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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

June 14, 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 June 14, 2023, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

Board President Islas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:40 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received one (1) request to address the Board on Closed Session items. The individual's name along with summary of topic is as follows:

1. Carolina Simenovic: Spoke regarding the move of the Sunset Elementary School principal. Commented parents should be involved in the interview process. Requested resources for the site.

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:46 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Thomas arrived at 5:16 p.m.

For the record Trustee Thomas left at 5:56 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 7:00 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Thomas returned at 6:43 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Wittrup, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Courtney Curtis to Principal V at Hoover High School, by a vote of 7-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas.

Reporting Out of Closed Session - continued

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Wittrup, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Nancy Her, Principal II at Easterby Elementary by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Pamela Taylor to Administrator in Curriculum Instruction & Professional Learning, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Wittrup, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Patrick Morrison, to Executive Director in the Special Education Department, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Wittrup. And Board President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session to lateral Natanska Valtierra to Principal II at Addams Elementary School, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Paul Rosencrans to Director in Transportation, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Abigail Aarii to Director in the Department of Prevention & Intervention, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, by a roll call vote of, 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marie Williams Ed.D., led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Tonight, is our first June Board meeting and please let me start by wishing everyone a happy LGBTQ+ Pride Month! Pride Month started as just a day over 50 years ago following the Stonewall Uprising where LGBTQ+ community members fought for their rights and equality. President Clinton was the first president to recognize June as Pride Month and we celebrate here at Fresno Unified each year as we call for unity, visibility, and equality for our LGBTQ+ community. Our students and staff marched in the annual Pride Parade and a few of our GSA leaders were even interviewed by Teen Vogue earlier this month!
- June also marks the end of our school year, topped off with tons of beautiful promotions, celebrations, and of course graduations. We are so proud of the thousands of Fresno Unified graduates and give our thanks to all who made our graduation ceremonies so beautiful. That includes the amazing community groups who made the first Latinx Graduation happen this year and continued the African American Graduation Celebration as well. Congrats to our graduates and their loved ones!
- With the conclusion of the school year, it also brings about the start of our summer academies which kicked off this week! We are hosting summer academies through June, with some of our programs lasting into July, at almost 90 of our school sites. Thank you to all the staff, teachers, and leaders who have come together to ensure our students have ample opportunities to continue their learning and make important academic gains over the summer. At all of those sites operating summer academies, we also have free summer meals available! Anyone ages 1 through 18 are welcome to our summer academy school sites between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on weekdays to eat lunch on our campuses. Summer break is no reason for our youth to lose access to healthy and nutritious meals. Check out our website at www.fresnounified.org for more information and a list of sites.
- The end of the school year also means we're already deep into planning for the upcoming 2023/24 school year! I encourage our staff to check out the Employee Zone newsletter as we have New Teacher Training, the PL Summit, and our Classified Fall Conference all coming up in early August! You won't want to miss these great training opportunities!
- Speaking of great training, we've also got lots of opportunities for our site leaders and teachers to become ParentSquare experts! You can find those options in the Employee Zone newsletter as well and can even reach out to Celeste Corona Arroyo in our Communications Office to set up customized on-site training for you and your teams anytime!
- I also want to make a few shoutouts tonight:
 - First, I want to say congratulations to the office teams at Wilson, Easterby, and Burroughs Elementary Schools for receiving the Golden Heart Award for Customer Service! The Golden Heart Awards are given quarterly based on customer service feedback from parents on staff

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

friendliness, timeliness of response and professionalism. Stellar customer service is what our students and families deserve, and we are so proud of these schools for going above and beyond!

- Second, I'd like to shout out Edison graduate Samaria Simpson who received the single largest scholarship from Fresno Unified ever! Samaria received a \$4,500 scholarship plus enhancements due to Trustee Thomas' amazing Giving Tuesday fundraising for the Foundation – taking Samaria to more than \$10,000 in scholarships! Amazing work Samaria, and special thanks to Trustee Thomas! I am so proud of our Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools team, building our donor base and tripling the number and amount of scholarships we were able to award to the Class of 2023!
- Last, I want to shout out to our Communications and Media Teams for the hard work they are currently putting into our special graduation issue of the digital Faces of Fresno Unified Magazine! At the end of this month, we will release the graduation edition which will include a spread on every high school graduation, highlights of valedictorians and scholarship recipients from every school, and much more. Instead of one compilation video of all of our high school graduations, this year every single school will have their own graduation video featured in the digital magazine! A print version of the magazine will also be mailed out in July as a keepsake to every single scholarship recipient. As a quick teaser, let's take a look at Edison's graduation video.
- So, make sure to keep your eyes peeled for the graduation issue of Faces of Fresno Unified at the end of this month!
- Last, I want to remind all staff, students, and families that on Monday our district will be observing the Juneteenth holiday. Juneteenth is the oldest-known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was made effective in 1863, it could not be implemented in places still under Confederate control. As a result, in the westernmost Confederate state of Texas, enslaved people would not be free until much later. Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865, when some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth," by the newly freed people in Texas. We're proud to be celebrating this holiday in our district and all offices and sites will be closed, including summer meals, on Monday, June 19.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

