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**Fresno, California
January 20, 2021**

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the January 20, 2021 Board of Education meeting was held via teleconferencing and was 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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At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on January 20, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Davis. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

Board President Davis 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 5:48 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Board took action in closed session to grant Superintendent Dr. Nelson a positive evaluation, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard a report from Ishan Singh and Gwendolyn Aguilar, Student Advisory Board representatives from Sunnyside High School, and students from Kings Canyon Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Reflected on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Especially at this time in our country, with the violence at our Capitol earlier this month and with today's historic inauguration of President Biden and Vice President Harris, Dr. King's work and words are as poignant as ever. I find it incredibly important to remember that Dr. King's work was not celebrated in his time as we celebrate it today, and there is still much more work to be done. When we push in our continued journeys toward Cultural Proficiency, meeting push back along the way, we can think of Dr. King's resolve to work on behalf of what we know to be right even when it's hard, uncomfortable, and met with resistance. Today, we can rejoice in the significance and progress of inaugurating our country's first female, first black, and first south Asian Vice President and also know that tomorrow, the hard work must continue.
- Congratulated our 2020 Hour of Code winners – Manchester GATE Elementary School and Wawona Middle School. We want to thank all our sites, teachers, and students for making this event possible. We appreciate your love for technology.
- Celebrated our Licensed Vocational Nursing cohort who will be graduating this Friday. The students started their academic journey in August 2019, with an original graduation date in September 2020, but were delayed by COVID-19 restrictions on clinical patient care. Congratulations to our LVN graduates and thank you for your continued dedication to serving our community.
- Reminded everyone our Excellence in Education Awards is coming up. Next Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. we will be streaming our Excellence in Education Awards on our website and our social media channels for all to join the celebration. We are so proud of our nominees and can't wait to celebrate our winners next week, virtually.
- Reminded everyone LCAP meetings continue tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. with the Fresno High Region. We have already completed the Hoover Region, McLane/Duncan Region, and the first Spanish Town Halls with a great response and great engagement from those in attendance. Please join us for one of our eight upcoming meetings to ensure your voice is heard in our budgeting process. You can find all dates, times and links to the virtual LCAP meetings on our website at www.fresnounified.org.
- Reminded everyone we will be kicking off Black History Month on Monday, February 1 with our virtual 7th Annual Edison Region Black History Month Program. You will be able to watch the program live at 6:00 p.m. on our website, social media and CMAC. This program is always incredible, and even with COVID restrictions we know this year will be incredible as well. Thank you to Lisa Nichols, our BSU teams, and all our staff and students who are involved in making this event happen.

- Mentioned next week, Thursday, January 28 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. we will be holding a virtual information meeting on our next Leadership Cohort for credentialed staff interested in an administrative credential.
- Reminded students to join in the Cultural Cooking Challenge before the deadline next Friday, January 29. We are excited about this challenge and creating our first ever Fresno Unified Family Cookbook, all from your families amazing recipes. Head to our website to learn more on how to submit your recipe.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Cazares: Thanked staff and parents for participating in the Hoover High School LCAP meetings. Expressed appreciation for Kurt Madden. Addressed the capacity at Hoover High School.

Member Mills: Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson for his positive evaluation. Thanked Kurt Madden for his service to the district. Shared a date and time reminder for the Fresno High School LCAP meeting.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson on his evaluation. Thanked Kurt Madden. Shared a date and time reminder for the Roosevelt High School LCAP meeting. Requested to be part of a conversation to expand dual enrollment in a partnership with State Center Community College District.

Member Islas: Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson on his positive evaluation. Commended staff on a job well done pertaining to the McLane LCAP meeting. Recognized we now have Kamala Harris, the first woman and the first woman of color, as vice president of the United States.

Member Major Slatic: Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson and shared Mr. Madden would be missed. Read a proposal for getting students back to school. Requested the district to have a red-shirt year.

