



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

June 01, 2022

Fresno Unified School District, Sunnyside High School, 1019 S. Peach Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on June 01, 2022 there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

For the record, Board Member Thomas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

For the record, at 5:20 p.m. Closed Session was extended to 5:30 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- The Board authorized the issuance of witness subpoenas in expulsion case number 22-167, pursuant to Education Code section 48918(i)(1), by the following vote: AYES: 7, NOES: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 0, ABSENT: 0.
- On a motion by Board Member Levine, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Almadelia “Delia” Nuno to Principal III at Wawona K-8 school, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Lisa McDannel to Principal II at Turner Elementary School, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

- On a motion by Board President Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Rodolfo Gonzalez to Principal II at Jackson Elementary School, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dual Immersion students Alexa Jimenez, Maria Esparza and Michael Her led the Pledge of Allegiance in English, Spanish, and Hmong.

For the record, student vocalists Joseph Portela-Edison High, Serenity Vang-Fresno High, Faith Vang-Hoover High, Selena Lee-McLane High, Nick Sterling-Roosevelt High, Faith Yang-Sunnyside High joined Board Member Davis in singing the National Anthem.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- First, let me say Happy Pride Month! Today we raised the pride flag at our Education Center, and we celebrate alongside our LGBTQ+ community this month. To all of our LGBTQ+ students, staff, and family members – we love you and we celebrate your authentic self!
- Last week we got to celebrate 50 amazing educators at our Excellence in Education Awards, and I wanted to take a quick moment to congratulate our 5 educators of the year! Congratulations to Dawn Gardner, Classified Employee of the Year, Isabel Mayoral, Elementary Educator of the Year, Kristin Cosentino, Middle School Educator of the Year, Liz Torres, High School Educator of the Year and Eugene Renoir, Administrator of the Year! Thank you all for your love and dedication to our students and our Fresno Unified family as a whole.
- Shout out to Sunset for unveiling their beautiful new mural honoring bilingualism; our amazing students from Edison, Duncan, McLane, Roosevelt and Baird who went to Sacramento to participate in Latina Action Day; our Sunnyside Ag students who built and installed a new book stand at Aynesworth; shout out to Teacher Gina Jones who took her amazing students to a Fresno City College visit; and the 470 students who are graduating with the State Seal of Biliteracy this year!
- Don't forget to take a minute and switch your benefitting organization on Amazon Smile, to our Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools! Registering your account is simple; just go to smile.amazon.com, select your charity as the Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools and then for every eligible purchase, you'll be donating 0.5% to the Foundation, at no extra cost to you!
- Also – don't forget to get in your applications for our free summer camps! Registration closes Friday, so head to our website to register now!
- Last but certainly not least, I want to share a quick video of our visits to 13 different schools to celebrate academic growth and achievement! We celebrated our highest growing grade levels, our highest growing students, and our highest achieving students based on their iReady diagnostics this school year. Our commitment to both growth and achievement are so important! Academic

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

proficiency and beyond is the ultimate goal AND it's incredibly important that we are monitoring and celebrating the journey of academic growth to get there along the way.

For the record, the Board recognized the following students/groups: iReady, State Seal of Civic Engagement, Spelling Bee, Forensics, IdeaFest, County Honor Band, Choir, Orchestra, Club Red, Hour of Code, TOT, eSports, Athletics, Unified Sports, Duncan Dynamic Robotics, and the 2021/22 Student Board Members. [Student Recognition Slides1.pptx](#)

Board President Jonasson Rosas called a RECESS at 7:35 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-12, A-15, A-18, A-19, A-22, and A-27 which were pulled by Board Members for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

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. Pulled Consent Agenda Items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion 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, Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the May 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-3, ADOPT Resolution in Support of Commitment to Academic Growth and Achievement**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution in support of the declaration of the district's commitment to academic growth and achievement.
- A-4, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the May 04 and May 18, 2022 Regular Board meetings.
- A-5, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description Behavior Support Advisor and Classified Management 205 Duty Day Salary Schedule**
APPROVED as recommended, the Job Description of Behavior Support Advisor, Prevention & Intervention.
- A-6, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description Coordinator I, Extended Learning**
APPROVED as recommended, the Job Description of Coordinator I, Extended Learning.
- A-7, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description Manager II, Nurse Educator**
APPROVED as recommended, the Job Description of Manager II, Nurse Educator.
- A-8, APPROVE Revised Job Description for Chief, Human Resources/Labor Relations**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised Job Description for Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations.
- A-9, APPROVE Agreement with California Association of Directors of Activities Central**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement for California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) Central.
- A-10, APPROVE Agreements with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) for the purpose of providing a four-day camp for our African American Student Leadership Cohort (2026).
- A-11, APPROVE Agreement with Regents of the University of California, Merced**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Regents of the University of California, Merced for the purpose of providing a five-day overnight camp for our African American Student Leadership Cohort (2027).

