



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

April 07, 2021

Roosevelt High School, Cafeteria, 4250 E. Tulare Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on April 07, 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 ADJORNED to Closed Session to address items one through six.

For the record, Board Clerk Thomas arrived at 4:50 p.m.

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Santino Danisi to Chief Financial Officer, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Board took action in Closed Session on the lateral hire of Miguel Naranjo to Principal of Juan Phillipe Herrera Elementary School, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Catherine Aujero to Principal III of Bullard TALENT K-8 School, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Benny

Reporting Out of Closed Session - continued

Wahyudi, Fresno Unified Case No. WC19-0816-3513, 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.

- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Rachel Dominguez, Fresno Unified Case No. WC19-0329-2855, 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.

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Patrick Jensen led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Advisory Representatives

The Board heard a report from Arianna Reyes, Student Advisory Representative from Cambridge High School and student ambassadors from Sequoia Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Thanked Roosevelt High School for hosting the board meeting. It was a fantastic start to in-person instruction for our preschool through second graders and grades 7, 9 and our seniors. Next week, we welcome the remainder of our grades. From this starting place, we will continue to expand the number of students and the duration of time kids will be taught in person. We will continue adding arts, athletics, and activities to get our community to the greatest degree of normalcy that we can. We are planning for in-person, outdoor graduation ceremonies as well as in-person summer education options. At the same time, we are finalizing plans for next school year - addressing unfinished learning with focus on literacy, credit recovery and providing on-campus social emotional supports. As part of our reopening, I want to give a shout-out to EOC for their support in launching our COVID testing for student athletes.
- Shared at times it may have felt like we were stuck in place, we have, however pushed forward in so many areas, including the planning for our new alternative education campus at 10th and Ventura. Today, we launch the naming process for this innovative and exciting education complex. Please go to Fresnounified.org and let us know your ideas for naming our newest campus.

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

- Congratulated the newest cohort of National Board-Certified teachers. Starting in 2015, Fresno Unified develop a support program for teachers who wished to pursue National Board Certification, one of the highest marks of teaching accomplishment. Since the start of the program, 39 teachers have successfully achieved certification. The district is proud to recognize this year's newest recipients: Meagan Andrade, Donna Cardona, Debbie Downs, Lisa Milazzo, Terry O'Leary, Jacqueline Somers, Laura Vallejo, and Sidney Vang! Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!
- Shared April is Autism Awareness Month. This is an opportunity to increase our knowledge of autism, as well as recognize the work our staff does to serve our students with autism.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Cazares: Expressed appreciation for our Goal 2 team, athletic directors, coaches, student athletes and their adherence to safety protocols. Requested if when available to open sports to elementary level. Thanked, staff, teachers, and parents for patience with returning to school and the area-wide internet outage experienced yesterday. Shared information regarding Ethnic Studies Meeting on April 22, 2021. Requested staff to look into ethnic studies materials at the elementary level. Requested metrics of where parents stand regarding returning to school or continuing distance learning. Reminded seniors of scholarship season.

Member Islas: Recognized National No Housework Day. Celebrated good work of Facilities Department. Referenced Ericson Elementary School. Provided a public service message regarding COVID vaccinations for 16 years and older. Recognized Gaston for vaccination site. Shout out to good work of Public Health Department.

Clerk Thomas: Shared how excited she was to visit sites and thanked Facilities staff for their work in preparing the schools. Was happy to see students in place ready to learn.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Shared appreciation for return to school. Recognized new cafeteria at Roosevelt. Thanked Principal Allen for gracious hospitality.

Member Major Slatic: Recognized National Vice Principal Appreciation Week. Referenced transportation difficulties and requested data which includes mode of transportation of returning students; how many using the city bus, walking, riding bicycle, and district bus.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION - continued

President Davis: Thanked Principal Allen and Campus Culture Director Cerda. Thanked Facilities staff. Thanked Board colleagues.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

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

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Consent Agenda with the exception of items A-7 and A-14, 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 Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

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

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 March 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 03, 2021 Board Workshop and the March 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

ADOPTED as recommended, a declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

A-5, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-6, APPROVE Amendment to Agreement with Forensic Analytical Consulting Services

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Forensic Analytical Consulting Services for the provision of environmental health consulting services related to COVID-19.

