



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
October 12, 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 October 12, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas and Superintendent Dr. Nelson attended via teleconference.

Board Clerk Islas 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, Closed Session was extended to 5:40 p.m.

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

Board Clerk Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:47 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote John Kaup to Principal II at Kratt Elementary School, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Jonasson Rosas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Board Member Joseph Aquino led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard reports from Student Board Representatives from McLane High School.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives- continued

For the record, Student Board Member Aquino share comments and condolences for student at Hoover who passed away. Student Board Member Aquino requested a moment of silence.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

For the record, Deputy Superintendent Misty Her spoke on behalf of Superintendent Dr. Nelson.

- I'm honored to be sharing our Superintendent's remarks tonight while Superintendent Nelson and Board President Jonasson Rosas are attending an important training.
- Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of our student at Hoover High who passed away earlier today after being hit by a car in front of our school last week. We're devastated to see this senseless tragedy and ask the community to please take it seriously. Please drive safely and slowly around our schools to keep our students safe. From a study just published earlier this year, Fresno was ranked as the 10th deadliest city for pedestrians out of more than 100 metro areas. It's unacceptable and our students should be able to feel safe entering and leaving their schools every day. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones, and we continue to provide additional supports to the family, our students at Hoover, and our staff.
- Couple of calls to action for our students, staff, and families! We need your voice!
 - Please complete our climate and culture survey which you can access by going to our website at www.fresnounified.org and clicking on the link on our home page. The Climate and Culture Survey is a quick survey where you can tell us about your experiences at your school and its gives us critical information on how we can improve school culture for our students, staff, and families. Students and staff – make sure to get your survey in by the deadline TODAY! Parents and families – it takes just a few minutes to complete online, and we need your response ASAP! As of now, we have just 10% of families completing the survey, and that doesn't give us a truly accurate picture of how our schools are serving you as parents and families. With our family goal, to increase inclusive opportunities for families to engage in their students' education, we must hear from you to know how we're doing! Please take a few minutes and complete that survey now at www.fresnounified.org.
 - Join us at our Community Idea Exchanges, otherwise known as our Regional LCAP Town Halls, to tell us what you want to see as we budget for next school year! Your voice truly directs where money goes. Last year at our Community Round Tables, we heard from families, staff, and students that additional mental health supports and resources were a priority. So, this year, we directed \$30 million in additional supports to our school site staffing which included psychologists and social workers. We also heard that technology and technology supports were a major priority, so this year you're seeing \$33 million in additional technology investments which

HEAR Report from Superintendent – continued

include more FLATS centers and our Promethean boards in all elementary classrooms. What are your priorities for next school year? Come to one of our regional Community Idea Exchanges and tell us! Each regional meeting starts at 5pm, includes dinner and childcare, translation services, and each family will walk away with a Zoo pack including an adult admission ticket, a child admission ticket, and a giraffe feeding ticket! Join us on:

- Thursday, October 13th at McLane in the Library,
- Tuesday, October 18th at Sunnyside in the Cafeteria,
- Thursday, October 27th at Edison in the Cafeteria,
- Tuesday, November 1st at Roosevelt in the Cafeteria,
- Monday, November 7th at Fresno High in the Library,
- Tuesday, November 8th at Hoover in the Cafeteria,
- And Thursday, November 10th at Bullard in the Cafeteria.

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 Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Consent Agenda, apart from Agenda Items A-5 and A-6, which were pulled by Board Members for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President 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. 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, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the September 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the September 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution recognizing the month of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.
- A-5, APPROVE Revised Job Description for Supervisor, Transportation Operations**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised Job Description for Supervisor, Transportation Operations.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved Agenda Item A-5 by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Levine.

- A-6, APPROVE Comprehensive Safe School Plans for 2022/23**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2022/23 Comprehensive Safe School Plans for all schools.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-6. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if the document presented for approval was current. Requested clarity as to why the Board is asked to vote on a document that is not up to date. Requested clarity as to why cell phone numbers for key people are not included in the document. Commented on refusal to vote for a document that was up to date. Requested clarity as to if the document could be completed later in the year. Manage Armand Chavez, Executive Director Amy Idsvog, and Superintendent Dr. Nelson were available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas motioned to approve Agenda Item A-6 and Board Member Levine seconded the motion.

