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Fresno, California
June 21, 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 21, 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 Clerk Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:34 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.

Board Clerk Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Thomas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

For the record Board President Islas arrived at 4:45 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session extended to 7:10 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board President Islas, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Zerina Hargrove-Brown to Assistant Superintendent, Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, 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.

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 promote Amy Smith to Principal V at Fresno High 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 Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Maria Ceballos Tapia to Executive Officer in the Preschool Office, 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 President Islas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in Closed Session to hire Walter Gunn to Executive Director in Safety & Security, 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 Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Tobaise Brookins to Principal III at Edison-Computech, 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 President Islas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session to promote Katie Navarrette to Principal II at Anthony 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 Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Latoya Tatum to Principal II at Kirk 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 Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session to appoint Meredith Farnsworth to Principal II at Lawless Elementary School, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board President Islas, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve dismissal charges for a management 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

Board Member Keshia Thomas led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Good evening and welcome to all joining us in person and online this evening. With the packed agenda tonight and being the last board meeting of the 2022/23 school year, I would like to keep my remarks brief this evening.
- I want to take this opportunity to thank ALL of our retirees. We have some amazing folks who are taking that step into retirement, and while I'm so happy for each of them, we will miss them all greatly. This Friday evening, we will be celebrating all of our retirees at our Annual Retirement Celebration, this year at the Belmont Country Club. I can't wait to see you all there to break bread and officially thank you for your incredible service and impact to Fresno Unified.
- I also want to thank all of our teams who have been putting on summer academies and give thanks in advance to our many amazing partners who will be starting up summer camps in July. With the team's efforts, we were able to fill more than 11,000 free summer camp spots for more than 7,200 unique students. I am most proud to see that the teams' efforts to ensure our often-underrepresented students are taking advantage of these amazing camp opportunities have paid off! The team achieved an over 80% increase in English Learner student registrations, a 93% increase in students receiving specialized services registering, and a whopping 120% increase in foster and homeless youth registrations! It is so important to us students from all abilities, backgrounds, and means have the opportunity to join summer camps, and that is exactly what we are doing. Thank you all for making this happen for and on behalf of our students!
- I am just filled with gratitude for all of the hard work this school year – from our academic gains and beautiful classrooms to the responsible budget being considered for adoption tonight, to the necessary and important focus on early literacy our team will continue sharing this evening. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their service and guidance in another fantastic school year.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

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

For the record, Board Members had no comments.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda items

For the record, the Board received six (6) requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Debbie Darden: Spoke in support of agenda item 24a, Approve Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting.

2. Michaelynn Lewis: Spoke in support of agenda item 24a, Approve Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting.
3. Bob Mitchell: Spoke in support of agenda item 24a, Approve Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting.
4. Gloria Hernandez: Spoke in support of keeping the murals at Edison High School.
5. Pastor B.T. Lewis: Spoke in support of agenda item 24a, Approve Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting. Requested consistency and uniformity pertaining to murals at school sites.
6. Estaban Santons: Spoke in support of keeping the murals at Edison High School and to defend indigenous art by students.
7. Avis Braggs: Spoke in support of agenda item 24a, Approve Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting, and spoke of colors and how colors affect the mind.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda items A-6, A-7, A-15, A-18, A-19, A-22, A-24a, A-26, A-37, A-39, A-42, A-50, and A-52 which were pulled for further discussion, 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.

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 June 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the May 24, 2023, and June 14, 2023, regular Board meetings, and the May 30, 2023, Board Workshop.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution 23-75, Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 23-75 to authorize Fresno Unified School District to transfer funds as needed for cash-flow purposes and to repay those transactions as funds become available for the 2023/24 fiscal year.
- A-5, ADOPT Resolution 23-74, Approving the Self-Certifying Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 23-74, to approve the self-certifying increase of the micro-purchase threshold when utilizing federal funding.
- A-6, ADOPT Resolution 23-76, Authorizing Fresno Unified School District to Pre-Qualify Prospective Bidders for Construction Contracts**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 23-76, Authorizing Fresno Unified School District to Pre-Qualify Prospective Bidders for Construction Contracts.

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

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented would support approval for this item but suggested revisions for future years as follows: 1) Question number fourteen be changed from terminator for cause by a public agency to terminator for cause. 2) Disclose any labor issues, internal but more specifically organized labor.