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-12, APPROVE Agreement with The Center for Black Educator Development**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with The Center for Black Educator Development.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-12. A summary is as follows: Requested to hear what the program offers and provide staff an opportunity to share publicly the desired outcomes from the program. Commended staff on this work. Executive Director Lisa Mitchell and Manager Tonisha Hargrove were available to provided clarity.

On a motion by Board Members Islas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-12 was approved by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

- A-13, APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with First Student, Inc. for Pupil Transportation Services – Special Education Programs**
APPROVED as recommended, Amendment No. 2 to Fresno Unified School District’s agreement with First Student, Inc. for Pupil Transportation Services – Special Education Programs.

- A-14, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2022/23**
APPROVED as recommended, a list of piggyback contracts recommended for utilization by the district during 2022/23 for efficient and cost-effective procurement.

- A-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-40, Hoover High School Library Modernization**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-40, to modernize the Hoover High School Library.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-15. A summary is as follows: Expressed appreciation for this project. Thanked staff for their work and collaborating with the Hoover High Staff.

On a motion by Board Members Cazares seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-15 was approved by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

- A-16, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-45, Kings Canyon Middle School Classrooms and Sunnyside High School Training Room HVAC Upgrades**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-45, to install new packaged HVAC units in classrooms 45 and 46 at Kings Canyon Middle School and the athletic trainer’s room at Sunnyside High School.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-17, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-48, Sections A-C, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Various Sites - Group 1

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-48, for the rehabilitation of asphalt play courts and parking lots at 16 school sites: Bakman, Lane, Lowell, McCardle, Muir, Norseman, Powers-Ginsburg, Robinson, Roeding, Sunset and Wolters Elementary Schools; Hamilton K-8 School; Sequoia and Yosemite Middle Schools; Fresno and Rata High Schools.

A-18, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-49, Sections A-D, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Various Sites - Group 2

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-49, for the rehabilitation of asphalt play courts and parking lots at 11 school sites: Greenberg, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Mayfair and Starr Elementary Schools; Cooper Academy and Tenaya Middle Schools; and Cambridge, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside High Schools.

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

“Agenda Item A-18 concerns the award of Bid 22-49, Sections A through D, for Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Various Sites including Roosevelt High School.

My residence is located within 500 feet of the southwest edge of the property comprising the Roosevelt High School site. Despite this proximity, awarding Bid 22-49 will have no measurable financial impact on my property because this project rehabilitates play courts and parking lots already in place and part of RHS.

Moreover, the impact of awarding Bid 22-49 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 award Bid 22-49 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding the appearance of any conflict.”

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-18 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board President Jonasson Rosas.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-19, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 22-26, Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Services

APPROVED as recommended, the Request for Proposals 22-26, to select a qualified vendor to provide comprehensive sexual health educator services.

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

“Agenda item A-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda addresses contracting with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) as a provider of educator services. I have been employed by Fresno EOC in the past which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the referenced contract; but, because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those contracts.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

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

“Agenda item A-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda addresses contracting with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) as a provider of educator services. I was previously employed by Fresno EOC which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the referenced contract; but, because of my previous employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-19 was approved by a vote of 5-0-2-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSTENTIONS: Board President Jonasson Rosas and Board Member Levine

A-20, APPROVE the 2022/23 School Plans for Student Achievement

APPROVED as recommended, the 2022/23 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA).

A-21, APPROVE Rejection of Bid 22-19, Aynesworth and Calwa Elementary Schools Unit Ventilation, Energy Management System and Central Plant Equipment Replacement

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-19, to improve classroom ventilation and heating/air conditioning by replacing unit ventilators, energy management systems, and central plant equipment at Aynesworth and Calwa Elementary Schools.

