



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

**Fresno, California
May 06, 2020**

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the May 06, 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 May 06, 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 5:59 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 to approve a settlement agreement in a Special Education Office of Administrative Hearings Case number 2020030335.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in closed session to tentatively lateral (pending 2020/21 budget approval) Denise Romero-Whittle, Principal at Kirk Elementary School to Principal at Webster Elementary School.
- 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 to tentatively lateral (pending 2020/21 budget approval) Karina Stenfort, Principal at Jackson Elementary School to Principal II at Winchell Elementary School.

- 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 appoint (pending 2020/21 budget approval) Tobaise Brookins, Vice Principal Fort Miller Middle School, to Principal II at Kirk Elementary School.
- 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 Courtney Curtis, Vice Principal on Special Assignment to Principal III at Gaston Middle School.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in closed session to promote Rick Perez, Vice Principal at Cooper Academy Middle School to Principal III at Kings Canyon Middle School.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, by a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in closed session to promote Marilyn Lopez-Cuevas, Principal at Balderas Elementary School to Principal III at Tehipite Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted Teacher Appreciation Day and School Nurse Appreciation Day. Thanked everyone who participated in the daily challenges – chalk art, pictures, and videos. Without our Teachers we would be nothing as a school district. And without our Nurses, especially in a time like now, we'd be lost! Thanked all our Teachers and Nurses for their commitment to our students and their hard work, day in and day out.
- Recognized Nurses that are retiring this year: Lisa Balucas, Registered Nurse with Early Learning, Patricia Atitiya, Registered Nurse at Rata, Doris Austin, Licensed Vocational Nurse at ATP, Christine Mott, and Medi-Call Technician with Health Services.
- Stated last week we also honored Bus Drivers, Principals, and School Lunch Heroes!
- Shared the district announced its plans regarding virtual senior celebrations and virtual summer learning on April 27. We will have more information coming out for both topics next week. I want to be clear – We are still committed to providing an in-person graduation when it is safe to again gather in groups. Keep an eye on our website for the updates.
- Highlighted Fresno Unified students will have the opportunity to take their AP exams online at home May 11-22. Earlier this week, students received detailed instructions through their Fresno Unified email as to how to log on for each of their AP tests using their unique AP ID. On test day, students will need to log on 30 minutes before the start time, so we encourage students to practice and preview

the test experience as well as their technology prior to the test. For further information regarding AP exam formatting and resources, please have your student check their Fresno Unified or other personal email account linked to College Board, contact their AP teacher or call the Fresno Unified AP help line at 666-4272. Also, tune in Friday to our district livestream conversation where we'll be talking about AP testing and grading. We will be live streaming live from our website, Facebook and Instagram at 12:30pm.

- Shared the district is now accepting applications for all Preschool and Prekindergarten Programs for the 2020 school year. You can find the HOW TO ENROLL link under the parent tab at www.fresnounified.org. All new students, regardless of age or grade, can enroll online from this link as well. For more information and to make an appointment over the phone, please call The Early Learning Department, 559-457-3416.
- Shared College and Career Readiness has begun issuing work permits during school closure by appointment only. In alignment to California Labor Law, students are only authorized to work outside of school hours, which remains in effect despite school closures, and cannot exceed recommended total number of hours. For more information, please email: workpermits@fresnounified.org
- Shared we are NOT returning physically to school this academic year. There has been some confusion this week with "phase 2" of our state and city reopening that would include our classrooms. Unfortunately, that is not the case and our campuses are closed for the remainder of the school year.
- Encouraged the community to complete their Census form if they have not already. It takes just a few minutes and means so much to the funding of crucial services in our community, including schools.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Mills – Expressed her appreciation for schools including Board Members in messages to parents. Requested schools identify themselves in the message.

Board Member Cazares – Thanked teachers who are going above and beyond to reach out to students. Requested staff to find out if teachers are doing the bare minimum, stated doing the bare minimum is not enough

Board Member Islas – Shared a shout outs to: Duncan for creating face shields; Ewing and Mrs. Ping's online learning videos; Mayfair engaged 200 families on Facebook; Rowell for good work hosting concert for Cinco de Mayo and celebrating Dual Immersion; Leavenworth for contacting 100% of parents and 100% of teachers engaged; Ericson still has construction underway. Commented on encouraging people to listen to experts and their recommendations regarding COVID-19, and denounced xenophobia against Asian community.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas – Shared ideas provided by parents as follows: request for a point of contact for Spanish speaking parents, utilizing television to get lessons to families, find a way to provide tutorial to help parents use translation tools. Requested an update on the transfers process and for staff to investigate tablets not able to run i-Ready.