For the record, Pau Idsvoog was available to comment.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to adopt agenda item A-6 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-7, ADOPT New Position and APPROVE Job Description of Senior Interpreter – Translator (Spanish, Hmong)**
ADOPTED as recommended, the job description of Senior Interpreter – Translator (Spanish) and Senior Interpreter – Translator (Hmong) and the Classified Hourly Salary Schedule with Senior Interpreter – Translator (Spanish) and Senior Interpreter – Translator (Hmong) placement on G-45.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-7. A summary is as follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented the salary schedule is too low if the district is looking to hire employees with high quality, simultaneous interpreting skills. Questioned if the job description should be split. Asked how the district will measure competency. Requested to bring the item back to August.

President Islas: Expressed appreciation and agreed entirely with remarks made by Member Jonasson Rosas. Commented there is an expectation in the job description to demonstrate competency in medical, legal, and educational settings which are advanced skill sets and if the district is establishing those expectations there needs to be a higher level of compensation. Commented on additional concern of interplay between translation and interpretation within the job description. Requested clarity as to how many translation and interpretation positions are in the district.

For the record, David Chavez and Nikki Henry were available to comment.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board President Islas, the Board voted to table agenda item A-7 to August 2023 by a vote of 7-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, Board President Islas.

A-8, APPROVE Revised 2022/23 Classified Hourly, Classified Food Services Hourly and Extra Pay/Extra Services Salary Schedules and 2023/24 Classified Food Services Hourly Salary Schedule

APPROVED as recommended, the revised 2022/23 Classified Hourly, Classified Food Services Hourly and Extra Pay/Extra Services Salary Schedules and the 2023/24 Classified Food Services Hourly Salary Schedule.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement with California Office to Reform Education for Shared Principal II Services by Maria Lynn Rocha Salazar as a Fresno Unified Employee on Loan to California Office to Reform Education

APPROVED as recommended, the agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California Office to Reform Education (CORE) for the shared services of Principal II, Maria Lynn Rocha Salazar as a Fresno Unified Employee on Loan to California Office to Reform Education. 457-3548.

A-10, APPROVE Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan for Retirees

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees and dependents.

A-11, APPROVE Agreement with Aetna Open Choice Preferred Provider Organization Plan

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Aetna Open Choice Preferred Provider Organization plan for dependents of our retirees who are not Medicare eligible.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-12, APPROVE Amendment to Agreements with Claremont Partners

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreements with Claremont Partners for Joint Health Management Board health program integration and Prescription Benefit Management consulting services.

A-13, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Delta Health Systems

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Delta Health Systems to provide medical claims administration services on behalf of the district's self-insured medical plans through December 31, 2024.

A-14, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Delta Health Systems/TeamCare

APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement for one year with Delta Health Systems/TeamCare for employee wellness program administrative services.

A-15, APPROVE Agreement with Equifax Credit Monitoring

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Equifax Credit Monitoring to provide identity theft and credit monitoring services to all active employees and their dependents.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-15. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Requested clarity as to how much the district is currently paying for credit monitoring services. Requested clarity as to how long credit monitoring will be provided. Requested clarity as to established protocol of credit monitoring.

Member Thomas: Requested the district to notify employees of the service.

For the record, Patrick Jensen was available to comment.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas the Board voted to approve agenda item A-15 by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, Board President Islas.

A-16, APPROVE Legal Services Agreements for 2023/24

APPROVED as recommended, a list of legal firms recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2023/24 fiscal year.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

A-17, APPROVE Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Facilitron for Utilization of Online Platform for the Management and Rental of District Facilities

APPROVED as recommended, the Facilitron Storefront Agreement for Online Facilities Rental to utilize their website for the management and use of district facilities, by both internal and external groups.

A-18, APPROVE Annual Agreements for the 2023/24 School Year – Primary Report

APPROVED as recommended, a matrix detailing agreements to provide services to Fresno Unified School District, subjected to approval of B-55.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-18. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented would like to see a standardization of the summary/description as follows: how many students served, teachers served, and metrics used to show return on investment.

President Islas: Commented, the Board has made commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion and would like to see information pertaining to businesses owned by women and also by people of color included in the annual agreement matrices.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-18 by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, Board President Islas.

A-19, APPROVE Annual Agreements for the 2023/24 School Year – Supplemental Report

APPROVE as recommended, a matrix detailing agreements to provide services to Fresno Unified School District, subjected to approval of B-55.

For the record, Trustee Levine read a statement as follows:

“Agenda item A-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains agreements with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, and Fresno EOC Head Start. I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation.

