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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
May 24, 2023

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 May 24, 2023, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

For the record, Board President Islas was out of the country and Clerk Wittrup facilitated the meeting.

Board Clerk Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Andrew Ayers from Tartarian Elementary School, and speech language pathologist Caroline Kuffel lead the flag salute.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received five (5) requests to address the Board on Closed Session items. The individual's name along with summary of topic is as follows:

1. Pearl Heppner: Shared concern regarding termination of Family Foundation Counseling services.
2. Josh Steelman: Shared concern regarding termination of contract with Family Health Foundation.
3. Junior Romero: Shared concerns pertaining to negotiations.
4. Rebecca Henderson: Advocated for all staff who provide support to African American students. Asked the district to designate fair extra pay contracts to teachers/staff that support African American students.
5. Jessica Tejada: Spoke in support of Clinical School Social Workers.

Board Clerk Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

Board Clerk Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Edith Navarro to Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Labor Relations, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Javan Childs to Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Labor Relations, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Wittrup, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.
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- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a certificated employee, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a certificated employee, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a certificated employee, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a certificated employee, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

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 Edison High School.

RECOGNIZE Student Board Representatives for the 2022/23 School Year

The Board of Education and Superintendent recognized Student Board Members Joseph Aquino, Hoover High School, and Kristen Laus, Sunnyside High School, for serving on the Board during the 2022/23 school year.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Good evening and welcome to all joining us in person and online this evening. I'm devastated to start tonight's remarks with our heartfelt condolences to our Fresno Unified family who lost two of their beautiful children to rushing waters below the Pine Flat Dam this past weekend. As a parent, it is gut-wrenching to even imagine such a tragedy and we send our love and strength to the family as they navigate this unthinkable loss. Additional support is being provided to the family and to the staff and students who have lost their friend and student. We plead with our community to please stay away from all closed rivers, canals, and recreation areas as this year the conditions are more unpredictable and dangerous than ever with our huge melting snowpack. Can we please take a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of our student Victoria and her brother Santiago.
- I want to provide all with a bargaining update. Last week we sent out our first Negotiation News of this negotiations cycle with our Fresno Teachers Association (FTA).

HEAR Report from Superintendent-continued

In order to meet the requests of FTA in providing a full proposal, we have moved back to traditional, position-based bargaining and with that move we can also begin to publicize our ongoing negotiation efforts. Last week we provided a full response to FTA's almost 30 pages of interests and we look forward to sharing our first full initial proposal publicly by June 1. We are confident that our proposal will take into consideration the transformative work needed to support our students in this post-pandemic world AND be a historically mutually beneficial offer to our amazing teachers whom we love and value incredibly. As we have been, we continue to meet with FTA leadership every week and will provide negotiation news updates following meetings.

- Earlier this week we officially kicked off graduation season with Design Science's graduation ceremony! We have more graduations happening next Thursday and Friday, and our comprehensive and specialty high schools on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the following week. We cannot wait to celebrate alongside all of you and your loved ones!
- I am SO proud to share that we have over 11,000 summer camp spots filled with just less than 800 spots still available. If you have not yet signed up your student for summer camps, it's your last chance to get one of those final 800 spots! Head to our website at www.fresnounified.org and click the summer camps banner on the homepage to get to our online registration. It's going to be an amazing summer!
- 2022/2023 retirees – it's time to RSVP for our annual retirement celebration! This year's event will be held on June 23, 2023, indoors at the Belmont Country Club! Retirees attend for free, and all guests are \$50 per ticket. There will be dinner, recognition, and dancing – you don't want to miss this amazing night as we honor your incredible career! RSVP now to Vangie Carrillo in our Communications department by calling 457-3733.
- Congratulations are in order for Doua Vu, manager in our English Learner Services Department. Doua is being recognized nationally by the Association of Two-Way and Dual Language Education, receiving the 2023 Promoting Bilingualism Award. Doua's work in growing our Hmong Dual Language Immersion and Heritage programs is of particular note – programs that have been recognized locally, statewide, and nationally as trailblazing curriculum for a language at risk of being lost. We are so grateful for your work and dedication Doua! Congratulations!
- On a similar note, I want to congratulate the 130 Edison graduates who have earned the state's Seal of Biliteracy for their proficiency in at least one language other than English during their academic careers. In addition to the 130 graduates at Edison who have earned their seal, another 323 graduates throughout the district have earned this recognition. Our students have earned Seals of Biliteracy in Spanish, Hmong, Latin, French, Arabic, Vietnamese, Russian and Chinese. That is amazing! Let's take a minute to watch this video featuring Alana De La Cerda one of our Edison graduates achieving the Seal of Biliteracy.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board Members had the opportunity for Board/Superintendent communications. A summary is as follows:

