



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

**Fresno, California**  
**November 09, 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 November 09, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

For the record, Board Member Thomas was absent.

Board Clerk Islas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:41 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 6:20 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 6:35 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 6:40 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:42 p.m.

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

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board in Closed Session approved charges for dismissal; imposition of suspension without pay for a certificated employee by the following Board Member vote 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board in Closed Session approved dismissal charges for a classified employee by the following Board Member vote 6-0-0-1: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

## Reporting Out of Closed Session – continued

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Tonisha Hargrove to Executive Officer, Curriculum and Instruction by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic. ABSTENSTION: Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board acted in Closed Session to hire Billy Chan to Instructional Superintendent, School Leadership 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.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Robert Francis Gibson, Case Number WC21-0419-5302, 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.

For the record, the Workers' Compensation Settlement item for Dolores Torres, Case Number WC19-0815-3579; and the Workers' Compensation Settlement item for Monique Quintana, Case Number WC19-0606-4972 were acted upon by the Board at the October 26, 2022, Board of Education meeting but were not reported out in Open Session.

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Dolores Torres, Case Number WC19-0815-3579 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 Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Monique Quintana, Case Number WC19-0606-4972, 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 Cambridge High School.

## HEAR Report from Superintendent

- It's a new month and our district is recognizing and celebrating several things this month. We're recognizing Native American Heritage Month, National Family Literacy Month, California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month, and of course we're recognizing and celebrating our Veteran's service on Friday for Veteran's Day. Many of our schools are doing great events, our teams are creating curriculum for folks to use in their classrooms, and our departments are providing opportunities for learning for our staff and families. I love to see our people celebrating and learning across the district.
- As you may have heard last week in the news, our very own Chief Financial Officer, Santino Danisi, has accepted a new position as Controller for the City of Fresno. Santino has done a stellar job of serving the students, families, and staff members of the district over the past 14 years. We thank him for his service to our district and wish him well in his future endeavors.
- Our district's strong financial standing is incredibly important, and we know how critical the Chief Financial Officer role is in that continued success. We have a plan, and we are committed to hiring the absolute best candidate possible to succeed Santino. Unfortunately, it's reasonable to assume that top-tier candidates are unlikely to change positions as we enter the holiday period. With that in mind, I plan to initiate a nationwide search shortly after the new year, with the goal of hiring a talented and experienced Chief Financial Officer in the spring.
- Until the recruitment and hiring process is completed, I have asked Patrick Jensen to serve as interim Chief Financial Officer for our district. Patrick has served as a Chief Business Officer for several years and is experienced in many different areas of the district. We're confident in Patrick's ability to serve in this interim role as we find the best candidate to serve our district permanently. To provide even more support during this transition period, John Gray, the President, and CEO of School Services of California, has agreed to provide direct support to our team during the transition period as well. We are in good hands!
- Parents, just a quick update that you should be receiving your personalized winter camps registration links via text this week! Links started going out yesterday and all should receive their links by the end of this week. We have 15 different offerings including things like basketball camps, drones and aviation, and skiing and snowboarding! Get your kids signed up as soon as possible so they can enjoy our free winter camps! You can find more info on all the offerings at our website.
- As you all know by now, we've officially launched our Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools this year and we're humbled by all the support we've received. With a Foundation this year, we are joining in on Giving Tuesday! Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving where across the nation folks give to the causes and organizations they care most about. We are challenging ourselves this year and working to get as many individual donations as possible, no matter if that donation is \$1 dollar or \$1,000 dollars! Keep an eye out for more information coming your way this month and we ask that you please CHOOSE US as your Giving Tuesday foundation!
- I want to make a quick shout out to our English Learner Department and all our Hmong Dual Language Immersion schools and staff! Earlier this week, educators

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

from Minnesota came to visit our Hmong DLI programs to learn from us. I'm so proud to

see our teams being recognized as the leaders we are in this area and to be able to support the expansion of celebrating the Hmong culture and saving the Hmong language. Did you know our staff developed and wrote all our Hmong Dual Language Immersion curriculum from scratch? Unlike Spanish, Hmong is not a widely known language in other areas so there was no curriculum available to purchase. That wasn't good enough for us, so our team took the initiative to develop these programs themselves to best serve our unique community. This is the kind of innovation and initiative we see every day in the Fresno Unified Family and I'm so proud to be a part of this team.

- Before I wrap up, I bet some of you thought I forgot to recognize National School Psychology Week! I would never, we love our school psychologists and are so grateful for the important work they do to support our students every single day. Let's look at this video recognizing that hard work.