Board Clerk Thomas: Thanked Tammy Townsend for her work with the LCAP meetings. Shared date and time for the Edison High School LCAP meeting. Recognized Kurt Madden. Thanked the community for Martin Luther King, Jr. activities. Shared reminder for the 7th Annual Gaston Middle School Black History Month presentation. Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson on his unanimous, positive evaluation and for receiving the Diane L. Brooks Administrative Award for 2020 from the California Council in Social Studies, and the Top Dog Award for 2021 for the Division of Graduate Studies from California State University, Fresno.

Board President Davis: Congratulated Superintendent Dr. Nelson on his positive

evaluation. Thanked Kurt Madden for his service to the district.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board received zero submissions for public comment for items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Consent Agenda with the exception of items A-8 and A-11 which were pulled by the Board for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatc, Thomas and Board President Davis.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**
APPROVED as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.
- A-2, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming the Month of February 2021 as African American History Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2021 as African America History Month.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes from the December 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2020/21**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 3 for fiscal year 2020/21.
- A-5, APPROVE the 2020/21 Fresno Unified Career Technical Education Advisory Committee**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2020/21 Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Member List.
- A-6, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 21-13, Student Internet Service Beyond Campus: Wireless Broadband Solution**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposal (RFP) 21-13, to implement and maintain a private LTE network that improves student internet access beyond school campuses.
- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-23, Public Address Intercom Equipment**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 21-23, to establish fixed unit pricing for equipment to be installed to improve public address systems at district

schools.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-8, APPROVED Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

APPROVED with modifications requested, proposed revisions for the following seven Board Policies (BP): (DELETE) 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. For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-8. A summary is as follows: Referenced the new policy pertaining to emotional well-being and mental health and the timeliness of the policy. Commented that as the policy now stands it is reactionary to crisis and does not address how to build support and grow mental wellness. Recommended the policy include items to build support and grow mental wellness. Addressed the policy pertaining to parent involvement and asked that all policies be easily accessible in the languages parents can read. Referenced the policy pertaining to supplemental instruction and asked if there is an opportunity to include a parent referral in the policy. Sandra Aguayo was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, Agenda Item A-8 was approved with a request for policies to be made available in the languages our community can understand and read, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

A-9, APPROVE the 2021 List of Board Member Committee and Organization Assignments

APPROVED as recommended, the 2021 list of committees and organizations to which Board Members are appointed each year.

A-10, DENY Claim GL20-0928-5183

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Jovan Mendez, case GL20-0928-5183.

A-11, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects:

- Bid 19-42 Sections B, C and D, Lighting Improvements Phase 3: (Section B) Heaton, Manchester, Mayfair, Norseman, and Phoenix Academy Elementary Schools and Fresno High School; (Section C) Balderas, Calwa, Greenberg, and Storey Elementary Schools, Terronez Middle School, and Sunnyside High School; (Section D) Hidalgo, Leavenworth, and Lowell

Elementary Schools, Edison High School, Cesar Chavez Adult School, and The Center for Professional Development
Change Order 3 (Sections B, C, D) presented for ratification: \$-14,159

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- Bid 19-51 Sections B and C, Mechanical Improvements for Malloch Elementary School and Tehipite Middle School
Change Order 3 (Tehipite) presented for ratification: \$74,466
- Bid 20-11, Ericson Elementary School Early Learning Building Construction and Interim Housing Infrastructure
Change Orders 4 and 5 (Early Learning Building) presented for ratification: \$93,029
- Bid 20-30, Roosevelt High School Cafeteria Modernization
Change Order 1 and 2 presented for ratification: \$226,470
- Bid 20-34 Section A, Gibson, Holland, Manchester Elementary Schools Multipurpose Building HVAC Upgrades
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$2,284
- Bid 20-34 Section B, Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School, and Baird Middle School, Multipurpose Building HVAC Upgrades
Change Orders 1 and 2 (Powers-Ginsburg) presented for ratification: \$31,932
Change Orders 2 and 3 (Baird) presented for ratification: \$27,359
- Bid 20-48, Computech Middle School Parking Lot Improvements and Modular Classroom Infrastructure
Change Orders 1 and 2 (Modular Infrastructure) presented for ratification: \$-11,078
Change Orders 2 and 3 (Parking Lot) presented for ratification: \$43,805

