates. Also, for parents, please ensure your phone number and email is up to date in the ATLAS Parent Portal to ensure you are getting SchoolMessenger calls and Rapid Alert text messages for crucial information. For specific updates on grading, IEPs, and SPED services, please head to our COVID-19 webpage on the Fresno Unified website.
- Congratulated Principal Rebecca Wheeler and Executive Assistant Annette Montague for moving on to the next phase to compete for Fresno County Educator of the Year Award. Additionally, he congratulated the Communications team for receiving three awards at the 2020 Cal-SPRA Excellence in Communications Awards. They received two awards of merit for efforts around teacher recruitment and Employee Zone newsletter and an award of excellence for visual communications for the Retiree Celebration. The district is still working on scholarship applications and will be announcing recipients in the coming weeks. Early learning registration is available via phone and electronically for the 20/21 school year. Details are available at the early learning page on our website.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Clerk Davis – Congratulated Superintendent and Food Services for serving 124,000 meals during Spring Break. Acknowledged those in community helping, Every Neighborhood and The People’s Church.

Board Member Mills – Acknowledged Food Services and Technology staff for going above and beyond, and the teaching staff who have shifted to distance learning. Requested information on teacher to family communications.

Board Member Cazares – Thanked staff, administration, and Food Services staff for their service. Stated that she has received calls from families regarding lack of contact by teachers to students. Requested the district to provide information on what the plan of distance learning will look like and then communicate the plan to families.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas – Echoed she has also received calls from families sharing they have not received contact from teacher, specifically English Learner students. Asked if language interpreting service could be provided to help facilitate engagement with parents. Asked how the district will provide specialized materials to English Learner and special education students.

Asked what activities will take place over the summer to provide quality learning opportunities. Asked if mental health staff are available to help those who are struggling.

Board Member Islas – Thanked McLane Region, specifically Leavenworth, Birney, Ewing, Yosemite, Scandinavian, and Duncan for their help with food and distribution to families. Thanked sites that are helping with distribution of technology. Expressed the need for real-time language interpreter services, every parent deserves to be contacted. Thanked community partners, Food Services and Technology staff for work during this time.

Board Member Major Slatic – Shared concerns provided to him by special education parents pertaining to distance learning. Requested a board communication to address the concerns.

Student Board Member Camarillo – Asked if district communications could be provided directly to students.

Board President Thomas – Thanked staff within the Edison Region, specifically Sunset, Columbia, Lincoln, Gaston, Kirk for their work to make sure every student has a tablet. Gaston has a plan to help students know which class to attend each day. Shared that the district is doing good work making sure the community is fed and safe. Requested information pertaining to mentors and paraprofessionals. Shared that she will be providing a virtual town hall meeting with more information to follow.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

For the record, there were no public comments for this portion of the agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Consent Agenda was approved, apart from Agenda Items A-3, A-6, and A-11, on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, 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, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits

APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.

A-3, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

It is recommended the Board approve the appointment of Andrew Fabela to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). Mr. Fabela is nominated by Board Member Slatic. The role of the CBOC, which meets quarterly, is to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the Measure Q and Measure X ballot measures.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions regarding this item. A summary is as follows: Commented the Board should approve nominees unless nominees fail to meet qualifications.

Board President Thomas made a motion to not approve appointment of Andrew Fabela to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and Board Member Islas seconded. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-2-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, Islas, and Board President Thomas. NOES: Board Members Mills and Major Slatic. ABSTENTION: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-4, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of Lindsay "Cal" Johnson to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

A-5, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-20, McLane High School Library Modernization

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-20, to modernize the McLane Library.

A-6, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-30, Roosevelt High School Cafeteria Modernization

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-30, to modernize the Roosevelt cafeteria.