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

Student Member Aquino: Congratulated the Class of 2023! Commented on looking forward to the next chapter. Congratulated the GLS who created the first Latinx Graduation Ceremony. Thanked staff members at every school site. Shared this is the best year so far--can't wait to see what comes next.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS - continued

Member Jonasson Rosas: Expressed appreciation for the binder provided by Teacher Development and made a request for bilingual teachers to be included in BCLAD credential program.

Commented on having received a board communication regarding restroom accessibility; however, closing restrooms is a problem and hopes the district can work over the summer to have a better plan in place for the next school year.

Commented the district should be able to gather student usage data pertaining to whether or not Tutor.com is useful and if it is providing the desired outcomes, not only hours of usage by students but are student grades improving. Requested the district talk with Tutor.com regarding access to the data before continuing to engage.

Commented had questions regarding data around A4 to be sure staff are assessing long-term effectiveness of programs.

Member Thomas: Shared Samaria received a full ride to Saint Aug., proud of the positive spaces in her life.

Board President Islas: Congratulated all 2023 graduating seniors, and commented every school has a ceremony that is incredibly unique and shared the fireworks at McLane are very special. Provided personal congratulations and thank you to student board members Kristen Laus and Joseph Aquino. Commented on hearing spectacular reviews for the Latinx Graduation, thankful the district could be part of this event and hopeful it will continue to grow.

Commented on a somber note to raise an alarm and concern, in the past month the district lost two students to domestic violence. Commented our children need counsel, violence is never the answer. Encouraged those listening to seek help if they are experiencing violence in any form, please speak to a friend, teacher, counselor, the district does have resources to help. Commented it is especially important that no more lives are lost to these tragedies. Commented, equally important, if a student is having trouble managing anger or needs support with conflict resolution and peace making the district has resources to help in those areas as well. Encouraged people to reach out to someone they trust, do know the Board members care about you and your lives do matter.

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 Levine, seconded by Board Clerk Wittrup, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for Agenda Items A-6, A-12, A-17, A-

19, and A-21 which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and 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 24, 2023, regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the May 10, 2023, regular Board meeting.

A-4, APPROVE Comprehensive Safe School Plans for 2023/24

APPROVED as recommended, the 2023/24 Comprehensive Safe School Plans for all schools.

A-5, APPROVE the 2023/24 School Plans for Student Achievement

APPROVED as recommended, the 2023/24 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA).

A-6, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description Executive Officer – Leadership Development and APPROVE Revision to the Certificated Management 261 Duty Days Salary Schedule for Executive Officer – Leadership Development

APPROVED and ADOPTED as recommended, the job description of Executive Officer – Leadership Development and the revised Certificated Management 261 Duty Days Salary Schedule with Executive Officer – Leadership Development placement on E-30.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-6. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Requested clarity as to the fiscal impact for the position. Requested staff to include dollar amount on agenda items.

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

- A-7, APPROVE Revised 2022/23 Classified Hourly Schedules**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2022/23 revised Classified Hourly Salary Schedules. The Superintendent recommends approval.
- A-8, APPROVE Addendum to Agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC.**
APPROVED as recommended, an addendum to the agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC., for the provision of property insurance valuation and appraisal services for district facilities.
- A-9, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2023/24**
APPROVED as recommended, a list of piggyback contracts recommended for utilization by the district during 2023/24 for efficient and cost-effective procurement.
- A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-58, Exterior Painting at Various Sites**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-58, Exterior Painting at Various Sites.
- A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-67, Bullard Talent K-8 School Site Improvements**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-67, Bullard Talent K-8 School Site Improvements.
- A-12, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 23-36, Safe Route Site Assessments**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-36, Safe Route Site Assessments.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-12. A summary is as follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented on a concern with the cost of this agreement and it being limited to ten sites. Commented that Calwa Elementary School not being included is a huge miss. Asked if this agreement could be bifurcated in any way. Shared concern the district will spend approximately \$300,000 for the assessments and will then make recommendations on city infrastructure and the City of Fresno may say, that's nice. Asked where the bulk of this money will be spent and is there a way to focus on that which the district can control.

