



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
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AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
***4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) *5:30 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE BACK TO IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS.

*DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES.

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Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board shall submit a speaker card specifying the item(s) they wish to address. The card must be submitted before the Board President announces the specific agenda item.

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TRANSLATION SERVICES: Available in Spanish and Hmong in the meeting room upon request.

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

CALL Meeting to Order

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

RECESS 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).
 - a. Principal
5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)).
 - a. Potential Case (One)
 - b. Keven Page v. Fresno Unified Workers' Compensation
Fresno Unified Case No. WC18-1106-1915

***5:30 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A staff member will lead the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

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.

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A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

The Board of Education received and considered the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the November 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-3, ADOPT Resolution in Support of Dual Enrollment

Included in the Board binders is a resolution in support of Dual Enrollment and the equitable expansion of Dual Enrollment offerings for Fresno Unified students. This resolution identifies the goal of expanding current dual enrollment offerings within all high schools to provide up to 12 units of transferable dual enrollment credit for students. This resolution includes six priority areas that will be a focus and guide as we seek to equitably expand dual enrollment within Fresno Unified. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-4, ADOPT Fresno Unified School District Resolution #21-14

Included in the Board binders is a State of California, Fresno Unified School District Resolution #21-14. This Resolution authorizes Santino Danisi, Chief Financial Officer authorization to sign and execute all documents by the California Department of Rehabilitation. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-5, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Elixir Insurance Company

Included in the Board Binders is a renewal agreement with Elixir Insurance Company, formerly Envision Insurance, to provide Medicare eligible retiree prescription benefit services. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Annual estimated cost of \$8.2 million is available in the Internal Service Health Fund. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

A-6, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Kaiser Permanente

Included in the Board binders is a renewal agreement with Kaiser Permanente to provide medical services on behalf of benefit eligible employees and retirees. The district has offered medical benefit coverage through Kaiser Permanente since April 01, 2012. Kaiser is one of two different medical networks under which district employees and retirees access medical care. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Annual estimated cost of \$17.1 million is available in the Internal Service Health Fund. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-7, APPROVE Agreement with Activities Integrating Math and Science Education Foundation for Fresno Unified Winter Session 2021

Included in the Board binder is an agreement for Activities Integrating Math and Science (AIMS) Education Foundation. The AIMS Education Foundation will be utilized to provide professional learning, instructional activities, and materials for students in grades fourth through sixth during the Winter Session 2021: December 21, 2021, through January 06, 2022. Materials will include activities for ten classroom sessions of designated sites to last three to four hours each. AIMS will also provide professional learning materials for teachers to use in preparation for the sessions. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$34,650 are available in the Extended Learning budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-8, APPROVE Agreement with Arte Americas

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Arte Americas. Arte Americas agrees to provide three separate three-day performing arts camps for up to 60 students in grades four through six at each camp (180 students total). Students will participate in a variety of enrichment activities. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$42,276 are available in the Extended Learning Department budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement with Deborah McCoy

Included in the Board binders is an agreement for Deborah McCoy. Deborah McCoy Talent Gallery will provide a ten-day performing art camp for up to 50 students in grades first through sixth. The camp will run from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm for each of the ten days. Students will learn Hip Hop, Art, Photography, and Musical Theater and will perform in showcase for families on the final day of the program. Cost per student \$60 per day and covered by the Extended Learning budget. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$30,000 are available in the Extended Learning budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-10, APPROVE the California Teaching Fellows Foundation to Support Winter Camps 2021- Mindsets Learning, Inc. Agreement

Included in the Board binders is a request to approve an agreement with Mindsets Learning, Inc. for the California Teaching Fellows Foundation. The California Teaching Fellows Foundation will provide Fresno Unified School District with an enrichment program based on the afterschool and summer programs. Enrichment will focus on Arts and Crafts, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Leadership with an emphasis on Service Learning and Social and Emotional Learning as part of Winter Camp 2021. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$301,982 are available in the Extended Learning budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

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A-11, APPROVE Agreement with Adventure Education Solutions