A-22, Deny Claim GL21-0728-7081

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Shanti Her-Frazier, case GL21-0728-7081.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-22. A summary is as follows: Referenced the standard protocol of denying claims and shared, in this case, not in agreement with denying the claim. Commented on hardships faced by student resulting from negligence of a district employee. Executive Director Andrew DeLaTorre was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board Member Thomas motioned to approve claim GL21-0728-7081, seconded by Board Clerk Islas.

For the record, Board Member Thomas retracted her motion to approve claim GL21-0728-7081 and motioned to deny claim GL21-0728-7081, with the stipulation for staff to keep Board Members updated regularly and the issue be reviewed in a timely manner.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, Agenda Item A-22 was denied by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. NOES: Board Clerk Islas.

A-23, RATIFY Agreement between Cerritos Community College and Fresno Unified School District

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Cerritos Community College and Fresno Unified School District on behalf of Duncan Polytechnical High School Clean Fuels Transportation Pilot Career Opportunity Training Plan.

A-24, RATIFY Amendment with Designing Learning Inc.

RATIFIED as recommended, an amendment to agreement with Designing Learning Inc.

A-25, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 20-19, Fresno High School Career Technical Education Building Construction.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-26, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2022 through March 31, 2022 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

A-27, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2022 through March 31, 2022 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

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

“Agenda item A-27 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC). I was previously employed by Fresno EOC which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contracts related to these purchase orders; but, because of my previous employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those 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.”

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

“Agenda item A-27 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC). I have been employed by Fresno EOC which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contracts related to these purchase orders; but, because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those contracts.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-27 was approved by a vote of 5-0-2-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSTENTIONS: Board President Jonasson Rosas and Board Member Levine.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-28, PRESENT and DISCUSS Fresno Unified Student Engagement and Leadership Activities [Student Engagement & Leadership Presentation .pptx](#)

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-28.

B-29, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Local Control and Accountability Plan

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas opened the public hearing in the matter of Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Local Control and Accountability Plan at 9:06 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-29.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas closed the public hearing in the matter of Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Local Control and Accountability Plan at 9:07 p.m.

B-30, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas opened the public hearing in the matter of Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account at 9:16 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-30.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-30. A summary is as follows: Thanked staff for opportunity to meet to review the budget. As a newly elected member coming late to the budget process and with respect for the process, provided priorities he would like to see in the next budget round. The priorities are as follows: Expansion of Social/Emotional learning and Restorative Justice; Looking into best practice models to help with early identification of those that may be on a path of violence either as victims or perpetrators, to establish early wrap-around supports such as food and basic needs, life mapping/coaching; The opportunity for the district to explore the building out of college saving accounts for students. Request for staff to follow up

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA – continued

on opportunities to expand Indian Education beyond one FTE. Chief Financial Officer Danisi was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas closed the public hearing in the matter of Fresno Unified School District's 2022/23 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account at 9:23 p.m.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of three items as follows:

C-31, RECEIVE Resolution 21-42, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2020 (Measure M), Series B, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$125,000,000, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith

C-32, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

C-33, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas exercised her discretion to limit each speaker to two minutes due to the lateness of the meeting.

For the record, the Board received 14 requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

1. Thomas Sebatine: Commented on the need for school security.
2. Samantha Leon: Commented on email sent to Board members concerning school safety.
3. Debbie Darden: Commented on racist incidents within the district.
4. Debbie Darden on behalf of Mr. Mitchell: Commented on a teacher's racist comment/conduct.
5. Alicia Crispin: Commented on her concern of a teacher at Jackson Elementary School.
6. Juan Iris Meza: Not present when name called
7. Griffin Duncan: Commented on security issues at Edison.
8. Felicia Duncan: Commented on need for Resource Officers to be returned to all campus.
9. Todd Duncan: Commented on need to reestablish security on each Fresno Unified campus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – continued

10. Brandi Nuse-Villegas: Commended students who have taken a stand against racism. Requested the district to look at studies before placing Officers on campuses.
11. Marcus Pacheco: Commented on the need for Police Officers on campus.
12. Mia Pacheco: Yielded time to next person.
13. Matthew Pacheco: Yielded time to next person.
14. Marycela Pacheco: Commented on the need for parents to feel they have a place at the table with elected officials.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 10:07 p.m.