Board Member Major Slatic – Requested information pertaining to how many students are logging in to lessons, who, how long, and if students are being contacted.

Board Clerk Davis – Shared a shout out to the Goal 2 team. Thanked the Superintendent for Fresno Unified being light years ahead of other districts.

Board President Thomas – Thanked Lindsay Sanders, Kurt Madden and Reggie Rueben for their work. Requested, by next Board meeting, information regarding how many busses working to provided students internet access. Shared phone number for Spanish speaking parents to use for help. Commented that she is not part of the Herrera bidding process. Acknowledged nurses and teachers. Provided shout out to Gaston teachers for student engagement.

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 Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Consent Agenda was approved, apart from Agenda Items A-3, A-4, A-8, A-14, A-15, and A-19, by 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 Minutes from Prior Meetings

APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes for the April 01, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 04 – 08, 2020 as Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week

ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming May 04 – 08, 2020 as Teacher/ Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-3. A summary is as follows: Expressed appreciations for the 519 teachers and the 1,032 staff members, that take care of the 10,334 students in the Sunnyside Region.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item A-3 was approved, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas.

- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 06, 2020 as National School Nurse Day ADOPTED as recommended**, a Proclamation declaring May 06, 2020 as National School Nurse Day.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-4. A summary is as follows: Provided a shout out to nurses and shared that May 12 is the 200 birthday of Florence Nightingale. Recognized the valuable contribution and service nurses provide.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item A-4 was approved, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas.

- A-5, ADOPT Resolution 19-39, to Certify Measure M Bond Election and Designate Existing Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to Act as Such for Measure M ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution 19-39, certifying the results of the March 3, 2020 Measure M Bond Election to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in accordance with Education Code section 15274.

- A-6, APPROVE Carl D. Perkins Applications for Funding APPROVED as recommended**, the 2020/21 Carl D. Perkins Applications for Funding. There are two separate applications, one each for the secondary and postsecondary (Adult School) Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.

- A-7, APPROVE Contract with Education Elements to Support Personalized Learning Initiative Wave 3 Partner Schools for the Design/Rollout of Personalized, Blended Learning APPROVED as recommended**, the Education Elements contract for the design/rollout of personalized, blended learning.

- A-8, APPROVE Contracts with TCG Advisors and Foundation 99 APPROVED as recommended**, contracts with TCG Advisors and Foundation 99 [a 501(c)(3) public charity] to improve economic stability for employees and residents of the Fresno Unified School District diverse local community.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-8. A summary is as follows: Expressed appreciation for information pertaining to this item provided to the Board. Shared concern regarding reserve levels being insufficient to cover cost of this item. Suggested this item be moved to September 2020 for consideration. Requested clarification

on source of funds. Expressed appreciation for the financial literacy tools this will provide to the community. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas with an amendment to approve contingent on receipt of grant funds from Kaiser Permanente, Agenda Item A-8 was approved, by a roll call vote of 5-2-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatik. NOES: Board Member Islas and Board President Thomas.

A-9, APPROVE Internal Audit and Fraud Investigation Services Contract with Price Paige & Company

APPROVED as recommended, independent contractor agreement with Price Paige & Company for Internal Audit and Fraud Investigation Services for the period of July 01, 2020 to June 30, 2023, resulting from Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 20-23.

A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-32, Playground Wood Chips for Elementary Schools

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-32, to establish fixed pricing for the purchase of wood chips for areas around playground structures at district elementary schools.

A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-34 Sections A and B, Multipurpose Building HVAC Upgrades for Gibson, Holland, Manchester, Powers-Ginsburg Elementary Schools, and Baird Middle School; and Reject Award of Base Bid for Ericson Elementary School

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-34 Sections A and B, to provide air conditioning to the multipurpose buildings (cafeterias) at Ericson, Gibson, Holland, Manchester, Powers-Ginsburg Elementary Schools and Baird Middle School. The

A-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-41, Scandinavian Middle School Gymnasium Make-Up Air Units Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-41, to replace heating and cooling units that serve the gymnasium and exercise room for Scandinavian Middle School.