Member Levine: Provided shout out to Design Science graduates. Highlighted work on the Ethnic Studies curriculum, and shared excitement that next fall's incoming freshmen will be the first with the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement.

Student Member Aquino: Provided recognition for the Hoover High School staff, expressed thanks and gratitude for them and their work. Congratulated graduating 2023 Seniors, Fresno Unified Scholarship winners, and district valedictorians. Provided shout out to Hoover High School student council members, and student advisory representatives across the district.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Echoed Superintendent Dr. Nelson's comments regarding staying away from closed waterways. Asked people to refrain from going into the rivers due to the dangers. Referenced board communications as follows: 1) Translation and Interpretation Services: requested clarity as to services provided by Smartling, asked if company is to help standardized language. Requested inventory of translation services, not only documents within the district but also signs, posters, and all information around campus. 2) Tutor.com: Asked for outcome data rather than only perception and usage data. 3) Dual Language Transfers and Enrollment Process: commented the document was confusing and requested to speak with staff regarding making the process easier for parents. 4) Teacher Academy Pipeline: asked what can be done to engage students so after college graduation they return to the district.

Member Davis: Congratulated student board members Aquino and Laus for their service and for using their authentic voice. Thanked the Aquino and Laus families for nurturing Joseph and Kristen. Provided shoutout for Doua Vue for taking education to the next level.

Member Cazares: Congratulated district staff who recently graduated from the doctorate cohort and thanked them for the additional work and time they committed. Expressed thankfulness for the feedback and dialogue provided by district teachers.

Member Thomas: Congratulated the nineteen (19) district staff who recently graduated from the doctorate cohort. Expressed thanks to Dr. Ponce for helping students with the college admissions process. Thanked Henry Ellard, Jr., with Better Living non-profit for adopting students to get dressed for formals along with limousine and photographs too. Commented on a previous request for Full-Time Equivalent information that has not yet been received. Commented she supports Trustee Wittrup's request for better timelines to receive information from staff.

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 Board approved the Consent Agenda except for Agenda Items A-4, A-11, and A-13 which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

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 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 May 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the April 20, 2023, Board of Education workshop and the April 26, 2023, regular Board meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 2023 as Better Hearing and Speech Month

ADOPTED as recommended, a Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-4. A summary is as follows:

Member Thomas: Asked to recognize this resolution, commented on the importance of better speech and hearing, and shared a personal story. Commented on the need to support parents as much as possible. Read an excerpt from the resolution as follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Education of the Fresno Unified School District recognizes the month of May 2023 as Better Hearing and Speech Month and urges all schools and individual citizens to participate in better hearing and speech activities in order to become better educated and join together in raising awareness and knowledge of communication disorders.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, agenda item A-4 was adopted by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

- A-5, ADOPT Resolutions Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolutions 23-51 through 23-66 presented for adoption to update authorized officials to sign various business transactions on behalf of Fresno Unified School District.
- A-6, APPROVE Revised 2022/23 Certificated Management Schedules**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2022/23 revised Certificated Management Salary Schedules.
- A-7, APPROVE Revised 2022/23 Classified Y-Rated Hourly Salary Schedule**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised 2022/23 Classified Y-Rated Hourly Salary Schedule.
- A-8, APPROVE Revised 2022/23 Operations Hourly Salary Schedule**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised 2022/23 Operations Hourly Salary Schedule.
- A-9, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws**
APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for ten Board Bylaws (BB) and one Administrative Regulation (AR) as follows: BB 9000, Role of the Board (Powers and Responsibilities); BB 9001, Management Oversight (DELETE); BB 9012, Board Member Electronic Communications; BB 9110, Regular and Student Members; Terms of Office; BB 9220, Governing Board Elections; BB 9223, Filling Vacancies; BB 9310, Policy Manual (DELETE); AR 9311, Board Policies (DELETE); BB 9312, Board Bylaws (DELETE); BB 9313, Administrative Regulations (DELETE); and BB 9314, Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations (DELETE).

