



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
2309 TULARE STREET  
BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR  
FRESNO, CA 93721-2287  
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**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**  
**\*4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) \*5:15 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

PLEASE NOTE: \*DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the January 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting will be held via teleconferencing and will be 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:

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**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (b)(2), all action taken during this teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call vote.**

**\*4:30 P.M.**

**CALL Meeting to Order**

**OPPORTUNITY** for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

**RECESS** to Cabinet Room for Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions Pursuant to Education Code Section 35146.
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator - (Government Code Section 54957.6); FUSD Negotiator(s): Paul Idsvoog; Employee Organizations(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Fresno Unified Building & Construction Trades/FTA; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees.
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation.
4. Public Employment/Appointment - (Government Code Section 54957).
5. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated/Pending/Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).
  - a. Potential Case: One (1)
  - b. Michelle Kasner-Goodell v. Fresno Unified Workers' Compensation  
Fresno Unified Case No. 2016-0837
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending/Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)).
  - a. Potential Case: One (1)

**\*5:15 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

**HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

An opportunity is provided to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives from Edison High School. Contact person: Kim Mecum, 457-3731.

**HEAR Report from Superintendent**

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items**

**ALL CONSENT AGENDA** items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**

Included in the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

### **A-2, ADOPT Resolutions Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District**

Included in the Board binders are Resolutions 20-07 through 20-11 presented for adoption to update authorized officials to sign various business transactions on behalf of Fresno Unified School District. These resolutions will be effective for the period beginning January 13, 2021, until revoked or superseded. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

### **A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**

Included in the Board binders are the draft minutes from the December 09, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Superintendent, Dr. Robert G. Nelson, telephone 457-3884.

### **A-4, APPROVE Appointment to the Audit Committee**

It is recommended the Board approve the appointment of Arthur Montejano to the Fresno Unified School District Audit Committee. The Audit Committee convened on December 07, 2020 and voted to recommend approval of this appointment to the Board of Education. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

### **A-5, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Corwin Press, Inc.**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Corwin Press, Inc. for professional learning sessions with Doug Fisher for teachers and leaders. Dr. Fisher will provide a three-hour professional learning session for 350 site and department leaders aligned to the content of, The Distance Learning Playbook for School Leaders and three optional professional learning sessions for up to 3000 teachers aligned to the resource, The Distance Learning Playbook, as a follow up to the sessions held in August and November. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$20,250 are available in the School Leadership budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

### **A-6, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Good Company Players**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Good Company Players. As part of the Any Given Child initiative, Good Company Players created a script aligned with fifth-grade standards and has performed for all fifth-grade students since April 2017. The show is “Founding Fathers and Mothers” written by Laurie Pessano. This experience will now shift to a virtual experience for 2021 with a professionally edited video of the performance to be shared with all fifth-grade classes and a follow-up question and answer session with the playwright, actors, and production manager, broadcast to all fifth-grade classes. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$15,840 are available in the Visual and Performing Arts Department budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-7, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Men of Color in Educational Leadership**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement for the national organization, Men of Color in Educational Leadership, to provide mentoring services to African American site leaders from January to June 2021. Support will include six monthly sessions of group development and mentoring, individual one on one mentoring sessions for each participant, and guidance and direction for district leaders to improve systems of support for male leaders of color. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$48,000 are available in the Leadership Development budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-8, APPROVE an Independent Contractor Services Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Elizabeth Magruder**

Included in the Board binders for consideration and approval is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Elizabeth Magruder. The contract term is from January 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for her support in the Language Learning Project. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$30,000 are available in the Early Learning Department budget. This agreement is funded by a grant from the California Department of Education. Contact person: Lindsay Sanders, telephone 457-3471.

