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Fresno, California
October 26, 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 26, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatc, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

For the record, Board Clerk Islas and Board Member Thomas attended via teleconference.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:38 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 7:05 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 7:25 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 7:35 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve Superintendent Dr. Nelson's positive evaluation.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Sandra Aguayo to Instructional Superintendent, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatc, Thomas and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Jennifer Stacey-Alcantara to Instructional Superintendent, 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

Student Board Member Kristen Laus led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard reports from Student Board Representatives from Duncan Polytechnical High School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- As we round out the month of October, we are also wrapping up our celebrations for LGBTQ+ History Month. I'm so grateful to all the schools who put on events, our curriculum team for providing relevant lesson plans, and the partnership of the Department of Prevention and Intervention and Curriculum Instruction and Professional Learning (CIPL) for their Untold Stories Showcase tomorrow evening at Fresno High.
- This week our schools are also celebrating Red Ribbon Week, with students pledging to be drug-free. There are so many events, rallies, lessons, and more happening across the district – way to go team!
- Our IT team has been hard at work, and I'd like to highlight a few accomplishments! First, all of our elementary classrooms are now officially equipped with 75-inch Promethean panels for interactive learning. Teachers and students can use apps or any Windows software, or they can cast their own laptops onto the panel display. It's great to see the panels in use, including the virtual field trip to Walt Disney World Carlanda Miller's class at King Elementary took Monday, featured on ABC30. Great work by our Information Technology (IT) and Curriculum Instruction and Professional Learning teams to install the panels and train teachers in over 2,300 classrooms.
- Our IT team has also completed Phase Two of the leased fiber upgrade to our district network. Sixty-two more school sites now have internet speeds between twenty times and one hundred times their prior speeds. Internet traffic now comes into each site from two directions, which reduces outages. Seventy-one of our school sites have been upgraded, and the remaining sites are actively underway. Thank you to the Board for their continued investment in technology for our students and staff.
- Our IT team also has an exciting visit coming up on Monday! Tokyo's Board of Education (BoE) will be visiting Fresno Unified. Tokyo's BoE was encouraged by Microsoft to visit Fresno Unified to learn about our Personalized Learning Initiative and our use of Open Education Analytics. Tokyo's BoE is the largest BoE in Japan,

HEAR Report from Superintendent – continued

with 20,000 teachers and 160,000 students. We're proud of our team's work to become a global leader in these areas.

- Several important dates coming up as well! First, our Community Idea Exchanges, otherwise known as our Local Control and Accountability Plan town halls, continue with a meeting at Edison tomorrow night, Roosevelt on November 1, and Fresno High on November 7. We want as many of our families, students, and staff to join in on these conversations to help guide our budgeting process for next school year. Join us!
- The week of November 7 is an important one! First, our registration for winter camps will open November 7! There are 15 sessions with on and offsite locations. Winter camps include programs like basketball, skiing, snowboarding as well as First Responders Careers, Fresno drones and aviation, and much more. New this year, families will be able to register using their cell phone. The only thing YOU must do is ensure your cell phone is correct in ATLAS - so please contact your school site ASAP to update your contact information. Once registration is open you will receive a text to register your student for camps available to them.
- Starting on the 7th as well is our Choose Your Future Week! Fresno Unified offers more than twenty school choice programs designed to engage students' interests, aspirations and learning styles. These schools range from visual and performing arts like Bullard TALENT, STEAM like Computech, Dual Immersion Language programs like Ewing, early college like Design Science and more! You can see all we have to offer at our in-person School Choice Expo on Tuesday, November 8 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Duncan High School! Can't make the in-person event? We are also offering our virtual School Choice Expo from November 7 - 11! Visit fresnounified.org/schoolchoice to browse our programs on your own time! Don't forget, the priority deadline for transfer applications is December 1!
- In that spirit, let's check out this quick highlight of our Transfers Department!