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-10, APPROVE Agreement with Central Valley Regional Center, Incorporated

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC), Incorporated to provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers between the ages of birth to 36 months, who reside within Fresno Unified School District, who are clients of CVRC and have an Individual Family Service Plan.

A-11, APPROVE Agreements for Extended Learning Summer Camp Enrichment Services

APPROVED as recommended, a list of agreements with prequalified vendors which Extended Learning will partner with for upcoming summer camps and programs for the 2023/24 school year.

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

“Agenda item A-11 contains an agreement with Hand’s on Central California to provide summer camp services to Fresno Unified students. Hands-On of Central California, is operating as the fiscal agent for the Fresno Street Saints. I am a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Street Saints. Although, I have no financial interest, and out of an abundance of caution, I am recusing myself from this vote.”

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-11 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Levine, Thomas, and Board Clerk Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

A-12, APPROVE Agreement with Mindsets Learning, Inc.

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Mindsets Learning, Inc. to provide a math program called “Mindsets Learning Challenges.”

A-13, APPROVE Agreement with The Regents of University of California

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with The Regents of University of California for the Doctors Academy program at Sunnyside High School.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-13. A summary is as follows:

Student Member Laus: Expressed gratitude for the partnership between Fresno Unified School District, the University of California, San Francisco and the Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

Commented the program is the epitome of transformative work and the emphasis on ensuring the community is effectively served is invaluable. Shared the Doctors Academy has changed her life and is sure has and will continue to change countless others. Thanked the district for investing in this area for students.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item A-13 was approved by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Board Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

A-14, APPROVE Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions for Property Located at 2011 Fresno Street, aka 1212 Fulton Street and 2015 Fresno Street

APPROVED as recommended, the Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions for the purchase of an existing 4-story office building (approximately 50,085 sq. ft.) and adjacent parking lot (approximately 10,890 sq. ft.) located at 2011 Fresno Street.

A-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-16, Manchester, Pyle, and Vinland Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-16, Manchester, Pyle, and Vinland Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Energy Management System (HVAC/EMS) Replacement Project.

A-16, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-29, Duncan Polytechnical High School Electrical Panel Upgrade

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-29, Duncan Polytechnical High School Electrical Panel Upgrade.

A-17, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-48, Turf Rehabilitation at Various Sites

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-48, Turf Rehabilitation at Various Sites, to replace/improve playground turf at Figarden, Kirk, Lane and Malloch Elementary Schools and Terronez Middle School.

A-18, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-54, Muir and Winchell Elementary Schools and Sequoia Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement Project

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-54, Muir and Winchell Elementary Schools and Sequoia Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Energy Management System Replacement Project.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-19, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 23-21S, Custom Printing APPROVED as recommended**, information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 23-21S, Custom Printing to supplement the pool of qualified vendors approved by the Board on February 22, 2023.
- A-20, APPROVE Rejection of Request for Proposals 23-45, Event Planner Services APPROVED as recommended**, the rejection of Request for Proposals (RFP) 23-45 to select a qualified vendor to provide event planner services.
- A-21, RATIFY 2022/23 Agreement with The Resiliency Center of Fresno RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement with The Resiliency Center of Fresno (formally the Fresno Chaplaincy program).
- A-22, RATIFY Agreement with Grafton School, Incorporated RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement with Grafton School, Incorporated.
- A-23, RATIFY Addendum to Agreement with Education Behavior Consultants RATIFIED as recommended**, an addendum to the agreement with Education Behavior Consultants in the amount of \$400,000.
- A-24, RATIFY Addendum to Agreement with PresenceLearning, Incorporated RATIFIED as recommended**, an addendum with PresenceLearning, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.
- A-25, RATIFY Addendum to Agreement with New Life Physical Therapy Services, dba Goodfellow Therapy RATIFIED as recommended**, an addendum with New Life Physical Therapy Services, dba Goodfellow Therapy in the amount of \$318,800.
- A-26, RATIFY Addendum to the Agreement with The Stepping Stones Group RATIFIED as recommended**, an addendum to the agreement with The Stepping Stones Group in the amount of \$2,675,400.
- A-27, RATIFY Change Orders RATIFIED as recommended**, information on Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 21-41, Duncan Polytechnical High School CTE Medical Science Building, Change Order 6 presented for ratification: \$63,178; Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization, Change Order 7 presented for ratification: \$54,241; Bid 22-27, Addicott Elementary School Path of Travel Improvements, Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$17,219; Bid 22-34, Edison High School Multipurpose Room and Classroom Improvements, Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$28,403, Change Order 4 presented for ratification: \$7,965; and Bid 22-37, Kirk Elementary School Sitework Improvements, Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$56,372.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-28, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for projects, completed according to plans and specifications as follows: Bid 22-15, Edison High School Multipurpose Room HVAC Replacement; Bid 22-27, Addicott Elementary School Path of Travel Improvements; and Bid 22-37, Kirk Elementary School Sitework Improvements.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-29, PRESENT and DISCUSS English Language Learners Sign on Letter Presentation by GO Public Schools

