



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

April 21, 2021

McLane High School, Library, 2727 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93703.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on April 21, 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.

The BOARD RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:17 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Timona Martin to Principal III at Baird 5-8 Middle School, by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Thomas, and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.
- On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Javan Childs to Principal III at Computech Middle School, by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Thomas, and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board took action in Closed Session to lateral Antonio Sanchez to Principal III at Calwa Elementary School, 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 Mills, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to lateral hire Brian Beck to Assistant Superintendent in the Instructional Division, 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.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wulf, Principal of McLane led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Advisory Representatives

The Board heard a report from Mia Ferguson, Student Advisory Representative from Bullard High School and student ambassadors from Wawona Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Shared, next week a letter will be landing at home for students regarding the Summer Academy program. This program is the traditional summer school program – helping elementary and middle school students catch up on their academic skills areas like literacy or math while providing opportunities for high school students to recover academic credits. Last year we launched a unique and new offering with the summer camp programs – these are student enrichment opportunities above and beyond academic recovery. More will be shared around summer camps next month, including how students can register.
- Shared, our Board will review and discuss staff plans for the district’s outdoor in-person graduation plans for the Class of 2021. Seniors deserve to be celebrated and with local health conditions improving and Fresno County reaching the orange tier, we look forward to celebrating our class of 2020 and 2021.
- Shared, all three of our district’s Excellence in Education winners moved on to the Fresno County Educator of the Year awards have been selected as finalists in their categories. Kaylah Salinas, a computer lab tech at Fresno High School is a finalist for Employee of the Year. Norseman Elementary School teacher Dana Hobby is a finalist for Teacher of the Year and Gaston Middle School principal Courtney Curtis is a finalist for Administrator of the Year. They will compete against two other finalists from throughout the county in their categories, with winners announced in November.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Student Member Morales: Provided the Board a summary of the California Student Leadership conference attended by district leadership students.

Student Member Singh: Provided a personal statement as a student and a proud Sikh human being regarding issues taking place in today’s world. Addressing negativity with love.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION - continued

Member Major Slatic: Requested a Board Communication regarding topics as follows: tickets for graduation, and students that receive free lunch being required to purchase a milk when they bring their own lunch to school.

Member Cazares: Requested a Board Communication regarding movement from student cohort C (virtual) to in-person cohort, clarity on if there is room.

Member Islas: Shared a few shout outs: Ewing Elementary School staff and principal for how they welcome their students to school; Thanked the Fresno County Library for book donation to Rowell; Ericson Elementary School; Recognized Gia Yang a student at Yosemite Middle School who is the top digital reader; Thanked student board member Singh for his comments. Referenced policing in schools and the contract pulled in November along with public comments for the item being pulled, looking forward to the item returning for a deeper discussion.

Clerk Thomas: Shared she is proud of the schools in the Edison Region. Requested district leadership to look at making COVID-19 protocols clear regarding reasons to send students home from school; shared she has received calls regarding students being sent home for sneezing and cramps.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Thanked Phoenix and Alternative Education team for tour of site, shared she is excited about the future. Highlighted the Board Communication regarding Student and Family Wellness Hubs.

Member Mills: Requested a Board Communication regarding social security for Classified employees.

President Davis: Thanked Superintendent for safety and testing protocols in place for the Football season.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received two requests to address the Board on Consent Agenda Items. They are as follows:

1. Andrew Fabela: A-10 - Requested clarity for need of change orders.
2. Andrew Fabela: A-11 - Requested clarity for need of change orders.

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Consent Agenda, was approved, with the exception of A-10 and A-11 which were pulled by the Board for discussion, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Member: Jonasson Rosas.

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 April 07, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 6 – 10, 2021 Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming May 06 – 10, 2021 as Teacher/ Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.
- A-5, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders**
ADOPTED as recommended, a Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education (CTE) credential holders.
- A-6, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2020/21**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 4 for fiscal year 2020/21.
- A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-35, Jackson Elementary Multipurpose Building Reconstruction**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 21-35, for demolition of the existing multipurpose building (cafeteria) built in 1950 at Jackson Elementary School, and construction of a new facility.
- A-8, APPROVE Graduation Agreements for the Class of 2020 and 2021**
APPROVED as recommended, three Independent Contractor Services Agreements and tentative schedules for the Class of 2020 and 2021 graduation ceremonies.
- A-9, RATIFY Grant Application to the Learning Communities for School Success Program**
RATIFIED as recommended, a grant application to the California Department of Education for the Learning Communities for School Success Program.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-10, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

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

- Bid 20-20, McLane High Library Modernization
Change Order 6 presented for ratification \$ 19,595
- Bid 20-30, Roosevelt High School Cafeteria Modernization
Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$ 152,621
- Bid 20-49, Juan Felipe Herrera New Elementary School
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$ 123,740

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

“Agenda Item A-10 calls for the ratification of change order #4 for Bid 20-30 for 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 order #4 for Bid 20-30 will have no measurable financial impact on my property because this modernization project improves a cafeteria facility already in place as part of Roosevelt High School. Moreover, the impact of ratifying change order #4 to 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 order #4 for Bid 20-30 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding the appearance of any conflict.”

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item A-10 was approved 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. ABSENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-11, 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 20-20, McLane High Library Modernization
- Bid 21-08, Sunnyside High School Stadium Turf Installation

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item A-11 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.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received 18 requests to address the Board and 3 email submissions of public comment for Unscheduled Oral Communications. They are as follows:

Requests to Address the Board

1. Katie Jerkovich: Open communication.
2. Robyn Jones: Open schools full time.
3. Marcelino Valdez: Open communication.
4. Earl Aguilera: Police free schools.
5. Marisa Moraza: Police free schools.
6. Sue Hague: Rescind decision – Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
7. Jim Tuck: Rescind decision – Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
8. Shaun Ardemagni: Rescind decision – Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
9. Terry Cox: Rescind decision – Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
10. Marinarde Soto: Police free schools.
11. Martha Soto: Police free schools.
12. Lori Pastre: Rescind decision – Fresno High School Mascot Imagery.
13. Andrew Fabela: Asked why a Trustee was absent and if she can fulfill duties.
14. Michelle Bentzen: Open schools full-time.
15. Jeff Trussler: Open schools full-time.
16. Jasmin Leiva: Police free schools.
17. Grisanti Avendano: Police free schools.
18. Cheri Perry: Open schools full-time.

Email Submissions

1. Gavin Harrison: Police free schools.
2. Samantha Marcogliese: Open schools full-time.
3. Amber Esquivel: Police free schools.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-12, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCLOSURE and RATIFICATION of the 2019-2022 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B12.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, Agenda Item B-12 was ratified 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.

B-13, PRESENT and DISCUSS Student Voice Collaborative for the 2020/21 School Year

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B13.

B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS Introduction to Attendance Boundary Adjustments

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B14.

B-15, 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, and April 07, 2021. On April 21, 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 B15.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:35 p.m.