



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
2309 TULARE STREET  
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## **MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**Fresno, California**  
**August 10, 2022**

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 August 10, 2022 there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatc, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present. Board Member Thomas was absent.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:31 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, Closed Session was extended to 5:40 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 5:45 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

### **Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Lauren Ailanjian-Trzeciak to Principal II at Ayer Elementary, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatc, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatc, the Board took action in Closed Session regarding a Workers' Compensation Claim for Genevieve Rodriguez, Fresno Unified Case No. WC18-0103-0120, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatc, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

## Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic the Board took action in Closed Session regarding a Workers' Compensation Claim for Driana Costalez, Fresno Unified Case No. 2018-0120, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Santino Danisi led the Flag Salute.

## HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Superintendent Nelson started his remarks welcoming all enthusiastically to the 2022/2023 school year! Superintendent shared his excitement and gratitude as we move into a new school year, as close to “normal” as we have had in a few years.
- Superintendent spent the rest of his remarks sharing his gratitude for several great things happening in the district as follows:
  - Teachers and administrators highly engaged in their professional learning during their “buyback day” today, all focused on teaching and learning and not overwhelmed by COVID protocols as in years past,
  - Successful summer learning which included summer academies at almost all school sites in June, and over 40 summer camps throughout the month of July – all fantastic opportunities for our students to learn and build relationships,
  - Starting the 22/23 school year with a 99.9% teacher fill rate with 76% of our newly hired teachers coming through our own teacher development pipeline programs,
  - A newly executed side letter agreement with our labor partners FASTA, increasing our daily pay rate for substitute teachers to \$200, preparing our district to be highly competitive in the case of an increased need for substitutes during a COVID spike,
  - High quality professional learning happening across the district all summer including our leadership camp, our new leader onboarding, paraprofessional, and office staff trainings, and more,
  - IT’s work to bring Promethean smart boards to all our elementary school classrooms over the next several weeks and opening a new temporary FLATS center at Edison High School,
  - Safety improvements including Active Assailant training for staff, the “See Something, Say Something” campaign to high schools, implementation of the Raptor Visitor Management System at our school sites, an additional campus safety assistant at each of our comprehensive high schools, and the return of SROs to some of our middle schools this year,
- Superintendent shared his gratitude for the Office of Engagement and External Partnerships for hosting the first board meeting for the Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools, their upcoming launch at the State of Education Gala on October 6th at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Any businesses interested in sponsoring the gala can reach out to Ms. Wendy McCulley.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued**

- Superintendent closed his remarks sharing a way to support the Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools through Amazon Smile – Amazon Smile video shown.

### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items**

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

### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items-continued**

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-9, A-14, and A-16 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 June 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

#### **A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the June 15, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

#### **A-4, ADOPT Resolution 22-02 180-Day Wait Period Exception and APPROVE Retiree Contract**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution 22-02 for an exception to the 180-day wait period for a CalPERS retiree.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

- A-5, ADOPT Resolution 22-01, Approving the Self-Certifying Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold**  
**ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution 22-01, to approve the self-certifying increase of the micro-purchase threshold when utilizing federal funding.
- A-6, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**  
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.
- A-6a, APPROVE Reclassification of Manager II – Special Education/Principal I to Principal II for Rata High School and Addicott K-8 School**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a request to approve the reclassification of Manager II – Special Education/Principal 1 to Principal II for Rata High School and Addicott K-8 school.
- A-7, APPROVE Appointments to the Audit Committee**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the appointment of Barbara W. Thormann and James Stahl to the Fresno Unified School District Audit Committee.
- A-8, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2022/23**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Budget Revision No. 1 for fiscal year 2022/23.
- A-9, APPROVE Annual Agreements for the 2022/23 School Year**  
APPROVED as recommended, a matrix detailing agreements to provide services to Fresno Unified School District.