A-7, APPROVE Grant Proposal to the Wallace Foundation – Equity-Centered Pipeline Initiative

APPROVED as recommended, a grant proposal to the Wallace Foundation for the Equity-Centered Pipeline Initiative.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, the Board approved Agenda Item A-7 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-8, APPROVE Submission of Grant Applications to the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program, and Authorize Acceptance of Grant Awards and Entering into Grant Agreements

APPROVED as recommended, the submission of grant applications to the California Energy Commission for the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program and authorized the acceptance of grant awards and entering into grant agreements if awarded program funds.

A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-37, Hoover High School Multipurpose Room HVAC Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 21-37, to replace the existing heating and cooling system in the multipurpose room (cafeteria) and kitchen at Hoover High School.

A-10, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts

APPROVED as recommended, information regarding two piggyback contracts recommended for use during the remainder of 2020/21 for efficient and cost-effective procurement.

A-11, RATIFY Annual Agreement with Fresno County Early Stars Program

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Fresno County Early Stars Program. The service agreement is to continue our participation in Fresno County Early Stars Program, Quality Rating Improvement System.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-12, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

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

- Bid 20-11, Ericson Elementary School Early Learning Building Construction and Interim Housing Infrastructure
Change Order 2 presented for ratification (Interim Housing): \$-10,911
Change Orders 7-9 presented for ratification (Early Learning Building): \$53,119
- Bid 20-20, McLane High School Library Modernization
Change Order 5 presented for ratification \$59,424
- Bid 21-08, Sunnyside High School Stadium Turf Installation
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$80,010

A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from January 01, 2021 through January 31, 2021 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from January 01, 2021 through January 31, 2021. 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-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from January 01, 2021 through January 31, 2021 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from January 01, 2021 through January 31, 2021.

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

“Item A-14 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains a purchase order for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contracts related to these purchase order; but, because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in the contracts. 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 Thomas, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board approved Agenda Item A-14 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.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received 13 requests to address the Board and 25 email submissions of public comment for Unscheduled Oral Communications. They are as follows:

Requests to address the Board

1. Danielle Loucks: Open schools five days a week.
2. Andrew Fabela: Complaint of violation of State Education Code.
3. Terry Cox: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
4. Emilia Morris: Manchester GATE, teacher issue.
5. Marcelino Valdez: Open schools five days a week.
6. Sue Repanich: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
7. Lori Pastré: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
8. Michelle Bentzen: Open schools five days a week.
9. Lawana Daniels: Open schools five days a week.
10. Jeff Trussler: Open schools five days a week.
11. Katie Jerkovich: Open schools five days a week.
12. Kim Samarin: Open schools five days a week.
13. Cheri Perry: Open schools five days a week.

Email submissions

1. Michael Der Manouel: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
2. Timothy Cavagnaro: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
3. David Bane: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
4. Mark Goto: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
5. Gene Marquez: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
6. Diane Falge: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
7. Vanessa Kachadurian: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
8. Janelle Carey (Mitchell): Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
9. Sue Repanich Hague: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
10. Alan M. Pules: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
11. Angelica Figueroa: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
12. Gary Nakagawa: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
13. Robert Atkins: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
14. Christopher Pindari: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
15. Tony Henson: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
16. Christopher Blasdale: Manchester GATE, teacher issue.
17. Eunice Davidson: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
18. Susanne Jung: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
19. Josette Losurdo: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
20. Raymond Hernandez: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
21. Tom Marsella: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
22. Elizabeth Potter: Dissatisfaction with the hybrid schedule.
23. Cecilia Patino Funk: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
24. Sue Gong Lee: Rescind decision - Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
25. Emilia Morris: Manchester GATE, teacher issue.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-15, PRESENT and DISCUSS Center for Advanced Research and Technology Student Presentation

Students from the Center for Advanced Research and Technology Law Lab presented and recommended the district develop a more robust LGBTQ+ curriculum. Students provided Board Members a copy of the pamphlet they created.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received 1 submission of public comment for Agenda Item B15 as follows:

1. Ryan Orme: Support of the LGBTQ+ presentation.

B-16, ~~HOLD a Public Hearing in the Matter of the Graham Yalle Academy Charter Petition~~

Item PULLED from Agenda by Petitioner

B-17, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2021/22 Strategic Budget Development

The Board of Education has discussed the Governor's proposed Budget and the potential impacts on Fresno Unified, as well as the strategic budget development process, at previous Board Meetings as follows: January 20, 2021, February 17, 2021, March 17, 2021, February 03, 2021 and March 10, 2021. On April 07, 2021, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B17.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 8:43 p.m.