Additionally, item A-19 also contains agreements for California State University Fresno Foundation and California State University, Fresno where I am currently employed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

I did not participate in the making of the agreements related to this agenda item; but, because of my employment with both Fresno EOC and Fresno State I have a remote financial interest in those agreements.

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, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-19 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: Board Member Levine.

A-20, APPROVE Multiyear Agreement with Adobe, Inc. for Adobe Sign Enterprise APPROVED as recommended, information on the multiyear agreement with Adobe Inc. for Adobe Sign Enterprise for Education.

A-21, APPROVE Grant Award with Next Gen Personal Finance APPROVED as recommended, a grant with Next Gen Personal Finance to support California students’ access to, and engagement with, high-quality personal finance curriculum.

A-22, APPROVE Letter of Intent and Lease Agreement with Civic Center Square, Inc. APPROVED as recommended, the Letter of Intent (LOI) and lease agreement with Civic Center Square, Inc. additional space is needed for staff and programs in the Office of Engagement & External Partnerships.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-22. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Requested clarity as to what budget will be used for this item. Requested clarity as to whether the cost will be prorated between the Foundation and the External Partnerships Office. Commented on overall interest of the Foundation to be self-sustaining and asked what the plan is to build a self-sustaining Foundation. Requested to see a 3-year plan.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas the Board voted to approve agenda item A-22 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-23, APPROVE Excess Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability Insurance for 2023/24

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

APPROVED as recommended, a quotation received from the district's insurance broker, Marsh & McLennan Agency, for the district's Excess Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage.

A-24, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-65, Robinson Elementary School Portable Relocation

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-65, Robinson Elementary School Portable Relocation.

A-24a, APPROVE Authorization for the Superintendent or the Deputy Superintendent to Award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting

APPROVED as recommended, a request for the Board to authorize the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent to award Bid 23-73, Edison High School Exterior Painting.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-24a. A summary is as follows:

Member Thomas: Thanked the hard work of the community on behalf of the community in which they live. Commented on the number of meetings, emails, and phone calls which have taken place.

Additionally commented on calls and emails made in the last 24-hours to Board colleagues in which Member Thomas was not included and because this topic pertains to her area the contacts should have been made to her; she assumes this was due to willful ignorance.

Commented eleven years ago district administration decided to paint Edison High School gray, which upset everyone, Member Thomas was not on the Board at that time and since coming to the Board in 2018 has worked to address. Commented a different place can be found for the murals. Commented on a bigger issue which is Edison High School is one of the best places in Fresno and we are proud of it, we love it, and live for it. Commented over the last two years Member Thomas engaged in an exhaustive community process to make sure the painting could happen, which included current students, former alumni, and the community and everyone had a chance to provide feedback on what the campus should look like. Commented, it has brought her great disappointment that lies have been spread and there are ignorant people. Commented on being proud the community stood up to have their voices heard and proud to be their representative and she will continue to fight for her community.

Member Cazares: Began by saying, putting aside the issue of the mural commented on being apprehensive of this project as a whole because the district has a project timeline.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Commented that across the city projects are scheduled and some are moved up when alternative funding sources becomes available. Commented, most Trustees understood the southwest area had been previously disinvested and pointed out areas in which the Board began to address the issue. Commented that Board members have been patiently sitting back because they want to be equitable across the city, but when projects are pushed ahead of other projects it is not fair. Commented the Board looks at projects yearly, sometime more to prioritize and this project is ahead of the schedule and was not prioritized by the Board as a whole.

Member Davis: Commented in favor of district staff working to create a policy for school murals.

Member Levine: Commented there are two issues being discussed, 1) To repaint the Edison High School campus which is moving ahead on the timeline but not egregiously so; and, 2) The murals. Commented will support the repainting only if there is a confirmed agreement that the murals will not be touched until there is an extensive community or student engagement process. Spoke in high support of murals at school sites. Repeatedly asked for clarity to the murals not being touched until community engagement process completed.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Asked how this rose to the point of becoming a bid, because there is a project schedule in place and the Board had not prioritized. Commented as a Board member, she too has been faced with questions from the community as to why something is not done in the Roosevelt region. Commented, so if I have my community come and constantly bug me about a CTE building I can jump ahead, that is not a good way of doing business.

Requested if Edison is a year ahead of schedule an additional year be added to when Edison is next scheduled to be painted. Asked the Board and district staff to seriously look at the system so this does not happen again, underscored not setting the precedent of moving things up on project lists.

