



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
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## **MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**Fresno, California**  
**December 13, 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 December 13, 2023, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. was also present.

Board President Islas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:32 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 with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Janell Beamon: Commented on a complaint filed in May 2023.

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:44 p.m.

For the record, Board President Islas extended Closed Session to 5:40 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:46 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 on a personnel complaint appeal to order a supplemental complaint investigation, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Wittrup, and Board President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Davis.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Andy Levine led the Flag Salute.

## HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Due to high school finals, no reports from Student Board Representatives were heard.

## HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Next week will kick off our three-week winter break and our schools have been celebrating all month. Schools have been holding fun holiday programs, events, and Hmong New Year celebrations. The magic of the season has been in full swing, and I am so grateful to our teams for bringing joy to our students, staff, and families.
- On Monday, our amazing winter camps begin their first sessions! We have skiing and snowboarding, rock climbing, junior cooking, ceramics, folklorico and hip hop, and so much more! If you are one of the thousands of students signed up to participate this winter, please make sure you show up and stick around through your full week of camp! You are going to have a blast! Parents, we are counting on you to ensure our kids get their full camp experiences! The second session will begin on January 2 – cannot wait to see you all learning and having fun!
- Over the winter break, we will be serving free meals to anyone ages 1 through 18. Meals will be available at 19 of our school sites – mostly high schools and middle schools – between 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sites will be closed on December 25, 26, and January 1. For a list of locations and dates please visit our website at <https://www.fresnounified.org/>.
- Teachers do not forget to register for the Winter Professional Learning Summit before you head off for break! We have tons of amazing sessions available for you to support instruction, social emotional learning, family engagement, and more! The summit is being held virtually on January 4 and 5 and teachers will be paid supplemental rates for participating. Check your Employee Zone email from Communications for the link to register.
- Community, we need you! We are working hard to recruit volunteer crossing guards for all of our school sites. With just a few hours a week, you can help us ensure our students are safe as they travel to and from school each day. If you are interested in learning more and volunteering, check in with your neighborhood school site directly or call (559) 603-1325.
- I have several recognitions and shout outs tonight!
  - I want to recognize two fantastic Fresno Unified family members as they prepare for retirement - Armand Chavez and Ed Dewitt.
    - Armand is retiring at the end of December after nearly 31 years with Fresno Unified. Armand spent nearly 31 years in our Safety Department starting as a Campus Safety Assistant at Yosemite Middle School and then on to a Lead Campus Safety Assistant at Duncan. In 2008 Armand joined the newly formed district Safety Office as a safety specialist and soon was promoted to department manager. Thank you! Armand, for your years of service in keeping our students, staff, and families safe.

- Ed is also retiring soon and has served Fresno Unified for more than 35 years! Ed assisted in the creation of the Assessment Information System, better known as AiS as well as the creation and implementation of the Student Conduct Referral portal within that same system. He was a pioneer in state reporting for the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) and California School Information Services (CSIS). He also assisted with the coordination of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) which has been in operation since 2009! Among numerous other projects, Ed has continuously and selflessly mentored and supported the professional development of dozens of staff over the years. We are fortunate to have shared space with such an amazing colleague and friend – congratulations and thank you Ed!
    - Congratulations are in order to the Hoover Campus Safety Assistant team who received the Golden Nugget for Safety Excellence award from our Safety Department. They received the award for their great job implementing 5 Star Students resulting in decreased tardiness and better relationships between staff and students.
    - Last but certainly not least, a shout out to our amazing Kirk students and families who held their second annual sock drive! Led by Kirk’s Black Student Union students, Kirk worked to get donations of new socks that would be donated to the Marjaree Mason Center. Let’s take a quick minute to check out this great story ABC30 did on our students.
  - So proud of our students and their drive to serve their community! Happy holidays to all and I hope everyone has a wonderful, restful winter break filled with family, love, and joy.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**President Islas** thanked Clerk Wittrup for advocating for a turn signal in front of Starr Elementary School. Encouraged City and County partners to bring forward investments to support infrastructure safety improvements. Commented on the opportunity for parents to join the discussion during Safety Assessment meetings.

Additionally, President Islas shared that Yosemite Middle School will host a Christmas at the Southeast Pole, a community event in partnership with the Southeast Police Department.

## **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda items**

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda items A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A11, and A-12 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 regular Board meeting on October 04, 2023.
- A-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the December 06, 2023, Board of Education regular meeting.
- A-4, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description of Senior Interpreter– Translator, Bilingual, and the Classified Hourly Salary Schedule with Senior Interpreter – Translator, Bilingual**  
**APPROVED and ADOPTED as recommended**, the job description of Senior Interpreter – Translator, Bilingual and the Classified Hourly Salary Schedule with Senior Interpreter – Translator, Bilingual placement on G-55.
- A-5, APPROVE Certificated Retiree Contract for Elementary Music**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a retiree contract for Michael Krikorian. He is a recent retiree that will provide classroom music instruction as well as teach band and string ensembles according to his areas of expertise.
- A-6, APPROVE Amendment No. 4 to Employment Agreement for Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, Amendment No. 4 to Employment Agreement for Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. An Oral Report on Superintendent Robert Nelson’s salary and benefits was included for the Board President to present in open session as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Board President Islas read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the district is providing the following oral summary of the salary and fringe benefits as set forth in the proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and Robert Nelson.