Member Thomas: Requested staff to make sure Board members know of community engagement. Commented on concern with cost at first glance and after reflection decided this amount of money could not be put on Rashad's life, and no longer have concerns.

Member Cazares: Echoed Trustee Thomas's comment, a price cannot be put on a student's life. Shared from work experience of consulting agreements and commented the cost of this agreement is not outlandish, the services included are professional engineers. Commented if the City has not addressed issues as much as the district would like then the district should look to the issues and of the work may flow into city rights-of-way which is not unusual and there is funding once work is identified.

Clerk Wittrup: Asked if this will work will address drop off and pick up areas at school sites. Commented on the need for this work.

President Islas: Commented this is an investment which will help the district save lives. Commented the assessment will be comprehensive and is needed as part of the district's due diligence to document failings at both the city and county levels, as it does not seem they will do the assessment. Commented it is important for the district to look for additional resources and grants to help build the infrastructure services to keep students safe. Commented if there is phasing of the assessment that reveals a need for additional equipment at the site, that those needs be brought to the Board sooner rather than later. Expressed disappointment that the vendor was not local. Commented on being aware of the city's response but stated a Public Service Announcement is helpful but is not the infrastructure that is needed. Commented students are being hit while walking in the crosswalks with the right-of-way. Commented there are areas where the district can work but there several areas in which the district needs the city's help.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-12 was approved by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-13, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 23-40, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetable Program

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposal 23-40, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetable Program to establish fixed pricing for delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to 70 elementary school locations.

A-14, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 23-41, Fresh Produce

APPROVED as recommended, is information on Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-41, Fresh Produce to establish fixed pricing for fresh produce in the district's breakfast, lunch and supersnack meal programs.

A-15, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 23-53, Tree Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Qualifications 23-53, Tree Services.

A-16, APPROVE Agreement with Education Elements - Wave Six Year Two and Three

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Education Elements for Wave Six Expansion to ensure continued results in the partnership and to work alongside the district Personalized Learning Initiative team.

A-17, RATIFY Agreement with Education Elements - Wave Six Year One

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Education Elements for Wave Six Year One to ensure continued results in the partnership and to work alongside the district Personalized Learning Initiative team.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-17. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Underscored the need for agreements to specify the goal, the objective, and how success will be measured. Commented that this is not only for the Board's awareness but district accountability as well as the community's knowledge. Requested as the district moves forward, and as standard procedure all agreements to specify the goal, objective, and how success will be measured.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-17 was approved by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.

A-18, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools - California Statewide Early Math Initiative Grant

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the Fresno Unified Early Learning Department and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for Phase Two of the California Statewide Early Math Initiative (CAEMI).

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-19, RATIFY Amended Agreement with the California Department of Social Services

RATIFIED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Social Services Child Care and Development Division.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-19. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Requested staff to include more information pertaining to agenda items on the face of the agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-19 was ratified by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.

A-20, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2023, through March 31, 2023 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

A-21, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2023, through March 31, 2023 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

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 Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC). I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation.

Additionally, item A-21 also contains purchase orders for California State University, Fresno, Fresno State Alumni Association, and Fresno State University 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 Thomas, Agenda Item A-21 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Member Levine.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-22, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Local Control and Accountability Plan

For the record, Board President Islas OPENED the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-22.

For the record, Board President Islas CLOSED the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

B-23, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, Board President Islas OPENED the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-23.

For the record, Board Members had comments and/or questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-23. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Thanked agencies and organizations that provided feedback in the LCAP which gets built into the district budget. Requested clarity on information provided on slide No. 10 pertaining to Julie Halbert with Council of the Great City Schools returning for an update. Requested clarity as to where in the presentation are listed additional investments to sports facilities, coaching stipends, any other support for sport teams. Requested clarity as to where investments for ground keeping are listed. Requested clarity as to who decides how the additional investment is used and will actually go towards coaching stipends.