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

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

B-30, DISCUSS and ADOPT the Proposed Curriculum Recommendations for Elementary Science

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:

Member Thomas: Commented on being happy with the proposed material. Thanked the staff for providing an opportunity to review the material. Commented the proposed curriculum is presented similar to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented on the awesome energy of Marie Williams, Ed.D., with the presentation. Requested clarity as to if the curriculum was bilingual. Asked if the work done by Fresno Unified in this area will be shared with other districts. Asked if the proposed curriculum provided opportunities for hands on learning by students.

Member Davis: Thanked staff for providing an opportunity to review the proposed curriculum. Commented on the significance of the support provided in the curriculum for teachers of English learners.

Clerk Wittrup: Thanked staff for providing an opportunity to review the proposed curriculum. Commented on the colorful, rigorous, and engaging materials. Thanked staff for the recommendation.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

Member Cazares: Shared a personal anecdote regarding student learning and hopes the district moves other curricular areas in a similar direction of the proposed curriculum. Commented this generation is undervalued in how they process what they learn and changing the way students are taught is imperative.

Marie Williams, Ed.D., was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item B-30 was adopted by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

B-31, PRESENT and DISCUSS the State's May Revised Budget Proposal

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-31.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-31. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Requested clarity as to the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) reduction for special education. Requested clarity as to whether the Board will receive an update similar to what was previously received in terms of unrealized investments and savings.

Member Levine: Commented on the Governor's proposed reduction to block grants and asked how the Board can help district staff amplifying opposition to the proposed reduction. Commented in support of the district drafting a letter to the Governor which will include Board member signatures and a copy to local government representatives.

Clerk Wittrup: Echoed Trustee Levine's comment regarding a letter to the Governor. Commented is sure it was not the voters' intention to reduce Arts and Music. Thanked Mr. Jensen for the opportunity to meet to discuss the district budget. Expressed appreciation for the presentation.

For the record, Patrick Jensen and Superintendent Nelson, Ed.D., were available to provide clarity.

B-32, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2023/24 Strategic Budget Development

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-32.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-32. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Referenced slide No. 7 of the presentation and asked what the responsibilities would be for the new Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for director in Information Technology. Additionally, asked for the same information for any other requests from departments for new management FTE within the presentation. Commented cyber security is a main concern. be aware that it is a concern statewide as well. Requested a status update on the laptop refresh.

Referenced slide No. 10 regarding psychometrics and using data to better serve teachers, asked what programing and implementation will look like. Commented on the need to have a very systematic approach to implementation to be able to show it is useful, it is being used, and it is changing educational outcomes.

Referenced slide No. 13 and commented on the small ask for GATE. Commented there are new ways of teaching in Fresno Unified. Requested staff to make sure GATE is something useful for our students, that it is rolled out at as many elementary schools as possible. Expressed opposition to the current way students are tested for GATE. Commented there may be students across the district eligible for the GATE program but because the students do not test well, they do not make it into the program. Commented a matter the district might consider for roll out at all elementary schools, is teacher teaching at a GATE level so testing is not needed and to help students.