- Contract term effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026.
- Annual base salary of \$378,498.22 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally and a 7.5% career increment consistent with the career increment applicable to all management employees in the district for a total annual salary of \$406,885.64
- One-time, off salary schedule payments in the same amount and paid in the same manner as any one-time, off salary schedule payments made to management employees generally including 2.5% of annual salary for 2024-2025 and 2.5% of annual salary for 2025-2026
- Lump sum, off-cycle payment in the amount of \$5,000.00
- Additional retirement contribution payments equal to the maximum annual employee elective deferral allowed under the Internal Revenue Code for a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Account, currently \$22,500.00 for 2023
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group
- Paid medical, dental and vision insurance coverage on same terms as other management employees
- Paid vacation at 25 days per year with the accrual maximum not to exceed 40 days

- Auto/Travel allowance of \$1,500 per month
- Professional dues to ACSA and a local service club of Superintendent's choice

That concludes the Board's report pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved agenda item A-6 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.

**A-7, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Academic Officer Natasha Baker, E.D.**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Academic Officer Natasha Baker, Ed.D. An Oral Report on Chief Academic Officer Natasha Baker's salary and benefits was included for the Superintendent to present in open session as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the district is providing the following oral summary of the salary and fringe benefits as set forth in the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and Natasha Baker.

- Contract term effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027
- Annual base salary of \$284,131.74 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally
- One time, off schedule payments in the same amount and paid in the same manner as any one-time off schedule payments made to management employees generally which for 2024-2025 is equal to 2.5% of annual salary and for 2025-2026 is 2.5 % of annual salary

- Lump sum, off-cycle payment in the amount of \$5,000.00
- Additional retirement contribution payments equal to the maximum annual employee elective deferral allowed under the Internal Revenue Code for a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Account, currently \$22,500 for 2023
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group
- Paid medical, dental and vision insurance coverage on same terms as other management employees
- Paid vacation at 20 days per year with the accrual maximum not to exceed 40 days of vacation
- Auto/Travel allowance of \$500 per month
- Professional dues to ACSA, AERA, CAAASA, CALSA and CAAPLE

That concludes the Board's report pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item A-7 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.

**A-8, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Financial Officer Patrick Jensen**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Financial Officer Patrick Jensen. An Oral Report on Chief Financial Officer Patrick Jensen's salary and benefits was included for the Superintendent to present in open session as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the district is providing the following oral summary of the salary and fringe benefits as set forth in the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and Patrick Jensen.

- Contract term effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027
- Annual base salary of \$241,878.83 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally and a 6.0% career increment consistent with the career increment applicable to all management employees in the district for a total annual salary of \$256,391.61
- One-time, off schedule payments in the same amount and paid in the same manner as any one-time, off schedule payments made to management employees generally including 2.5% of annual salary for 2024-2025 and 2.5% of annual salary for 2025-2026
- Additional retirement contribution payments equal to the maximum annual employee elective deferral allowed under the Internal Revenue Code for a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Account, currently \$22,500 for 2023
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group
- Paid medical, dental and vision insurance coverage on same terms as other management employees
- Paid vacation at 20 days per year with the accrual maximum not to exceed 40 days of vacation
- Auto/Travel allowance of \$500 per month
- Professional dues to ACSA and CASBO

That concludes the Board's report pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.



On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved agenda item A-8 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.

**A-9, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Operations and Labor Relations Paul Idsvoog**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Chief Operations and Labor Relations Officer Paul Idsvoog. An Oral Report on the Chief Operations and Labor Relations Officer's salary and benefits was included for the Superintendent to present in open session as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the district is providing the following oral summary of the salary and fringe benefits as set forth in the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and Paul Idsvoog.

- Contract term effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027
- Annual base salary of \$258,502.61 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally and a 4.5% career increment consistent with the career increment applicable to all management employees in the district for a total annual salary of \$270,135.42
- One time, off schedule payments in the same amount and paid in the same manner as any one-time off schedule payments made to management employees generally including 2.5% of annual salary for 2024-2025 and 2.5% of annual salary for 2025-2026
- Lump sum, off-cycle payment in the amount of \$5,000.00

- Additional retirement contribution payments equal to the maximum annual employee elective deferral allowed under the Internal Revenue Code for a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Account, currently \$22,500 for 2023
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group
- Paid medical, dental and vision insurance coverage on same terms as other management employees
- Paid vacation at 20 days per year with the accrual maximum not to exceed 40 days of vacation
- Auto/Travel allowance of \$500 per month
- Professional dues to ACSA and CASBO

That concludes the Board's report pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item A-9 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.

