



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

**Fresno, California
November 17, 2021**

Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on November 17, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and ADJORNED to Closed Session to address items one through five.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- No actions to report from Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Communications Officer Nikki Henry led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized November as Sikh Heritage Month. The California Legislature proclaimed November 2021 as Sikh Heritage Month across the state and I'm proud our district is doing the same. Our Sikh and Punjabi community have made incredible contributions locally, statewide and nationally. Please take some time this month to learn more and to celebrate our Sikh community.
- Thanked all staff who joined our second virtual staff town hall yesterday afternoon. We we're able to answer some common questions from our teams regarding the most up to date COVID-19 protocols, our substitute teacher recruitment efforts and progress, and much more. You should have received the recording and presentation via email from the Communications Department this afternoon.
- Discussed our joint statement on Monday with the Fresno Teachers Association. Fresno Unified and the Fresno Teachers Association continue to discuss ways in which to address teacher concerns around planning and preparation time. We announced on Monday the first agreed-upon method meant to provide flexibility. Beginning this past Monday, all scheduled Professional Learning/Professional Learning Community meetings for the remainder of the first semester are at the discretion of the educators on site, without expectation of mandated meeting hours. We recognize that this pandemic version of education has been a challenge

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for all involved and that supporting our classrooms is our first priority. We look forward to continued collaboration in support of teaching and learning.

- Shared, yesterday, myself and members of our Executive Cabinet had the opportunity to tour Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary as it continues moving through the construction process. First, thank you to Principal Naranjo and to our Facilities team for a wonderful tour. We've learned much over the years and I'm proud to see a lot of the things at Herrera that we have come to realize are great for our elementary school students and for our local communities. Things such as; a designated music room, including rehearsal and recording areas, private office spaces for social workers, psychologists and nursing staff, maker spaces, designated preschool spaces with appropriately sized fixtures, a larger soccer field and snack bar for community games, and a school health clinic facility to be staffed by a community health partner. To our Board, you should have an invite shortly to take your tour and I hope you all get to join to see your investment progress. Thank you, Fresnans, for your support of bonds to help build great facilities and programs for our kids.
- Announced, official grand opening tomorrow of Fresno High's newest Career Technical Education building. The facility houses a state-of-the-art Video Production studio, HVAC and Construction spaces and a Presentation Space / Career Center that will be utilized by school, district and community partners. Board members have all received an invitation to join us tomorrow and I hope to see you all there as we celebrate!
- Congratulated Trustee Islas for being selected as a 2021 Hero for the Central Valley Health Policy Institute in the College of Health and Human Services at Fresno State. We're proud to see your health and human services work recognized!
- Shared a great video highlighting the recent Basketball Camp in honor of Homeless Youth Awareness Month in November.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received two requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Andrew Fabella: Asked how staff will encourage parents to attend Springboard workshops, A-7.
2. Andrew Fabella: Commented on importance of tutoring services, A-14.

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-3, A-7, A-11, and A-14, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President Davis. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

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. The Superintendent recommends approval.

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 October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming November 2021 as Sikh Heritage Month

ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming November 2021, as Sikh Heritage Month.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A3. A summary is as follows: Thanked the Sikh Community for their contributions to the San Joaquin Valley. Read an excerpt from the resolution.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, Agenda Item A3 was adopted on a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A-4, APPROVE Agreement with Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Winter Camp 2021

APPROVED as recommended, a request to approve an agreement with Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Winter Camp 2021 to provide enrichment learning opportunities for Fresno Unified students in grades K-4.

A-5, APPROVE Agreement with Artist Jason Esquivel as Part of Winter Session 2021

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with artist Jason Esquivel who will provide mural art experiences to students at six Fresno Unified middle schools during Winter Session 2021.

A-6, APPROVE Agreement with Mindsets Learning, Inc. to Support Winter Camps 2021

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APPROVED as recommended, an agreement for Mindsets Learning, Inc. The agreement will furnish Fresno Unified with a Common Core State Standard-aligned math program called “Mindsets Learning Challenges” designed to improve educational outcomes for students through authentic real- world learning challenges as part of Winter Camp 2021.

A-7, APPROVE Agreement with Springboard Collaborative

APPROVED as recommended, the Springboard Collaborative agreement to offer after school literacy programs at ten identified elementary sites in Spring 2022.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, Agenda Item A7 was approved on a vote of 6-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A-8, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Physmetrics, LLC

APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Physmetrics to administer chiropractic and acupuncture services on behalf of benefit eligible employees and retirees.

A-9, APPROVE Addendum to the Center for Advanced Research and Technology Operating Agreement

APPROVED as recommended, an Addendum to the Operating Agreement between Fresno Unified School District, Clovis Unified School District, and the Center for Advanced Research and Technology to replace classroom chairs.

A-10, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement for the California Teaching Fellows Foundation

APPROVED as recommended, a request to amend an agreement with the California Teaching Fellows Foundation for increased tutoring services in the after-school expansion.

A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-04, Fresh Organic Produce

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-04, to establish fixed pricing of fresh organic produce for the district’s breakfast, lunch and super snack meal programs.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-11. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if the district is experiencing a deficiency in meeting USDA requirements of approved fruit and vegetable offerings. Requested clarity as to if the district is using any unique efforts to bring small farmers into the district as vendors. Commented on aggregation systems needed to help small farmers meet the demand. Requested clarity as to

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when vendors are added will this item return to the Board. Stressed the need for a variety of fruit and vegetable options for students. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item A-11 was approved on a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-14, Ahwahnee Middle School Locker Room Heating Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-14, to replace the existing gas-fired heaters in the Boys and Girls Locker Rooms with new forced air heaters.