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 Cazares, the Consent Agenda, apart from Agenda Items A-7, A-9, and A-21, which were pulled by Board Members for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0, 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 October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders**
ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waiver requests for Career Technical Education teachers who need the English Learner Authorization until their credential is cleared.
- A-5, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.
- A-6, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) Sign Language Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant II and APPROVE Revision to the Classified Hourly Salary Schedule for Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) Sign Language Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant**
APPROVED as recommended, is the job description of Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) Sign Language Interpreter (Certified): Itinerant II, and a revised Classified Hourly Salary Schedule.
- A-7, APPROVE Revised Job Description for the Principal on Special Assignment and Revised Certificated Management Monthly Salary Schedule 261 Duty Days**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised job description for Principal on Special Assignment and Revised Certificated Management Monthly Salary Schedule 261 Duty Days, reflecting the additional salary placement of Principal III on Special Assignment E-28 of the Management Salary Schedule.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda item A-7. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if this position will help get site administration into the classrooms for observations. Requested clarity as to how this position will be evaluated to be sure agreed upon metrics are met. Requested clarity as to if this position will target classroom instruction or credit-

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

recovery. Requested clarity as to how supporting students to stay in school will be tracked overtime. Commented on the recurring issue of teachers on special assignment (TSA) and principals on special assignment (PSA). Requested clarity as to if this job description is specific to the community school's position. Requested clarity as to the distinguishing factor from other PSA positions, why was the job description not titled differently. Requested clarity as to if the job description is being updated for all PSA positions or specifically for community schools. Requested clarity as to how many years the position is contemplated. Requested clarity on the number of TSA and PSA positions. Commented the TSA and PSA positions appear to have changed over time from special assignments to permanent positions. Would like to suggest an evaluation of positions- if a position is a special assignment or full-time name it accurately. Commented that TSA and PSA positions are temporary. Shared concern of adding a timeframe to the job description as it may affect recruiting. Deputy Superintendent Her, Chief of Human Resources Chavez, and Superintendent Dr. Nelson were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item A-7 was approved by a roll call vote of 5-2-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic. NOES: Board Member Thomas and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

A-8, APPROVE Retiree Contract with Frances Buelna-Szabo

APPROVED as recommended, a retiree contract with Frances Buelna-Szabo in the amount of \$30,378. Ms. Buelna-Szabo will provide various school sites with a total of 58 days of psychoeducational compliance assessment services.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement between Cenergistics and Fresno Unified School District

TABLED to await further information.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-9. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to area districts that use or have used Cenergistics. Commented on concern of calculated savings. Requested to table the item until further information is received.

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board moved to table Agenda Item A-9 until requested information was received, 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-10, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Halcyon Behavioral, LLC

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Halcyon Behavioral, LLC, the district's mental health and substance abuse provider for the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) health plan members.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-11, 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 for January 01, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

A-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-02, Edison High School Career Technical Education Building, and Interim Housing

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-02, for construction of a new Career Technical Education (CTE) classroom building at Edison High School.

A-13, RATIFY the Joint Health Management Board Consultant Contract with Archer & Hound, LLC

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Archer & Hound, LLC, the Joint Health Management Board's (JHMB) new communication firm.

A-14, RATIFY Agreement with State Center Community College District and State Center Adult Education Consortium

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement that is renewed annually between State Center Community College District (SCCCD) and Fresno Unified School District for the Fresno Adult School as members of the State Center Adult Education Consortium (SCAEC).

A-15, RATIFY Grant Application to the California Department of Education for the Incentive Grant Program

RATIFIED as recommended, the grant application to the California Department of Education for the Incentive Grant Program.

A-16, RATIFY Grant Application to California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – K12 Strong Workforce Program

RATIFIED as recommended, a grant application to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office-K12 Strong Workforce Program.

A-17, RATIFY the Fresno K16 Collaborative Project Proposal

RATIFIED as recommended, the Fresno K16 Collaborative Project Proposal.