## **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 Clerk Islas, the Consent Agenda, apart from Agenda Items A-7 and A-19, 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**, 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 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

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

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the October 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

- A-4, ADOPT Resolution 23-07, Proclaiming November 07 - 11, 2022, as National Psychology Week**  
**ADOPTED as recommended**, a resolution proclaiming November 07 - 11, 2022, as National School Psychology Week.
- A-5, ADOPT Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**ADOPTED as recommended**, a resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board as December 14, 2022.
- A-6, APPROVE Agreement with Education and Leadership Foundation/Inter-Act Fellows**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Education and Leadership Foundation/Inter-Act Fellows.
- A-7, APPROVE Agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission.

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

“Agenda item A-7 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains an agreement with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC). I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in the making of this agreement; but, because of my employment with both Fresno EOC I have a remote financial interest in the contract. 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 Islas, Agenda Item A-7 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

- A-8, APPROVE Agreement with Minuteman Press**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Minuteman Press to support mass print and production of materials for Extended Learning (i.e., After-School, Winter, Saturday, and Summer Programs).
- A-9, APPROVE Agreement with Nightingale Dispute Consultants, Inc.**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Nightingale Dispute Consultants, Inc.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

**A-10, APPROVE Agreement with Springboard Collaborative**

**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Springboard Collaborative.

**A-11, APPROVE ProSolve Leadership Series Proposal**

**APPROVED as recommended**, a request for Fresno Unified to partner with ProSolve to facilitate a three-part leadership series to strengthen collaboration and community across three critical departments: Career Technical Education, Extended Learning, Counseling Services.

**A-12, APPROVE Agreement between Parsec Education and Fresno Unified School District**

**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement between Parsec Education and Fresno Unified School District.

**A-13, DENY Claim GL22-0408-6890**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by Martin Rodriguez, case GL22-0408-6890.

**A-14, DENY Claim GL22-0408-7793**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL22-0408-7793.

**A-15, DENY Claim GL22-0408-7794**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL22-0408-7794.

**A-16, RATIFY Change Orders**

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

- Bid 21-34, Ventura and 10th South Campus Site and Tenant Improvements
- for Buildings C and D
- Change Order 7 (South Campus Site) presented for ratification \$216
- Change Order 7 (Tenant Improvements) presented for ratification \$28,221
  
- Bid 21-38, Centennial and Wishon Elementary Schools and Scandinavian Middle School Multipurpose Room HVAC Upgrades
- Change Order 3 (Centennial) presented for ratification \$-821
- Change Order 1 (Scandinavian) presented for ratification \$79,317
  
- Bid 21-40, Hoover High School Event Center HVAC and Roof Replacement
- Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$4,798
  
- Bid 21-53, Kratt and Leavenworth Elementary Schools Modular Classroom Infrastructure

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

- Change Order 2 (Kratt) presented for ratification \$-92
- Change Order 2 (Leavenworth) presented for ratification \$-92
  
- Bid 22-28, Ventura and 10th Site and Parking Lot Improvements Phase II
- Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$128,732

### **A-17, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications.

- Bid 21-40, Hoover High School Event Center HVAC and Roof Replacement
- Bid 21-48 Sections A and B, Playground Equipment Replacement at Various Sites
- Bid 21-53, Kratt and Leavenworth Elementary Schools Modular Classroom Infrastructure

### **A-18, RATIFY Purchase Orders from August 01, 2022, through August 31, 2022 – Primary Report**

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

### **A-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from August 01, 2022, through August 31, 2022 – Supplemental Report**

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

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

“Agenda item A-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders for the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC). I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. Additionally, item A-19 also contains purchase orders for California State University Fresno, where I am currently employed. I did not participate in the making of the contracts related to these purchase orders; but, because of my employment with both Fresno EOC and Fresno State 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 Cazares, Agenda Item A-19 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTION: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

**A-19a, RATIFY Vendor Designation Per Request for Qualifications 22-09, Extended Learning Enrichment Services**  
**RATIFIED as recommended, Request for Qualifications 22-09.**

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

For the record, the Board was in receipt of one item as follows:

**C-20, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District First Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

For the record, the Board received two (2) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is listed as follows:

1. Pao Ze Lee: Shared concerns pertaining to his child's social emotional health regarding her anxiety from a course change ruling which denied her a course change from an AP class.
2. D'Aungillique Jackson: Read a statement on behalf of Board Member Thomas regarding concerns pertaining to the Bullard cellphone policy. Additionally, used the remainder of the time to share her own concerns pertaining to the policy.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:15 p.m.