A-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-15, Edison High School Multipurpose Room HVAC Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, is information on Bid 22-15, to replace the existing heating and cooling system that services the stage in the multipurpose room at Edison High School.

A-14, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 22-09, Extended Learning Enrichment Services

APPROVED as recommended, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 22-09, to provide a pool of qualified vendors to provide enrichment services outside of the regular school day.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda A-14. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if an opportunity was provided for vendors not already on the approved vendors list to participate. Requested clarity as to if these vendors will function as after school providers. Expressed the importance of valuation metrics when agreements come to the Board. Requested in future meetings staff inform the Board of supports and services vendors will be offering, specifically in after school programming. Requested clarity as to how request for services are made. Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Ward was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, Agenda Item A-14 was approved by a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.

A-15, RATIFY Agreement with Key2Ed

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Key2Ed.

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A-16, RATIFY Change Orders

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

- Bid 20-49, Juan Felipe Herrera New Elementary School
Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$83,643
- Bid 21-11, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition
Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$113,678
- Bid 21-25, Hoover High School Career Technical Education (CTE)
Building and Construction Trades, Classroom Shop Improvements
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$30,682
- Bid 21-35, Jackson Elementary School Multipurpose Building
Reconstruction
Change Order 1 (MPR Bldg) presented for ratification \$3,877
Change Order 1 (Shade Structure) presented for ratification
\$7,595
- Bid 21-45, Webster Elementary School Multipurpose Room Plumbing
Replacement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$10,146
- Bid 21-47A, Burroughs Elementary School Energy Management
System Replacement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$10,209
- Bid 21-47B, Eaton and Rowell Elementary Schools Energy
Management System Replacement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$5,997
- Bid 21-49, Chilled Water Buffer Installation at Various Sites
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$5,100
- Bid 21-51, Sunnyside High School Track Resurfacing
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$20,668

A-17, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which has been completed according to plans and specifications.

- Bid 21-45, Webster Elementary School Multipurpose Room Plumbing
Replacement

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- Bid 21-49, Chilled Water Buffer Tank Installation at Various Sites Bid 21-51, Sunnyside High School Track Resurfacing

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received five requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

1. Nida Guzon Palmore: Community involvement, transparency and accounting.
2. Eric Rollins: Learning loss.
3. James Barr: Praise for eLearn Academy and JE Young.
4. Andrew Fabella: Information requested.
5. Joe Russomano: Vaccine mandates, masks.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-18, DISCUSS Measure M Update and APPROVE Revised Measure M Investment Priorities

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received one request to address the Board on Agenda Item B-18. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Andrew Fabela: Use of Bond funds.

For the record, Board Clerk Thomas motioned to approve Agenda Item A18. Before a second was provided, Board members had comments/questions to address.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-18. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to which of the seven high school gymnasiums will not have air conditioning after all scheduled projects are completed. Commented on hesitation of planning next bond projects by adding a two-story cafeteria at Fresno High due to not knowing what the community will request at that future time. Commented on higher areas of concern for the project list that pertain to points of access and safety issues. Commented on the number of portables on campuses and the conditions of portables. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board Member Cazares made a motion to add Bullard High

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School's second gymnasium to the project list for air conditioning. Board Clerk Thomas seconded. A vote was not completed due to a prior motion in need of action.

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, Agenda Item B-18 was approved by a vote of 4-2-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Members: Cazares and Major Slatic. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

For the record discussion to clarify which motion was acted on followed. Chief of Staff Chavez provided clarity that the first motion by Clerk Thomas to approve Agenda Item B-18 as presented was what the Board voted on and approved; and staff at the direction of the majority of the Board and with a commitment from the Superintendent will add the Bullard High School second gymnasium air conditioning project to the work list.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of one item as follows:

C-19, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District First Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021/22

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Cazares: Commented on meetings with Hoover teachers pertaining to security concerns and thanked staff for leaning into conversations and addressing concerns. Shared excitement for first dedicated music room at Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School. Shared appreciation for district's standard moving forward for elementary schools to have music rooms. Requested clarity as to the opportunity for an open house event to view the new school. Requested follow-up to request for copy of Tioga site plan. Requested staff to help with parking issues at Hoover on Barstow.

Board President Davis: Thanked Superintendent for bond clarification. Shared information on meal distribution during Thanksgiving break. Thanked speaker for comments pertaining to eLearn Academy. Thanked parents for participating in Parent University classes. Shout out to Fresno State for recognizing Board Member Veva Islas.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Thanked Roosevelt for ring. Commented on Dual Enrollment Board Communication and requested additional information on planning and expansion.

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Student Member Singh: Read a statement regarding a student concern pertaining to student participation in school events. Specifically, to selling tickets only on-line and with an additional \$1 service charge; this creates a divide for students which do not have access to technology or a debit card.

Student Member Islas: Thanked and commended staff for supporting student vaccine clinics. Commented on scientific clinical trials supporting student vaccines. Encouraged people to be vaccinated.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 8:06 p.m.