For the record, before the vote took place, Board Clerk Islas requested an amendment to the motion. The amendment is as follows: Before submission to required leadership all appropriate updates to the personnel listed in the document be completed. Board President Jonasson Rosas accepted the amendment.

On a motion by Board President Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-6, with amendment, was approved by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Member Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-7, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2022/23**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 2 for fiscal year 2022/23.
- A-8, APPROVE Agreement with Ivy League Project**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement for approval with the Ivy League Project, serving Hoover and McLane High Schools to prepare students for acceptance to competitive universities.
- A-9, APPROVE Fresno County Cradle to Career Partnership**
APPROVED as recommended, the Cradle to Career (C2C) Partnership for Fresno County.
- A-10, APPROVE Appointment of Fresno Unified School District Representatives to the State Center Adult Education Consortium Executive Board**
APPROVED as recommended, an approval document that names Rodney Branch, Principal IV, and Teresa Zamora, Vice Principal, as Fresno Unified School District representatives to the State Center Adult Education Consortium Executive Board.
- A-11, DENY Claim GL19-0916-7632**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL19-0916-7632.
- A-12, DENY Claim GL22-0607-7210**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL22-0607-7210.
- A-13, RATIFY Agreement with Adventure Education Solutions Inc.**
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Adventure Education Solutions, Inc.
- A-14, RATIFY Grant Application to California Department of Education for the 2023-2027 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**
RATIFIED as recommended, the grant application renewal to the California Department of Education for the 2023-2027 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-15, PRESENT and DISCUSS FM3 Parent/Guardian Survey

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-15.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to how many parents/guardians are within the Fresno Unified universe. Expressed concern with low number of respondents and commented the presentation was found to be specious. Commented voicemails are often redundant. Suggested district staff to better time when voicemails are sent. Suggested the district provide incentives for completion of the survey and to be strategic when messaging and marketing for Local Control and Accountability Plan meetings. Requested clarity as to if the survey allows for follow-up, specifically to questions in which the district may have received a low mark. Requested clarity as to how the district can message, in the best way, the opportunity for parents to share their priorities for the budget. Requested clarity as to how people were invited to participate, what was the messaging. Requested if survey feedback could be complimented with feedback from coffee hours. Suggested these types of surveys to be implemented every few years as communication styles change. Requested to see feedback by age to better target messages and better utilize resources. Requested district staff to work towards implementing changes that would make interacting with the district easier for parents. Suggested the district compliment the data presented with focus groups to provide additional opportunity for parent feedback. Suggested idea of utilizing Board Members to participate in calls. Chief of Communication Officer Nikki Henry, Executive Director Tammy Townsend, and Adam Soneshin of FM3 Research were available to provide clarity.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received nine (9) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Jonathan: Shared concern pertaining to a LGBTQ book section found in the Pyle Elementary School Library. Commented the discrimination law is one-sided and requested the district be fair across the board and to not discriminate against anyone including families that do not teach LGBTQ.
2. Mayra Reinaga: Not present when called to the podium.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS-continued

3. Fabiola Felix: Made a request for better nutrition for school lunches. Requested a meeting to discuss ideas to better improve school lunch nutrition.
4. Lorena Anguiano: Made a request for better nutrition for students in school meals provided at breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Concerned about obesity and would like better food options and food quality in school meals. Requested more time for students to eat lunch. Shared a few photos of food offered in a student meal.
5. Carina Cortes: Made a request for better nutrition and food for student meals. Requested kitchens be returned to the schools. Requested a meeting or workshop for open discussion of meals and nutrition.
6. Steven Fabela: Requested help for bus drivers when dealing with unruly students.
7. Eric Olsen: Requested the district to keep politics out of the classroom.
8. Mia Pacheco: Thanked Superintendent for allowing girls soccer team to play at Cooper. Requested sprinkler times be adjusted.
9. Marycela Pacheco: Commented on expired milk and frozen sandwiches provided at school lunch. Commented on an answer her son got wrong pertaining to evolution, requested feedback. Shared concern pertaining to content of Comprehensive Sex Education curriculum.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:50 p.m.