**A-10, APPROVE Revised Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Deputy Superintendent Mao M. Her**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the Revised Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Deputy Superintendent Mao Misty Her, with an addition to the Oral Report on Amendment No. 1 to the Deputy Superintendent's Employment Agreement presented in open session at the December 06, 2023, meeting. The Superintendent presented the addition to the December 06, 2023, Oral Report as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the District hereby incorporates in its entirety the Oral Report presented in open session at Board of Education's regular meeting on December 6, 2023 regarding the Deputy Superintendent's salary and fringe benefits as stated Amendment No. 1. The district further presents the following addition to the December 6, 2023, Oral Report regarding the inclusion of new language in the proposed Revised Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and Misty Her as follows

- Annual base salary of \$293,319.17 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally and a 7.5% career consistent with the career increment applicable to all management employees in the district for a total annual salary of \$315,318.11
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group

Together with the Oral Report presented on December 6, 2023, this concludes the Board's summary pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved agenda item A-10 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.

**A-11, APPROVE Revised Employment Agreement for Chief Human Resources and Labor Relations David Chavez**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the Revised Employment Agreement for David Chavez, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations with an addition to the Oral Report on the Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations' Employment Agreement that was presented in open session at the December 06, 2023, regular meeting. The Superintendent presented the addition to the December 06, 2023, Oral Report as required by Government Code section 54953(c)(3).

For the record, Superintendent Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D. read a statement as follows:

Government Code section 54953(c)(3) of the Brown Act requires that this Board make an oral report in open session before taking final action on an employment agreement for a local agency executive. The oral report must summarize any recommended compensation including salary and/or fringe benefits.

Consistent with this requirement, the district hereby incorporates in its entirety the Oral Report presented in open session at Board of Education's regular meeting on December 6, 2023, regarding the salary and fringe benefits as stated in the Chief HR/LR's Employment Agreement. The district further presents the following addition to the December 6, 2023, Oral Report regarding the inclusion of new language in the proposed Revised Employment Agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and David Chavez as follows

- Annual base salary of \$266,097.67 which includes an 8.5% increase for 2023-2024 which is equal to the percentage increase applied to the salary schedules for management employees generally and a 6.75% career consistent with the career increment applicable to all management employees in the District for a total annual salary of \$284,059.26
- Workday/work year reductions and corresponding reductions in salary to the same extent and in the same manner as any other employee group

Together with the Oral Report presented on December 6, 2023, this concludes the Board's summary pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3). I will now open this item for discussion and action.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved agenda item A-7 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.

**A-12, APPROVE Agreement with Adventure Education Solutions**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the Extended Learning Recreational Leagues Enrichment service agreement with Adventures Education Solutions.

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

**Board Member Cazares** requested a breakdown of costs for this agreement.

**Board Member Jonasson Rosas** asked if staff ensure students are selected who are not normally able to participate in activities such as skiing and snowboarding. Requested clarity as to the criteria used in the student selection process. Asked if participating students are able to keep the snow gear.

**Board Member Levine** echoed Member Jonasson Rosas' comments. Requested clarity as to whether staff will use a lottery selection process if the number of students interested in participating exceeds the number of openings.

**Student Member Lua** thanked the Board and district staff for this opportunity provided for students. Shared from personal experience snowboarding for the first time.

**Board President Islas** requested clarity as to if the cost of storage will decrease in subsequent years and if the decrease in storage cost would support an increase in number of openings.

Jeremy Ward was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item A-12 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.

**A-13, APPROVE Agreement with the Resiliency Center of Fresno**

**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with The Resiliency Center of Fresno. The Resiliency Center provides student mentoring for first graders as part of their Resilience in Student Education Program. The program currently services 31 sites and will expand to all 64 elementary schools this year.

**A-14, APPROVE Multiyear Agreement for Cisco Cybersecurity Services**

**APPROVED as recommended**, information on the multiyear agreement for Cisco Talos Incident Response and Proactive Services.

**A-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-26, Wolters Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement**

**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Bid 24-26, Wolters Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement.

**A-16, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-28, Lowell Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement**

**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Bid 24-28, Lowell Elementary School Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement.

**A-17, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts**

**APPROVED as recommended**, a list of nine piggyback contracts for use during 2023/24 for efficient and cost-effective procurement. This is in addition to piggyback contracts approved by the Board previously, to allow for expedited purchases related to replacement bus parts, Nutrition Services disposable products, maintenance equipment and warehouse equipment and supplies.