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

“Agenda item A-9 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains a service agreement with Hands-On of Central California, operating as the fiscal agent for the Fresno Street Saints. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Street Saints. I did not participate in any way in the development of this service agreement; however, 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 Clerk Islas, Agenda Item A-9 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine and Major Slatic. ABSTENTION: Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

- A-10, APPROVE Hiring Noncredentialed Consultants for the 2022/23 School Year Per California Education Code 58803**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a request to hire noncredentialed consultants who possess unique skills from business, performing arts and postsecondary institutions to provide instruction to students.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

**A-11, APPROVE Credentialed Teachers to Coach One Period of Competitive Sport for Physical Education Credit for the 2022/23 School Year per California Education Code 44258.7(b)**

**APPROVED as recommended**, a request to approve credentialed teachers to coach one period of competitive sport for Physical Education credit.

**A-12, APPROVE Retiree Contracts for Elementary Music Teachers**

**APPROVED as recommended**, four Certificated Retiree Contracts. These music teachers will teach sections of elementary music due to teacher vacancies that are currently unfilled.

**A-13, DENY Claim GL21-0728-7081**

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

**A-14, RATIFY Agreement with Linda Hoff, PhD**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement with Linda Hoff, PhD to perform services as part of the Phase I Community Schools planning grant.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-14. A summary is as follows: Requested an opportunity for district staff to share with the community information regarding this item and the work to be accomplished. Deputy Superintendent Her was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Clerk Islas, Agenda Item A-14 was approved by a vote of 5-0-0-2, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Members: Major Slatic and Thomas.

**A-15, 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 9 presented for ratification \$ 51,223

Bid 21-10, Ewing Elementary School New Early Learning Building and  
Parking Lot Improvements  
Change Order 5 presented for ratification \$ 16,830

Bid 21-10, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition  
Change Order 10 presented for ratification \$ 5,491

Bid 21-24, Columbia Elementary School Classroom Building Addition  
Change Order 6 presented for ratification \$ 73,310

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

Bid 21-35, Jackson Elementary Multipurpose Building Reconstruction  
Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$ 20,243

Bid 21-41, Duncan Polytechnical High School CTE Medical Science Building  
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$ 182,006  
Change Order 3 presented for ratification \$ 167,816

Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization  
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$ - 7,735  
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$ 41,855

**A-16, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 01, 2022 through May 31, 2022**  
**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on purchase orders issued from May 01, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

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

“Agenda item A-16 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders benefiting the California State University Fresno, California State University Fresno Downing Planetarium, and California State University Fresno Foundation. I am currently employed by California State University Fresno. While I did not participate in making any contracts related to these purchase orders, because of my current employment with CSU Fresno, 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 Clerk Islas, Agenda Item A-16 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**B-17, DISCUSS and ADOPT 2022/23 Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-17.

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item B-17 was approved by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Members: Major Slatic and Thomas.

### **B-18, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion of the 2023/24 Fresno Teachers Association Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District**

#### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-18.

### **B-19, OPPORTUNITY for Public Discussion and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Initial Proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association**

#### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-19.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, Agenda Item B-19 was approved by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Members: Major Slatic and Thomas.

### **B-20, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2022/23 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association, Chapter 125**

#### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-20.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item B-20 was ratified by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

### **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

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

**C-21, RECEIVE the Initial Successor Contract Proposal for 2022-2025 from the Fresno Unified School District to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers**

**C-22, RECEIVE the Initial Successor Contract Proposal for 2022-2025 from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers to the Fresno Unified School District**

**C-23, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

For the record, the Board received three (3) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Eric Rollins: Spoke of need for a plan to raise student reading levels and expressed concerns regarding grading on equity.
2. Mia Pacheco: Shared what she liked about summer camp.
3. Marycela Pacheco: Spoke of summer camp registration confirmation issue, report cards received late, and difficulty for parents when back-to-school nights are scheduled on same night.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the open session portion of the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened the Board to closed session.

Board president Jonasson Rosas reconvened the meeting to open session and Clerk Islas reported out action from closed session as follows:

- On a motion by Board President Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved to promote Jeanne Butler to Principal II at Rata High School, by a vote of 5-0-0-2, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Members: Major Slatic and Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved to promote Teshami "Tess" Reid to Principal II at Addicott Elementary School, by a vote of 5-0-0-2, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Members: Major Slatic and Thomas.

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:29 p.m.