A-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-43 Sections A, B and C, Playground Equipment Installation for Various Elementary Schools

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-43 Sections A, B and C, for installation of primary-level playground equipment, including shade, at Birney, Figarden, Gibson, Heaton, King, Kratt, and Robinson Elementary Schools.

A-14, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 20-45, Case Management Services

APPROVED as recommended, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 20-45, qualifying organizations to provide intensive case management services to

students and parents selected for the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative (A4) Summer School and other A4 initiatives.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:

“Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) is one of the organizations that has been pre-qualified in RFQ 20-45 to provide case management services in connection with the African American Academic Acceleration Program and its Initiatives. I am employed by Fresno EOC which is a nonprofit corporation; however, I did not participate in the making of the contract related to RFQ 20-45. Nevertheless, because of my employment with Fresno EOC I have a remote financial interest in that 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 Clerk Davis, seconded by Board President Thomas, Agenda Item A-14 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. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-15, APPROVE the 2020/2021 Annual Membership Dues with the Council of the Great City Schools

APPROVED as recommended, the 2020/21 annual membership dues with the Council of the Great City Schools.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-15. A summary is as follows: Expressed support for approval of this item. Expressed concern for cost of this item in view of current budget. Suggested Board to consider this item in September. Discussed the possibility of cancelling membership to the National School Boards Association. Requested staff to communicate to the public the support received from the Council of the Great City Schools. Superintendent Nelson was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item A-15 was approved, by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, and Board President Thomas. NOES: Board Member Mills.

A-16, RATIFY Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the Marsh McLennan Agency for insurance consulting and brokerage services related to the Liability and Workers' Compensation Internal Service Funds.

A-17, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 19-10, McLane High School Construction of New Aquatic Center. Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$393,339; Bid 19-41, Wawona K-8 School Classroom and Restroom Additions, Change Order 5 presented for ratification: \$104,527; Bid 19-50 Sections A and B, Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure for Ewing, Kirk, Phoenix Elementary, Sunset, Vang Pao and Wilson Elementary Schools, Change Order 2 presented for ratification (Ewing): \$25,867 and Change Order 1 presented for ratification (Wilson): \$4,248; Bid 20-10, Cambridge High School Student Services and Administration Office Improvements, Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$16,488.

A-18, RATIFY Purchase Orders from February 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from February 01, 2020 through February 29, 2020. 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-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from February 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from February 01, 2020 through February 29, 2020.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:

“Item A-19 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 Clerk Davis, seconded by Board President Thomas, Agenda Item A-19 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 Islas.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

David Miller - Yes, my name is David Miller I'm owner of Fresno Produce. This is concerning the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program audit that I received the completed audit the other day. My question to the Board is I think this proves the findings that over \$700,000 are unaccounted for and probably much more than that, I'm guessing in the \$10 million dollar range. My question would be is First Quality paying that back. Second question is I see you are soliciting First Quality for future bids and wanting them to do or wanting to do further business with them. My question is why, and shouldn't he be put on probation for at least a year or two? Taxpayer's money was taken, and I don't know if he did pay it back but that would be my question to the Board was why are we doing business with someone we uh have a report saying a lot of money was over charged. Anyway, that was the main problem I had, uh and I need answers to that question, please. Thanks a lot, over and out, stay safe, bye bye.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-20, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2020/21 Strategic Budget Development PRESENTED and DISCUSSED, the 2020/21 Governor's Proposed Budget released on January 10, 2020.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-20

For the record there were no public comments to address Agenda Item B-20.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-20. A summary is as follows: Expressed appreciation for time provided to Board Members to go through presentation with staff. Recognized numbers provided are preliminary. Shared it is challenging to plan without knowing certainty of what budget; there are mandates and priorities that need to be met. Education needs to be at the center. Requested when Board is look at costing saving measures to look at difference of acting now versus acting later. Requested to see in depth scenario planning and potentially a sensitivity analysis. Requested to see detailed cost saving measures in current budget year and next couple years. Requested when Board is look at costing saving measures to look at difference of acting now versus acting later. Suggested looking at implementing a hiring freeze now vs later, entering a contract now versus later. Requested all contracts have language included to protect the District if it becomes prudent to pull out of contract. Thanked staff for presentation. Shared expectations for special education have been provided to Assistant Superintendent Brian Beck. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto was available to provide clarity.

For the record, no action was required for Agenda Item B-20.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Item C-21.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.