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

Agenda Item A-11 calls for the ratification of change orders for several projects, including Bid 20-30 regarding the Roosevelt High School cafeteria modernization. My residence is located within 500 feet of the southwest edge of the property comprising the Roosevelt High School site. Despite this proximity, ratifying change orders 1 and 2 for Bid 20-30 will have no measurable financial impact on my property because this modernization project is to the cafeteria facility already in place and part of RHS. Moreover, the impact of ratifying the change orders 1 and 2 for Bid 20-30 is indistinguishable from its effect on the majority of the residential properties within my trustee area that are part of Roosevelt

High School's attendance area. Notwithstanding the absence of any financial impact on my property, I am abstaining from the vote to ratify change orders 1 and 2 for Bid 20-30 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding the appearance of any conflict.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

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

A-12, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 20-37, Edison High School Athletic Track Replacement.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, one submission of public comment was received for Unscheduled Oral Communications. It is as follows:

1. Emma Doidge

1) How is the District planning to train teachers to teach in a hybrid environment--teaching students in class and online at the same time? No teacher I've spoken to has been made aware of any training for this new venture the District plans on implementing when/if we teach Orange Tier Status. No information is available for anyone--teachers, parents, students--regarding this potential huge change in learning environment. This learning format has the potential to be severely detrimental, especially for elementary students who need allot more interaction and direct involvement with teachers to adequately learn.

2a) How is the District going to ensure a fair and equal education for ALL students if a hybrid environment is implemented? It seems to me that one group of students, those online or those in the classroom, will have to be ignored in order to adequately teach in either format, since one necessitates sitting in front of a screen teaching and the other standing in front of a classroom.

2b) Will the District be installing High Definition wide angle cameras in EVERY single classroom to ensure students at home receive the same education (as much as possible) as those in the classroom? What is the proposed budget for this and the timeline for installation?

3) How will students be selected to go back to campus if more opt to go back than are allowed in the classroom? Especially for middle and high school, where the proposed percentage allowed back is only 25% at **(250-word limit reached)**.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-13, PRESENT and DISCUSS Update on the Proposed Program and Facility for the New Ventura & Tenth School

The presentation updated the Board of Education on the proposed facility and program designs for the new campus located at Ventura and Tenth. Included in the presentation was an update on Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities and CTE pathways for the new facility which showed alignment to local workforce development needs.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, no submission of public comment was received for Agenda Item B-13.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Thanked Superintendent Dr. Nelson and staff for making this project happen. Commented this is an opportunity to provide to some of our neediest students and hoped this will show students they are valued by the district and will help students feel excitement for their future and pride in their community. Requested clarity as to the slide pertaining to the timeline. Requested clarity as to the ripples this will have in the district. Commented this is part of a larger picture to serve our students and community. Commented on the CTE pathways that will be offered to students which can allow for a college route if chosen. Requested an opportunity be provided to students and the community to participate in choosing the art and esthetics of the facility. Commented in favor of using a project labor agreement for the facility. Commended the staff for looking at programs that would help students and serve the community. Commented this will be the best facility in the Valley.

B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS Overview of Governor's 2021/22 Proposed State Budget

Staff presented an overview of the 2021/22 Proposed State Budget to the Board of Education on January 20, 2021.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, no submission of public comment was received for Agenda Item B-14.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda

Item B-14. A summary is as follows: Commended Mr. Danisi for his work in keeping the Board apprised of the district's finances. Expressed appreciation for CalPERS and CalSTRS numbers being included in the presentation.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:49 p.m.