Member Levine: Thanked staff for opportunity to meet and ask questions. Commented on the strong interest from families and school communities in site-based student family resource pantries and asked if that resource is reflected in the budget. Asked if the district is still moving forward with the expansion of free FAX bus passes to middle school students and if investments have been made to the budget to cover the cost of communicating the expansion to families. Shared excitement for bus passes being available to students to participate in the Bulldog Bound program.

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

For the record, Board President Islas CLOSED the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-23a, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Literacy Task Force Recommendations

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-23a.

For the record, Board Members had comments and/or questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-23a. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Expressed appreciation for the work involved in the committee, workshops and community input gathering. Expressed appreciation that pillar goals include highlighting community partnerships and literacy networks. Encouraged staff to include training for parents as well and commented Parent University would be a great resource. Requested staff to be sure students using outside tutoring agencies are supported when transitioning out from tutoring services and identify what works for students. Encouraged district to use Hanover Research for qualitative data as this is one of the district's most important works. Expressed appreciation on the regional approach. Expressed the importance of gathering as much teacher input as possible as teachers will be the workforce implementing the plan.

Clerk Wittrup: Expressed excitement for the taskforce and the work done. Shared rooms were filled with enthusiasm and knowledge, skill, and background, it was a pleasure to attend. Commented it was fantastic to complete instructional walks and to see where school are at with reading instructional.

Commented the conceptual level is important to get the work started but it is really going to live in the details. Commented on the components which will be needed are good explicit first instruction, and although buy-in is needed there are areas that are non-negotiable, areas that are known to be best practices. Commented on the need for interventions for students that need extra help, this is not tutoring but specialized instruction specific to the student and to help bring the student up to grade level, these interventions must be monitored regularly in order to allow for quick adjustments if student is not responding to interventions.

Commented on a piece missing from the taskforce meetings where specialists with interventions and progress monitoring and asked that school psychologists be included in the work. Commented on the importance of the assessment piece of the work, commented students should be assessed regularly with consistency as if a student moves to a different school the new teacher will know exactly where student needs support. Commented the granular details will help the work thrive.

Commented it will look different from school to school, but the components and fidelity will be the same. Commented literacy coaches will be important to the work

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as well as leveled readers. Requested to see different packages of work but all components covered within package. Commented on looking forward to what is coming and thanked staff for their work.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Echoed comments by Clerk Wittrup. Commented on parent engagement and asked that parents be provided tools to help with the literacy initiative as they will be partners in this work. Asked that student needs be met on different pathways. Asked to see goals, objectives, and benchmarks. Commented on schools and classes that are doing this work well and asked that they be spotlighted for their excellence as a form of learning and to capture all things that influence literacy, not only instruction.

Board President Islas: Commented on being glad to see this work before the Board. Commented on there being several Trustees who have experience in education and does appreciate staff as experts in their fields that want to present something that is digested so it is consumable for the Trustees but at the same time there is an oversimplification with the presentation that does not give the Trustees details, they need to see. Requested future presentations include more details.

Echoed strong recommendation to have teacher involvement and the importance of parent involvement, the district needs to be prepared to engage parents, to use strategies that are about adult education and build their capacity to help the district assist their children to be successful. Commented would like to see components of how the district is educating, informing, and bringing parents along to build literacy of the student population. Commented this needs to be in multiple languages and led by diverse people, leaders need to be efficient in communicating and engaging community and building trust so parents can embrace the campaign. Commented that every parent should know Fresno Unified is committed to every student reading by first grade.

Member Thomas: How will the district engage parents that may be difficult to engage. The message of every child reading by first grade needs to reach all of Fresno.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received five (5) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is as follows:

1. Maricela Ceja: Equity at Burroughs Elementary School in the dual immersion program.
2. Luz Lopez: Requested the district to reconsider the sibling preference for dual immersion program enrollment.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued

3. Bob Mitchell: Addressed the need for Edison High School to be painted. Requested the Board to make decision with equity in mind.
4. Octaviana Gonzalez: Shared concern pertaining to the move of the principal at Sunset Elementary School. Requested an opportunity for her son to attend Computech.
5. Carolina Simenovic: Spoke regarding the move of the Sunset Elementary School principal. Commented parents should be involved in the interview process. Requested resources for the site and attention to facility issues.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of five (5) item as follows:

C-24, RECEIVE the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125, 2023/24 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District

C-25, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125

C-26, RECEIVE the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, 2023/24 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District

C-27, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143

C-28, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 9:34 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 9:36 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Kimberly Villescruz to Executive Officer, Leadership Development, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup. and Board President Islas.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:40 p.m.