Board President Islas: Referenced the McLane incident of painting over a mural and commented did not want a repeat. Requested clarity as to if the artist had been contacted about repainting the murals. Requested clarity as to there being an agreement to move the murals completely. Requested clarity from legal counsel as to if there needed to be something in Board Policy in relation to murals in order to not violate the California Art Preservation Act. Asked if any conversations have taken place with students regarding the murals. Commented very content and supportive of Edison being repainted without touching the murals until consent of the artist and student engagement takes place. Does not support the murals being completely removed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Member Cazares: Requested staff to look at creating a rule for how projects are brought forward so a situation like this does not happen again. Commented that this does not feel good.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Requested clarity as to if Member Thomas's motion acknowledged the murals and the additional one-year to the rotation.

For the record Paul Idsvoog, Superintendent Nelson, Ed.D., Ambra O'Connor, and legal counsel Bryan Martin were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-24a, to repaint Edison with the amendment to not touch the murals and the addition of one-year to the campus painting rotation schedule, by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. NOES: Board Member Cazares.

For the record, Board President Islas left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A-25, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-17, Fremont Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-17, Fremont Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement.

A-26, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-46, Jefferson Elementary School Transitional Kindergarten Portable Improvements APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-46, Jefferson Elementary School Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Portable Improvements.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-26. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented on not being able to justify the cost, or the placement of a class in a portable classroom. Commented on the need for permanent buildings for early learning classes. Commented on appreciating the district's attempt to address the restroom issues for early learning facilities.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas motioned to proceed with other work on Bid 23-46 except for the portable, and for staff to come back with a plan for a permanent structure with a restroom. Board Member Davis seconded this motion.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

For the record, Alex Belanger explained this item pertains to a single bid which cannot be parceled out but requires approval or denial as a whole.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented if feels as if the district is moving away from removing portables, this district is remodeling and moving portables and this does not seem like money well spent.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas amended her motion to reject the bid and return with a plan for a permanent structure.

For the record, Alex Belanger explained without this portable there will be a need for student housing for the beginning of the school year.

For the record, Clerk Wittrup requested clarity as to the motion and if there was a second. At this time Member Davis withdrew her second.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-26 by a vote of 4-1-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Levine, and Clerk Wittrup. NOES: Board Member Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board President Islas and Board Member Thomas.

A-27, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-57, Wi-Fi Expansion

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-57, Wi-Fi Expansion.

A-28, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-60, Bullard High School Gas and Sewer Line Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-60, Bullard High School Gas and Sewer Line Replacement.

A-29, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-61, Classroom Audio/Visual Equipment Removal

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-61, Classroom Audio/Visual Equipment Removal.

A-30, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-62, Classroom Interactive Display Panels, Related Accessories, and Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-62, Classroom Interactive Display Panels, Related Accessories, and Services, to establish a fixed unit price for the purchase of interactive panels, accessories, and services.

A-31, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-63, Edison High School Existing Gym Ceiling Repair

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-63, Edison High School Existing Gym Ceiling Repair.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-32, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-64, Bullard Talent K-8 School Office Portable Project**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-64, Bullard Talent K-8 School Office Portable Project.
- A-33, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-66, Heaton and Webster Elementary Schools and Scandinavian Middle School Playground Equipment Replacement**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-66, Heaton and Webster Elementary Schools and Scandinavian Middle School Playground Equipment Replacement.
- A-34, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-68, Portable and Modular Buildings**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-68, Portable and Modular Buildings.
- A-35, APPROVE Award of Bid 23-71, Concrete Slabs for Outdoor Tables at Various Sites**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 23-71, Concrete Slabs for Outdoor Tables at Various Sites.
- A-36, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 23-47, Farmers Market Services**
APPROVED as recommended, Request for Proposals (RFP) 23-47, Farmers Market Services, to select a qualified vendor to provide farmers market services.
- A-36a, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 23-50R, Dry and Frozen Products**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals 23-50R, Dry and Frozen Products to establish fixed pricing on meal ingredients and menu items for delivery to the Nutrition Center.
- A-36b, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 23-52R, USDA Commodity Prepared Foods**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals 23-52R, USDA Commodity Prepared Foods to establish fixed pricing for USDA commodity processed beef, chicken, and pork products for delivery to the Nutrition Center.
- A-37, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 23-69, Restorative Practice and Discipline Strategies Services, and/or Mental Health and Substance Use**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 23-69, to provide equity-based Restorative Practice and Discipline Strategies Services.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-37. A summary is as follows:

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented will continue to make similar comments until requested information is seen regularly, such as: 1) How is the district evaluating; and 2) What does success look like, specifically restorative practices. Requested clarity as to what is the plan to make sure this works.