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Adventure Education Solutions for Fresno Unified Winter Session 2021. Adventure Education Solutions agrees to provide three separate three-day camps over the winter break in the areas of Winter Sports, Climbing and Fishing. These outdoor recreation, environmental science, and leadership development themed camps will be held for students in grades five through eight, free of charge. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$229,162 are available in the Extended Learning Department budget. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-12, APPROVE Request for Material Revision by Aspen Meadow Public School

Included in the Board binders is a copy of the revised Aspen Meadow Public School Petition and supporting documents delivered to the District on November 10, 2021 by Executive Director, Shelly Lether. Aspen Meadow Public School is requesting the following material revisions to its educational program: (1) Changes to the educational program by deletion of all references to grades seven and eight throughout the petition; and (2) The addition of required legal updates, including language modifications to reflect current Education Code. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-13, APPROVE Request for Material Revision by Aspen Valley Prep Academy

Included in the Board binders is a copy of the revised Aspen Valley Prep Academy Petition and supporting documents delivered to the District on November 10, 2021 by Executive Director, Shelly Lether. Aspen Valley Prep Academy is requesting the following material revisions to its educational program: (1) Changes to the educational program by deletion of all references to grades seventh and eighth throughout the petition; and (2) the addition of required legal updates, including language modifications to reflect current Education Code. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

A-14, APPROVE Grant Application to the California Department of Education for National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance

It is recommended the Board approve submission of a grant application to the California Department of Education for a 2021 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant. The grant provides funding to help schools serve healthier meals, provide meal service during pandemic or natural disaster, improve food safety, and help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast program. The district is requesting funding to support the purchase of a new meal delivery truck to replace an inoperable 1999 model. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: The grant will provide up to \$100,000 for the purchase of the delivery truck; additional funding is available in

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

the Cafeteria Fund to support the approximate \$135,000 vehicle cost. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-15, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts

Included in the Board binders and recommended for approval is a list of 12 piggyback contracts for use during 2021/22 for efficient and cost-effective procurement. This is in addition to piggyback contracts approved by the Board previously, to allow for expedited purchases related to science and technology, HVAC equipment, student meal services, security hardware, performing arts supplies, and modular buildings. Use of piggyback contracts is allowed under Public Contract Codes 10299 and 20118 and is a procurement best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another school district or public agency. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Estimated annual expenditures for each piggyback contract (if utilized) are indicated on the backup material; funding will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Impact: Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-16, APPROVE Rejection of Bid 22-16, Tenaya Middle School Office and Site/Walk Improvements

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 22-16, for new steel picket and chain-link fencing and gates, concrete sidewalks, entry canopy, new main office exterior doors and landscape and lighting improvements at Tenaya Middle School to improve safety and security for students, staff and visitors. Staff recommends rejecting all bids due to bid prices being significantly higher than the estimated amount. The project scope will be evaluated for modification and rebid in the future. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: Rejecting the bids results in no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-17, RATIFY Addendum with New Life Physical Therapy Services, dba Goodfellow Therapy

Included in the board binders is an addendum with New Life Physical Therapy Services, dba Goodfellow Therapy in the amount of \$96,000. The New Life Physical Therapy Services, dba Goodfellow will provide full time Occupational Therapy Services and Certified Occupational Therapist Assistants services with students who have been identified with these services on their Individualized Education Plans. The term of the Addendum commenced October 11, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds of \$96,000 are available in the Special Education Department. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

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A-21, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice 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 21-37, Hoover High School Multipurpose Room HVAC Replacement

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 September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 – Primary Report

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from September 1, 2021 through September 30, 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. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding is noted on the attached pages. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-23, RATIFY Purchase Orders from September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 – Supplemental Report

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from September 1, 2021 through September 30, 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. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Funding is noted on the attached pages. Contact person: Karin Temple, telephone 457-3134.

A-24, RATIFY NAVEX Service Agreement

In the NAVEX service agreement, the vendor will provide us continued support for the framework of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This work will be year 2 of a 3-year agreement dating from September 17, 2021-September 16, 2022. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal Impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$56,200 are available in the Equity & Access budget. Contact person: Lindsay Sanders, telephone 457-3842.