Referenced slide No. 15 regarding Plant Operations and thanked staff that looked at Board feedback in terms of support for ground keeper staff. Requested clarity as to where in the presentation are resources for supplies for grounds staff and asked who will oversee the coordination of supplies. Requested clarity as to if there is a substitute pool for ground keepers.

Referenced slide No. 16 and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning work listed. Asked if there is an opportunity to use recently graduated students with certificates to intern or volunteer for work experience over the summer.

Commented, there are several slides with investments heavy with one-time recovery funds. Mentioned the Board has often asked why one-time funds were used rather than ongoing funds in areas of significant investment. Referenced slide No. 20 and shared concern of one-time funds being used for increasing student engagement in the school and community, concerned with relying on one-time funds for work that should be ongoing.

Referenced slide No. 23 and the very small ask for student engagement which is felt should be much larger.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

Specifically in the area of sports, as sports are a way many students will get to college. Commented a larger investment should be made and requested an analysis of equity in sports programs across the district. Commented on there are times when the coaches have had to spend their own time and money to get a functional team, additionally, there are instances where the students have had to use their own money. Commented, the district needs to figure this out.

Referenced slide No. 27 regarding support to the American Indian Office and requested clarity because it was mentioned the office was being moved to Equity and Access.

Commented that the ask for Parent University is small for a team that carries a lot on behalf of the district. Commented on the partnership between the district and Fresno State with the Bulldog Bound program and thanked everyone involved. Shared that part of the aspect of the program will be getting parents to buy-in to the Bulldog Bound program and the idea is to add this to Parent University work as they already have a good foundation with parents.

Referenced slide No. 31 and Finals site, requested clarity as to what Finals site will do.

Thanked staff for providing the slides in the manner presented. Requested staff try to ensure dual enrollment, Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), and sports are equitable for specialty schools.

Member Levine: Thanked staff for the presentation and the opportunity to meet for review.

Requested clarity pertaining to free FAX bus passes and the expansion from high school only to the addition of middle school students. Commented on the importance of marketing and educating parents and families on the opportunity.

Referenced the Ethnic Studies Institute and requested clarity as to the cost to continue the institute and if cost includes staffing.

Commented on mental health support and the need to mitigate any gaps. Commented on interest in the district looking for a vendor that could facilitate a 24-hour mental health online platform that would include cultural competency and language for students to use. Commented that this would not be to replace current practices but to help fill any gaps.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Referenced slide No. 5, and commented on the need for vaping sensors at all high schools and middle schools, not a pilot but implemented at all middle and high schools, in part because this is why restrooms

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

are closed. Commented on a prior request for emergency buttons and other safety enhancements via technology that are not listed in the budget.

Referenced slide No. 6, noted that while visiting sites she sees posters and magnets with an employee's face on them but does not readily know what the message is the picture is supposed to convey. Commented there is a disconnect between message and graphic.

Referenced slide No. 8, requested the FLATS program be revamped. Commented before spending more money, the program needs to be rethought. Commented on the need for a position focused on monitoring the way students use technology to cheat or do other things on district laptops.

Referenced slide No. 10, commented the Board provided feedback that is not reflected in the current presentation.

Referenced slide No. 13, commented on hope that Ideafest resources go to partnerships to help better message events so students work is not overshadowed. Commented on having questions pertaining to the efficacy of other items on slide.

Referenced slide No. 15, commented does not see what is going towards improving the work order process, thinks there are still challenges with process. Requested to see information on drought tolerant landscaping rather than decorative landscaping, commented this will help not only from a maintenance perspective but also from a water usage perspective.

Commented on Men's and Women's Alliance and had hoped to see more resources for the student work program. Commented the student work program is a gem and hoped to see additional resources for additional student slots.

Echoed comments of Trustee Cazares pertaining to family engagement. Referenced slide No. 25 and asked if the district will receive money for the shift of the After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs from Fresno County to Fresno Unified or if the district is just taking over.

Clerk Wittrup: Agreed with Trustee Jonasson Rosas regarding the vaping sensors at middle and high schools. Commented the visuals of the presentation are outstanding and thanked staff for taking the time to explain the budget in small session meetings.