For the record, Rita Baharian was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-37 by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas and Board President Islas.

A-38, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 23-56, Travel Management APPROVED as recommended, Request for Qualification (RFQ) 23-56, Travel Management to select qualified agencies to support travel management for Fresno Unified School District.

A-39, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 23-70, Social Emotional and Behavioral Intervention Services APPROVED as recommended, award of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 23-70 to prequalify a pool of vendors for Social Emotional and Behavioral Intervention Services in the categories of Professional Development and Indirect/Direct Student Services.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Asked if the district is evaluating services, and what success will look like. Requested clarity as to what is the plan to make sure this works.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-39 by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas and Board President Islas.

A-40, APPROVE Rejection of Request for Proposals 23-50, Dry and Frozen Products APPROVED rejection of Request for Proposals 23-50, Dry and Frozen Products as recommended.

A-41, APPROVE Rejection of Request for Proposals 23-52, USDA Commodity Prepared Foods APPROVED rejection of Request for Proposals 23-52, USDA Commodity Prepared Foods as recommended.

A-42, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws THE BOARD DENIED, proposed revisions for six Board Bylaws (BB), one Administrative Regulation (AR) and one Exhibit (E) as follows:

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BB 9100 Organization; BB 9224 Oath or Affirmation (NEW); BB 9311 Board Policies; E 9320 Meetings and Notices (DELETE); BB 9321 Closed Session Purpose and Agendas; BB 9321.1 Closed Session Conduct and Reports (DELETE); AR 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials (DELETE); BB 9324 Minutes and Recordings.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-42. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Thanked district staff for their work with Members on the Board Bylaw Subcommittee and for providing best practices and recommendations. Shared the rotation of Board President and Board Clerk is a monumental change; a change that makes it clear how board leadership is transitioned, provides everyone an opportunity to participate as board leadership, and takes it from a political and popularity issue to a fair practice. Expressed being proud of this work.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Commented originally thought this would be a great idea; however, now understands the value of Board members choosing their Board leadership. Commented that in any elected body being able to take it in the face one day and come back and do things for the good of the district is not pleasant, but can now see the value in the discussion and being chosen to truly represent versus a rotation.

Commented a rotation takes away from the ability to discuss leadership, relationships, and the ability to think not only of your own interests as a Trustee but the interests of the Board as a whole, because you had to earn the leadership position. Commented does not think this is the direction in which the Board should move, sees value in affirmatively choosing Board leadership and the balance that can be had, and conversely if there is an expectation of a rotation it gets messy. Commented that the complimentary balances of perspectives and strengths in the Clerk and President positions are lost when the process is prescriptive.

Commented for the good of the district sees value in the current process of playing to people's strengths and would not be in favor of a rotation.

Member Davis: Commented did not see in the proposed bylaw a provision for Board leadership being responsible for training or how immediate a removal could be of a Board Clerk or Board President. Commented there is value for people to win the approval of fellow colleagues. Commented cannot support this item as there is no mention of training.

Member Levine: Echoed Member Cazares' comments, was proud to sit on the bylaw committee with her and thanked staff for their work. Expressed hope this work will move forward.

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Member Thomas: Commented the Board has had members take advantage of the seat and members that could not be trusted in the seat. Commented the position of Board President has a lot of power and people sometimes over exert that power without taking the temperature of the whole Board.

Clerk Witttrup: Thanked those who worked on this item, found it refreshing to try new ways of doing things and can go back to the old ways if it doesn't work.

For the record Ambra O'Connor was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board denied agenda item A-42 by a vote of 3-3-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Levine, and Clerk Witttrup. NOES: Board Members: Davis, Jonasson Rosas, and Thomas. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

A-43, APPROVE Amendment to Board Meeting Date for Academic Year 2023/24
APPROVED as recommended, a proposed amendment to a Board of Education meeting date for academic year 2023/24. Staff recommend moving the last Board of Education meeting for academic year 2023/24 as it falls on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, the Juneteenth holiday. The recommendation is to move the Board of Education meeting to Thursday, June 20, 2024.

A-44, DENY Claim GL22-1117-9132
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL22-1117-9132.