**A-18, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies**

**APPROVED as recommended**, proposed revisions for ten Board Policies (BP) and one Exhibit (E) as follows: BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities; BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan; BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP 3230 Federal Grant Funds; BP 3250 Accounts Receivable Write Off Policy; BP 3320 Claims and Actions Against the District; BP 3530 Insurance Management; BP 4113.5 Telework (NEW); BP 4156.3, 4256.3, 4356.3 Employee Property Reimbursement; BP 6020 Parent Involvement; E 9270 Conflict of Interest

**A-19, RATIFY Agreement with Nancy Akhavan Consulting Inc.**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement with Nancy Akhavan Consulting Inc. to provide Paraprofessional training in early literacy skills for paraprofessionals and paraeducators.

**A-20, RATIFY Agreement with St. Paul Armenian Church**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement with St Paul Armenian Church to provide the facility space for New Employee Orientation.

**A-21, RATIFY Application Services Grant from the Department of Homeland Security**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, an award letter from the Department of Homeland Security approving the application for Fresno Adult School to provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services. Fresno Adult School has been an awardee of this federal grant program since 2012 and has been awarded \$450,000 to continue to offer services for the period of October 01, 2023, through September 30, 2025.

**A-22, RATIFY Change Orders**

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

Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus  
Change Order 6 presented for ratification: \$290,136

Bid 23-31, Kisling Building Modernization  
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$21,803

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **B-23, PRESENT and DISCUSS Safety and Security Investments and Strategic Planning Update**

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-23.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-23. A summary is as follows:

**Member Cazares** asked staff to notify the Board if there are needs within the safety department. Requested clarity as to if there is a substitute pool for campus safety assistants. Thanked the department for this work. Suggested staff consider having a lead teacher on the principal advisory panel. Expressed surprise the City of Fresno was not in attendance at the Safe Routes to School meetings.

**Member Davis:** Thanked staff for the report. Asked if the safety department has resources to purchase radar speed signs.

**Member Levine** requested clarity as to the training and oversight for campus safety assistants and how budget reductions will affect future trainings. Requested clarity as to what the principal advisory group will do

**Member Thomas** expressed appreciation for the work with campus safety assistants.

**Clerk Wittrup** requested clarity as to the active shooter training and if it is sufficient. Requested staff to bring forward a recommendation for a more effective active shooter training. Requested the safety team to develop a plan for students who may be immobile.

**Student Member Pitcher** asked for the next steps pertaining to metal detectors. Requested clarity as to whether campus safety assistants will be manning the metal detectors.

**Board President Islas** requested staff to review the agreements for school resource officers and Safe Routes to School. Expressed appreciation the department is seeking grant opportunities. Commented on liking the videos and requested staff to develop a video for parents regarding safe drop-off and pick-up of students at school.

**B-24, DISCUSS and APPROVE Appointment of Board Member Voting Representative and Alternate Voting Representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Elections**

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-24.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Wittrup, the appointment of Board Member Jonasson Rosas as the Board Member Voting Representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Elections 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.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the appointment of Board Member Levine as the Alternate Board Member Voting Representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Elections 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.

**B-25, DISCUSS and APPROVE Appointment to the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association**

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the appointment of Board Member Thomas to the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association 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.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

For the record, the Board received agenda items C-26, C-27, and C-28.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

For the record, the Board received eight (8) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Shahara Hansbur: Commented on safety concerns of students at Williams Elementary.
2. Jennifer Lopez: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.
3. Brandon Wagoner: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.



4. Cresta Gardea: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.
5. Aidan Rocha: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.
6. Nayeli Salazar: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.
7. Emmaleigh Koers: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.  
Shared Change.org address for people interested in signing a petition.
8. Rich Harmon: Spoke in support of the reinstatement of Echo Aquatics.

## **ANNUAL ORGANIZATION**

### **ORGANIZATION of the Board of Education**

Superintendent Nelson presided over the organizational meeting and accepted nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education. After the election of Board President, the President presided and accepted nominations for the Clerk of the Board of Education.

For the record, Superintendent Nelson opened the call for nominations for position of President of the Board of Education.

Board Member Islas nominated Board Member Wittrup for position of President of the Board of Education. Board Member Cazares seconded the nomination.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved to close the call for nominations for position of President of the Board of Education by a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Wittrup.

For the record, the nomination for Board Member Wittrup to serve as President of the Board of Education was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Wittrup.

For the record, newly elected Board President Wittrup opened the call for nominations for position of Clerk of the Board of Education.

Board Member Cazares nominated Board Member Davis for position of Clerk of the Board of Education, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the call for nominations for position of Clerk of the Board of Education was closed by a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Board President Wittrup.

For the record, the nomination for Board Member Davis to serve as Clerk of the Board of Education was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Board President Wittrup.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:45 p.m.