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Individuals who wish to address the Board on topics within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, but **not** listed on this agenda may do so at this time. If you wish to address the Board on a specific item that is listed on the agenda, you should do so when that specific item is called. Individuals shall submit a speaker card specifying the topic they wish to address. The card must be submitted before the Board President announces unscheduled oral communications.

While time limitations are at the discretion of the Board President, generally members of the public will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker for a total of thirty (30) minutes of public comment as designated on this agenda. Any individual who has not had an opportunity to address the Board during this initial thirty (30) minute period may do so at the end of the meeting after the Board has addressed all remaining items on this agenda. Without taking action and only as expressly permitted by Board Bylaw 9323, Board members may ask questions, make brief announcements, or provide a brief response to statements presented by the public about topics raised in unscheduled oral communications. Board members must be recognized by the President in order to speak and will generally be limited to no more than one (1) minute each for this purpose. The Board President shall have the discretion to further limit Board members' opportunity to speak on topics raised in unscheduled oral communications to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of district business.

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-25, PRESENT and DISCUSS Special Education Update

Staff will present an overview of the "Improving Special Education Services in the Fresno Unified School District" – Update. The aim and drivers are aligned to the recommendations from the Council of the Great City Schools Improving Special Education Services in the Fresno Unified School District report with a focus on accelerating student learning during the global pandemic. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

***7:00 P.M.**

B-26, PRESENT and DISCUSS Redistricting of Trustee Areas within Fresno Unified School District

The purpose of this presentation is to continue discussing the redistricting of Trustee Areas within Fresno Unified School District. Included in the Board binders are three draft maps to help gather feedback from the Board and obtain public input and additional testimony regarding appropriate criteria and boundaries.

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Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3566.

***7:20 P.M.**

B-27, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements Prepared by Crowe LLP

Included in the Board binders is the Annual Financial Audit Report as prepared by our external auditors, Crowe LLP. The audit report has been completed for submission to the State Department of Education. Each year the district is required to have its financial statements audited by an independent accounting firm. We are pleased to report that Fresno Unified School District has received an “Unmodified Opinion” for the 2020/21 Audit, which is the best opinion that can be issued. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

***7:40 P.M.**

B-28, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2021/22 First Interim Financial Report

California school districts are required to approve interim financial reports twice each fiscal year. Fresno Unified School District’s 2021/22 First Interim Financial Report is presented for approval and reflects a positive certification of the district’s financial condition. The report is based on the October 31, 2021 year-to-date revenue and expenditures as required by state law. The Superintendent recommends approval of the First Interim Financial Report for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal Impact: A positive certification reflects that the district’s projected reserve for 2021/22 at \$115.1 million exceeds the minimum required reserve for economic uncertainties (2%). Additionally, projections indicate a positive cash balance for the current year and two subsequent years. The support material reflects a multi-year projected budget for the Unrestricted General Fund and utilizes the State assumptions developed by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

***8:00 P.M.**

B-29, HOLD Public Hearing to PRESENT and DISCUSS the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant

Included in the Board binders is a plan for Fresno Unified to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff that will promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. This one-time funding is for \$18,186,921 to be expended by June 30, 2026. Funds can be used for coaching, mentoring, programs, practices, and strategies that lead to the acceleration of student learning. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-30, RECEIVE Results of Issuance and Sale of 2021 Refunding General Obligation Bonds

Included in the Board binders is a summary which describes the results of the issuance and sale of 2021 Refunding General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160 million on November 23, 2021. Fiscal Impact: The issuance and sale of 2021 Refunding General Obligation Bonds resulted in a savings of approximately \$6.0 million. Contact person: Santino Danisi, telephone 457-6226.

C-31, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

Included in the Board binders is the Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting for Constituent Services activities for the time period of August 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Also included is the Quarterly Reporting for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures from August 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in accordance with Education Code § 35186. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3566.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

D. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021