### **A-9, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with American Ambulance**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with American Ambulance. Fresno Unified has utilized American Ambulance to provide required services at all Fresno Unified high school football games. High School tackle football games are scheduled to begin after January 18, 2021 at which time the district will need to utilize the services of American Ambulance.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$40,000 are available in the Goal 2 budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-10, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Riddell Football**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Riddell Football. Fresno Unified has used Riddell Football for annual reconditioning and recertification of all tackle football helmets and shoulder pads as deemed necessary by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE). All equipment will be inspected, cleaned, and painted before being delivered back to the school sites. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$70,000 are available in the Goal 2 budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-11, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with San Joaquin Valley Officials Association - Central California Amateur Arbiters Sport Officials**

Included in the Board binders is an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with San Joaquin Valley Officials Association (SJVOA) - Central California Amateur Arbiters Sport Officials (CCAA). Fresno Unified has used SJVOA and CCAA to provide officiating services for elementary, middle school, and high school season contests. The athletic season is scheduled to begin after January 18, 2021 for high school sports at which time Fresno Unified will begin utilizing the services of SJVOA and CCAA. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$600,000 are available in the Goal 2 budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-12, APPROVE Agreement with Thoughtexchange**

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Thought Exchange for an interactive crowdsourcing platform for the 2021 calendar year. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$45,000 are available in the General Fund. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

### **A-13, APPROVE Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Advanced Medical Personnel, Inc.**

Included in the Board binders is an addendum to the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Advanced Medical Personnel, Inc. in the amount of \$2,015,579. Advanced Medical Personnel, Inc. will provide additional speech/language services for students in lieu of other contracted vendors. While in distance learning, services will be provided remotely. Once students return to campus, services will be provided in-person which will significantly increase the amount of services provided in-person compared to previous years. This

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

addendum commences on January 14, 2021 and ends June 30, 2021. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$2,015,579 will be shifted from other contracted vendors within the Special Education Department budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

### **A-14, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-16, Mayfair Elementary School Masonry Block Wall**

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 21-16, to install a new 600 linear foot masonry block wall at the north fence line at Mayfair Elementary School. The eight-foot-high block wall will replace the existing chain-link fence and provide added security to students and staff by creating a barrier between the canal, criminal activity, and homeless encampments adjacent to school grounds. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: McPhee Masonry, Inc. (Oakdale, California) \$331,282. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$331,282 are available in the School Facilities Fund budget. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

### **A-15, APPROVE Award of Request for Information 21-22, Academic Return on Investment Services**

It is recommended the Board approve the award of Request for Information (RFI) 21-22, for Academic Return on Invest (A-ROI) services. The district is seeking a qualified firm to provide A-ROI analysis and training to develop approaches to evaluate the effectiveness of district programs in relation to investments. Deliverables requested are a report summarizing the cost-effectiveness of key district initiatives, and training for the district's senior staff to enable future A-ROI analysis. Staff recommends award to the best value respondent: District Management Group (Boston, MA) \$485,000. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$485,000 are available in the General Fund. Contact person: Superintendent, Dr. Robert G. Nelson, telephone 457-3884.

### **A-16, RATIFY a Multi-year Lease Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno**

Ratification is requested for a lease agreement for the Helm Home Building to be used by the Early Learning Department to facilitate the Play and Learn Group. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$20,000 are available in the Early Learning Department budget. This lease will cost \$20,000 per year, totaling \$40,000 and is funded by a grant from The Packard Foundation. Contact person: Lindsay Sanders, telephone 457-3471.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

### **A-17, RATIFY an Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Kern County Superintendent of Schools**

Ratification is requested for an agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Kern County Superintendent of Schools from December 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The cost will be \$100,000 and is funded by a grant from the California Department of Education. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the Early Learning budget. Contact person: Lindsay Sanders, telephone 457-3471.

### **A-18, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to Provide Student Meals to Career Technical Education Charter High School**

Included in the Board binders and recommended for ratification is an agreement with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) for Fresno Unified to provide student meals to approximately 150 students at the Career Technical Education Charter High School. The district responded to and was awarded a Request for Proposals for the service, which includes daily preparation, transportation and delivery of meals that meet the requirements of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. The agreement is for the period January 11, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with the option of two one-year extensions. FCSS will pay the district an established rate per meal provided. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: District costs will be offset by the per-meal rate paid by FCSS. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

### **A-19, RATIFY Agreement with Dr-Graphix**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Dr-Graphix (David Rodriguez) to provide large scale design and graphic work. The contract agreement provided is for January 01, 2021 – June 30, 2021. The scope of work is to cover additional unforeseen projects related to COVID communications and reopening schools. Contracts were issued July 13, 2020 – June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$14,999 and issued September 14, 2020 – September 30, 2020 for the branding and marketing services for the districts adopted district vision, mission, core values and goals. The combined total of contracts will equal \$78,757. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$78,757 are available in the Communications Office budget. Contact person: Nikki Henry, telephone 457-3653.