For the record Board Member Jonasson Rosas read a statement as follows:

My residence is located within 500 feet of the southwest edge of the property comprising the Roosevelt High School site. Despite this proximity, an award of Bid 20-30 will have no measurable financial impact on my property because it will modernize the existing cafeteria facility by remodeling the serving and dining areas, updating the kitchen and replacing evaporative cooling with air conditioning all of which improves the building already in place. Moreover, Bid 20-30's impact on my property is indistinguishable from its effect to the majority of other properties within my Trustee area that are part of the Roosevelt High School attendance area. Notwithstanding the absence of any financial impact on my property, I am abstaining from this vote on Bid 20-30 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 in the express purpose of avoiding any appearance of any conflict.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, 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: Davis, Cazares, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-36, Sections A & B, Hoover and Sunnyside High Schools Shade Structures and Site Improvements**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-36, to construct Career Technical Education (CTE) outdoor workspace shade structures at Hoover and Sunnyside High Schools.
- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-40, Cooper and Fort Miller Middle Schools Electrical Upgrades**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-40, for electrical upgrades at Cooper and Fort Miller Middle Schools.
- A-9, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 04 for Fiscal Year 2019/20**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 4 for fiscal year 2019/20.
- A-10, DENY Claim GL19-0910-4945**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL19-0910-4945.
- A-11, RATIFY Grant Application to Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program for the 2020 Grant Cycle and APPROVE Contract with TCG Advisors and Foundation 99 [a 501(c)(3) public charity]**
ITEM PULLED BY STAFF
- A-12, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**
RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 19-10, McLane High School Construction of New Aquatic Center, Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$30,744. Bid 19-20 Section A, Multipurpose Room Improvements for Roeding Elementary School and Cooper Middle School, Change Orders 1-2 presented for ratification (Roeding) \$7,732 and Change Orders 1-3 presented for ratification (Cooper) \$34,568. Bid 19-41, Wawona K-8 School Classroom and Restroom Additions, Change Order 4 presented for ratification: \$81,259. Bid 19-55, Phoenix Secondary Academy Portable Infrastructure and Site Development, Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$52,317. Bid 20-03, Ventura and 10th – Old Juvenile Hall Demolition and Remediation, Phase 2, Deduct Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$-227,437.
- A-13, 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 20-03, Ventura and 10th – Old Juvenile Hall Demolition and Remediation, Phase 2. Bid 20-04, Ahwahnee Middle School Interior Lighting Upgrades.

A-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020
RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from January 01, 2020 through January 31, 2020. For the reported dates, no purchase orders are identified that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. Please be advised that pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270, each individual Board member has a continuing duty to disclose and abstain from voting on any item where the potential for a conflict of interest exists.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, there were no public comments for this portion of the agenda.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-15, DISCUSS and DECIDE in the Matter of the Dailey Elementary Charter School Renewal Petition

Dailey Elementary Charter School (Dailey) delivered a renewal petition to the district seeking authorization to operate July 01, 2020 through June 30, 2025. Dailey currently serves approximately 405 students in grades kindergarten through five. The school is located at 3135 N. Harrison Avenue in Fresno.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity regarding timeline for item and asked if item could be moved to two meetings from today. Legal Counsel Susan Hatmaker was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board President Thomas, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Board approved to discuss Agenda Item B-15 at the end of Conference/Discussion Agenda, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas.

**For the record, there were further questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Would like to allow more time for public input. Expressed concern pertaining to availability of staff report. Requested to ask Dailey for an extension for this item to return to another board meeting. Expressed concern pertaining to timelines regarding conditions of petition when improvements are required. Asked if a shorter term of evaluation/renewal could be considered. Discussed Dailey Elementary Charter benchmarks. Much discussion pertaining to composition of student enrollment. Legal Counsel Susan Hatmaker was available to provide clarity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-15

April Haupt - Dear Sirs/Madams; As a taxpayer within the FUSD district, I humbly request that you do not approve the Dailey Elementary Charter School. It has been my family and many others who have had our children harmed by the administration and teachers of the charter school. Should you bring any concerns (related to IDEA, SELPA, FAPE, ESSA, FERPA, etc.) about the oversight to the Administration, you've painted a target on your child's back, and you will suffer the consequences. They maliciously force families out, as they believe that they are a Charter school and rules don't apply to them, including the governing Charter document. Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is not timely to approve the Charter Renewal, as many in the community are denied the opportunity to participate in the process and have their concerns heard. I have attached a letter outlining my children's experiences with the school due to the 250-word limit applied by your process. Currently, we live walking distance to the school, but are forced to drive out of the county to get an education for my children. It's appalling what the Administration does, and I hope you will not approve the Charter. Thank you for your time. Aprile Haupt (559) 289-1738 (Please include this email to be read into the minutes of the April 15th meeting).