A-18, RATIFY Change Orders

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

Bid 21-11, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition
Change Order 12 presented for ratification \$145,026

Bid 21-24, Columbia Elementary School Classroom Building Addition
Change Order 7 presented for ratification \$29,675
Change Order 8 presented for ratification \$13,191

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Bid 21-35, Jackson Elementary School Multipurpose Building Reconstruction
Change Order 5 presented for ratification \$84,382

Bid 21-38, Centennial and Wishon Elementary Schools and Scandinavian Middle School Multipurpose Room HVAC Upgrades
Change Order 1 (Wishon) presented for ratification \$13,866

Bid 21-42 Section B, Edison High School Athletic Field Improvements
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$66,459

Bid 21-42 Section C, Sunnyside High School Athletic Field Improvements
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$15,305

Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$22,116

A-19, 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 21-35, Jackson Elementary School Multipurpose Building Reconstruction

A-20, RATIFY Purchase Orders from July 01, 2022, through July 31, 2022 – Primary Report

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

A-21, RATIFY Purchase Orders from July 01, 2022, through July 31, 2022 – Supplemental Report

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

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

“Agenda item A-21 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders

for the Fresno County EOC. I have been employed by Fresno County 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.”

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, Agenda Item A-21 was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0-1-2 as follows: AYES: Davis, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Members Cazares and Islas.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-22, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Superintendent's Dashboard

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received one request to address the Board on Agenda Item B-22. The individual's name with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Marycela Pacheco: Thanked Deputy Superintendent Her and Mr. Ilori for inviting and implementing parent feedback.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-22. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to how chronic truancy will be captured. Requested clarity as to if letter grades will be captured. Thanked team for considering parent feedback and the aggregation of useful data. Requested clarity as to if students will have access to the dashboard. Commented attendance information is on ATLAS but is not user-friendly and would be useful if incorporated into the dashboard. Thanked team for the work and shared looking forward to next steps. Requested if chronic absenteeism will be listed by race and ethnicity. Requested if mental health information will be available in the dashboard. Thanked team for the dashboard and for soliciting parent voice. Requested if parent teacher conference participation will be available in dashboard. Suggested to have a dropdown or hoover option with definitions added and to add the date of when assessments are administered. Requested to have as much disaggregated data as possible, without compromising any identifiers. Requested clarity as to if the dashboard will be available to non-English speakers. Requested clarity as to how the district sees the dashboard evolving to inform and help decision making. Deputy Superintendent Her was 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 eleven (11) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Jason Stansell: Shared he feels he was moved from his work site out of retaliation for a complaint he made.
2. Christiana Lozano: Commented on incident which took place at Fort Miller involving her son.
3. Noe Lozano: Commented on incident which took place at Fort Miller involving his son.
4. Christian Lozano: Christian wrote a statement which Christiana (parent) read on his behalf. The comment shared information of an incident which took place at Fort Miller in which he was involved.
5. Steven Fabela: Commented on student behavior issues taking place on school buses. Requested help in addressing issues.
6. Ted Laurent: Read Bible verse as it relates to district programs.
7. Matthew Pacheco: Yielded time to next speaker.
8. Marycela Pacheco: Shared photos and material which she believed to be district resources.
9. Jim Barr: Shared shout out to the United States Marine Corps.
10. Todd Duncan: Requested harsher consequences for students that misbehave in class.
11. Alicia Duncan: Shared campaign contribution information.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Open Session at 9:48 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve Superintendent Dr. Nelson's positive evaluation, by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. NOES: Board Member Major Slatic.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Carlos Arredondo to Principal on Special Assignment by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares,

Reporting Out of Closed Session-continued

Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.
ABSTENTION: Board Member Thomas.

- For the record, Board Member Thomas provided clarity on her vote for Agenda Item A-7, APPROVE Revised Job Description for the Principal on Special Assignment and Revised Certificated Management Monthly Salary Schedule 261 Duty Days. Board Member Thomas clarified that she intended to vote yay instead of nay.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:54 p.m.