### **A-20, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below**

Included in the Board binders is information on Change Orders for the following projects:

- Bid 19-51 Sections B and C, Mechanical Improvements for Malloch Elementary School and Tehipite Middle School

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

- Bid 20-36 Section A, Hoover High School Shade Structure and Site Improvements

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$27,172 are available in the General Fund for Bid 20-36 Section A. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

### **A-21, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

Included in the Board binders is a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications.

- Bid 20-15, Viking Elementary School Modular Classrooms and Restroom Infrastructure
- Bid 20-46 Sections A and B, Vinland Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion and Site Access Improvements

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Retention funds are released in accordance with contract terms and California statutes. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

### **A-22, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 01, 2020 through October 31, 2020, and Zero-Dollar Contracts**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from October 1, 2020 through October 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. Also included for ratification is a list of zero-dollar contracts that specify terms but where no funds will be exchanged between Fresno Unified and other entities. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Funding is noted on the attached pages. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA  
(ROLL CALL VOTE)**



## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Members of the public with questions on school district issues may submit them in writing. The Board will automatically refer to the Superintendent any formal requests that are brought before them at this time. The appropriate staff member will furnish answers to questions

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**\*6:30 P.M.**

### **B-23, DISCUSS and DECIDE in the Matter of the Aspen Ridge Public School Charter Petition**

Aspen Public Schools, Inc. has delivered a petition to the district to operate a new charter, Aspen Ridge Public School, seeking authorization to operate July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2026. The charter proposes to open Fall 2021 with 200 students in grades seven through ten. The petition was received by the Charter Office on September 21, 2020 and a Public Hearing was held at the November 4, 2020 Board meeting. The Superintendent will recommend a decision the night of the Board meeting. Fiscal impact: The estimated fiscal impact to Fresno Unified School District for 2021/22 is \$1,316,073. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued**

**\*6:50 P.M.**

### **B-24, DISCUSS and DECIDE in the Matter of the Golden Charter Academy Charter Petition**

Golden Charter Academy, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, has delivered a petition to the district to operate a new charter, Golden Charter Academy, seeking authorization to operate July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2026. The charter proposes to open Fall 2021 with 198 students in grades transitional kindergarten through third. The petition was received by the Charter Office on October 23, 2020 and a Public Hearing was held at the December 09, 2020 Board meeting. The Superintendent will recommend a decision the night of the Board meeting. Fiscal impact: The estimated fiscal impact to Fresno Unified School District for 2021/22 is \$1,182,389. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

**\*7:10 P.M.**

### **B-25, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2020-2021 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 143**

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public-school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative. Included in the Board binders is a copy of the Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 143. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: The estimated cost is included in the disclosure agreement. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3548.

**\*7:15 P.M.**

### **B-26, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2019/20 Bond Annual Report**

The 2019/20 Bond Annual Report is included in the Board binders and will be presented on behalf of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). The purpose of the CBOC is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues, and its duties are to review the quarterly bond expenditure reports produced by the district's independent accountant and present an annual report indicating the district's compliance with the Constitution of the State of California. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

## **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

### **C-27, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies**

Included in the Board binders are proposed revisions for the following seven Board Policies (BP):

- (DELTE) BP 5112.2 Exclusions from Attendance
- BP 5113.1 Chronic Absence and Truancy
- BP 5126 Awards for Achievement
- (NEW) BP 5141.5 Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health
- BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment
- BP 6020 Parental Involvement
- BP 6179 Supplemental Instruction

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The items will be brought back for approval at a future Board meeting. There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3566.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2021**