Jessica Hoff Berzac - My name is Jessica Hoff Berzac and I am the mom of 3 Dailey Dragons this year. We've been enrolled with the school since 2012. Dailey is providing a truly remarkable education to its scholars and I highly recommend the charter not only be renewed but that FUSD look to the school model for other students and sites in Fresno. Dailey not only creates great scores and high performers under the IB curriculum, but Dailey also helps foster happy students who are eager to learn and consider their classroom a second home. The innovative teaching styles and constant focus on creative project learning have met the needs of my children who are all very diverse and have different needs. Dailey is a truly great school! 3. **Kristen Maroot-Rippee** My name is Kristen Maroot-Rippee. I have been a very proud and very active Dailey parent since our oldest started kindergarten there in 2011. She is currently wrapping up the middle years program at Cooper Academy. Our middle child is loving first grade at Dailey and if things go as they should tonight, we will walk our youngest through the gates to start kindergarten in the fall. By the time she has moved on from her time at Dailey, we will have been strong supporters of their International Baccalaureate program for its rigorous academics and global outlook, the hard-working Dailey staff, and the community of friends we have formed from there for a solid FIFTEEN years. I cannot imagine the vast void in Fresno if the charter for Dailey and their unique program is not renewed. The students come out on the other side with a strong sense of self, a desire to better and serve their community locally and beyond. Their administrators are great leaders. Their teachers are great leaders. Their students will be the amazing leaders of tomorrow and will be that way largely in part because of their experiences they have at Dailey as a charter school.

I strongly recommend the renewal of the charter and loudly applaud the hard work of the staff at Dailey as they continue to strive to provide our children with the wealth of experiences, conversations, and for fostering a community of life-long learners. Go Dailey class of 2026! Thank you.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the decision in the Matter of the Dailey Elementary Charter School Renewal Petition was approved, by a vote of 5-0-2-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, and Board President Thomas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Members: Mills and Major Slatic.

For the record Board Member Mills requested district Charter Office staff to work with Dailey to address issues raised by the Board. Superintendent Nelson confirmed the district will work with Dailey Elementary Charter.

B-16, 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, February 26, 2020, March 04, 2020 and April 01, 2020..

For the record, there were no public comments for Agenda Item B-16.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity regarding cost of ShotSpotter and sharing cost with The City of Fresno. Expressed importance of ShotSpotter program. Requested clarity on items within the presentation previously requested and to be reconsidered. Requested information pertaining to calculations and scenario planning, would like to dive deep when making decisions. Commented that ShotSpotter is an admirable resource but does not feel it is a program the school district should pay for from the education budget. Requested number of arrests and charges against students as a result of law enforcement on campuses. Expressed concern of district paying for more time for Neighborhood Resource Officers, if paying more, district should be getting more time. Would like assurances that more time and effort will be dedicated proportionally to schools. Requested a cost benefit analysis for opportunity to hire district's own safety officers. Requested information pertaining to number of people and cost savings due to part-time substitutes no longer working. Requested clarity pertaining to 1 x 1 system for student laptop devices and quality of devices. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Human Resources Officer Idsvoog, Chief Technology Officer Madden and Superintendent Nelson were available to provide clarity.

For the record no action was required for this item.

B-17, DISCUSS and APPROVE Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2020/21 and 2021/22

Included in the Board binders are proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years. These dates will not preclude either additions or changes any time throughout the year.

For the record, there were no public comments for Agenda Item B-17.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-17. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity on workshop dates and asked why dates are not staggered. Expressed concern about meetings being held on Wednesdays. Requested dates be posted to Board Member calendars. Requested when Board Workshops are scheduled/cancelled to be notified two weeks in advance of date. Chief of Staff Chavez was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item B-17 was approved, by 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.

**For the record at this time the Board returned to Agenda Item A-15.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.