For the record, Patrick Jensen, Paul Idsvoog, and Superintendent Nelson, Ed.D. were available to provide clarity.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

B-33, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Fresno Unified Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Funding Plan

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-33.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-33. A summary is as follows:

Member Davis: Thanked staff for the presentation and the time to meet in smaller sessions. Commented on the excitement felt for this program.

Member Cazares: Commented on strong support for this program. Commented on being pleased with the strategic budgeting to meet as many student needs as possible, and thinking of students year-round not only during the school year. Thanked the staff, teachers, nonprofit partners, and community-based partners that have helped to make this program happen for students. Asked staff to make sure the aviation program is equitable and available to all high school students not only those attending a comprehensive high school. Thanked staff for checking there were no historical issues with demolition or building. Suggested the main hanger complex on the second-floor conference side to have partitions to allow for multiple break out rooms. Applauded the architectural work and appreciated that it pays homage to and compliments the existing architectural work and airport. Commented on the importance of this investment as significant for not only Fresno Unified but also Southwest Fresno and would like to make sure staff have involved the Southwest Fresno community and have provided the community an opportunity to provide feedback.

Member Levine: Expressed strong support for Trustee Cazares's comment regarding providing the Southwest Fresno community with an opportunity to provide feedback and be involved with the aviation project. Commented this is a huge investment in Southwest Fresno and a critical opportunity to get it right. Commented this is exciting work. Asked for the timeline for completion. Asked for clarity regarding the camp for Native American students and if there is an opportunity to provide the experience in a different space for non-Native American students.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Expressed appreciation for staff's time and work and echoed many of Trustee Cazares's comments. Commented once the aviation program is implemented it could provide additional funding opportunities from bigger airline industry partners. Expressed appreciation for this program and commented that this program needs to be messaged well by the district.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA-continued

Clerk Wittrup: Commented that programs like the aviation academy are what make students want to be at school. Expressed excitement and appreciation for this work. Commented no other school districts are doing this incredible work. Asked staff to give space and design to Amelia Earhart. Asked when the district will start working with NASA and the astronaut program.

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

“Agenda Item B-33 concerns the approval of the district’s ELOP plan for funding which will in part be used for the aviation academy proposed at Chandler Airport.

Although this will have no measurable financial impact on my property because this project is an aviation project. Moreover, the impact of the aviation project is indistinguishable from its effect on the majority of the residential properties within the trustee area that are eligible and part of the Edison High School attendance area.

Notwithstanding the absence of financial impact on my property, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding any appearance of conflict. My property is within 500 feet of Chandler Airport.”

Jeremy Ward was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item B-33 was approved by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENTION: Board Member Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received seven (7) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual’s name along with a summary of topic is as follows:

1. Curtis Carlton: Addressed conflicting information regarding evaluations of professional standards. Shared a concern regarding student academic growth.
2. Betty Castor: Addressed concern regarding the district goal of valuing accountability. Shared a concern regarding her daughter not having a one-on-one aide until April 18, 2023. Shared concern that daughter’s transfer has been revoked because of attendance, and attendance issue is result of not having a one-on-one aide. Requested the district to look into the Special Education Department and its practices.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS-continued

3. Griselda Ceja: Shared concern of the need for help in the kindergarten dual immersion classrooms at Burroughs. Shared classrooms went without the help of a bilingual aide all year. Requested the district to hire a bilingual aide.
4. Anna Bustos: Provided handout to the Board. Commented as one of the dual immersion teachers that did not have the support of an aide. Referenced other school sites that did have support from a classroom aide. Commented iReady is not available to dual immersion teachers. Commented PLCs are impacted when dual immersion teachers and students do not have equitable access to assessments.
5. Able Mejia: Addressed concern that child's dual immersion kindergarten class has no classroom aide. Commented kindergarten is fundamental for education so teachers should have support in the classroom or smaller class sizes.
6. Johanna Medina: Advocated for sibling preference for the dual immersion program. Requested this be a prioritized enrollment practice.
7. Maricela Toledo: Advocated for sibling preference for the dual immersion program. Requested the district look to reinstate.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

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

C-34, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

C-35, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District Third Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board Clerk Islas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:38 p.m.