A-45, RATIFY Agreement with Crisis Prevention Institute, Incorporated
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Crisis Prevention Institute, Incorporated (CPI). in the amount of \$112,270.

A-46, RATIFY Agreement with Right Direction Crisis Intervention
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement in the amount of \$15,858 between Fresno Unified School District and Right Direction Crisis Intervention.

A-47, RATIFY Agreement with Leadership Associates
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with Leadership Associates to conduct an executive search for the position of Chief Financial Officer.

A-48, RATIFY Amendment to Agreement with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates to Conduct a Community Survey Regarding Potential Bond Measure
RATIFIED as recommended, an amendment to an agreement from Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct a community survey to gauge voter interest in a potential 2024 bond measure to continue school facility improvements.

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- A-49, RATIFY Grant Application to the No Kid Hungry Grant Opportunity**
RATIFIED as recommended, the submission of the grant application to No Kid Hungry Grant Opportunity.
- A-50, RATIFY the Agreement for Request for Qualifications and Proposals 23-12, Design Build Services with New England Sheet Metal and Mechanical Co.**
RATIFIED as recommended, the Agreement for Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQP) 23-12, Design-Build Services with New England Sheet Metal and Mechanical Co.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-50. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares: Commented on a previous request for agenda items to be provided with as much information as possible for clarity. Pointed out this item does not specify type of services, what type of building is being built or location of build. Commented does not feel an item with a cost of \$56 million should be on the Consent Agenda, this is significant enough for a PowerPoint presentation. Requested clarity as to if this project is for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) at all schools across the district. Requested staff to make it clear

For the record, Paul Idsvoog was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-50 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-51, RATIFY Purchase Orders from April 01, 2023, through April 30, 2023, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Primary Report**
RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from April 01, 2023, through April 30, 2023.
- A-52, RATIFY Purchase Orders from April 01, 2023, through April 30, 2023 – Supplemental Report**
RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from April 01, 2023, through April 30, 2023.

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

“Agenda item A-52 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission. I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation.

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I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; but, because of my employment with Fresno County EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those purchase orders.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board voted to approve agenda item A-52 by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board President Islas.

B-53, DISCUSS and ADOPT the 2023/24 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-53.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board voted to adopt agenda item A-53 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-54, DISCUSS and ADOPT the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Local Control and Accountability Plan

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-54.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board voted to adopt agenda item A-54 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.

B-55, DISCUSS and ADOPT the Fresno Unified School District 2023/24 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-55.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board voted to adopt agenda item A-55 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.

B-56, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fall 2023 California Dashboard Local Indicators

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-56.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-56. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas: Requested this item be brought back for a deeper dive.

B-57, PRESENT and DISCUSS the District-wide Literacy Initiative and Regional Model

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-57.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-57. A summary is as follows:

Clerk Wittrup: Thanked staff for providing granular information. Commented without present levels of performance you really don't know where you need to go. Expressed appreciation for the level of details for every region. Commented by thumbing through the data you can tell which sites are doing well.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Requested her name to be spelled correctly and acronyms to be spelled out. Font for notes could help readability. Requested clarity pertaining to information on page 52 specifically distance from standard. Commented literacy is important for all grade levels and the goal for this initiative is reading by first grade and implored the district to stay focused on this goal.

Member Thomas: Shared frustration that a plan had already been created for African American students and feels the district is back at the drawing board. Requested data be provided clearly, does not want to crunch numbers at the dais. Requested information on how many African American students are included in the data.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas left the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-58, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2023/24 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-58.

B-59, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143 Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2023/24 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-59.

B-60, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 for the 2023/24 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-60.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board voted to adopt agenda item B-60 by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas and Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

B-61, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143 for the 2023/24 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-61.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board voted to adopt agenda item A-61 by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Levine, Thomas, and Clerk Wittrup. ABSENT: Board President Islas and Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications.

For the record, Board Clerk Wittrup reported out items from Closed Session missed earlier in the meeting. Report out as follows:

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Roxanna Banuelos, Case No. WC21-0702-5498, by the following vote 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 Davis, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Rachel Dominquez, Case No. WC19-0329-2855, by the following vote 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 Levine, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Jesse Parra, Case No. WC18-0123-356, by the following vote 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 President Islas, the Board acted in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation claim for Jonathan Hinojosa, Case No. WC22-0707-7268, by the following vote 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for the Board to receive.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board Clerk Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 10:18 p.m.