



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
2309 TULARE STREET  
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**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**  
**\*4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) \*7:00 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

\*DESIGNATED TIMES FOR CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION ITEMS ARE ESTIMATES.

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TRANSLATION SERVICES: Available in Spanish and Hmong in the meeting room upon request.

**\*4:30 P.M.**

**OPPORTUNITY** for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items.

**RECESS** for Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions Pursuant to Education Code Section 35146.
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6); Fresno Unified School District Negotiator(s): David Chavez and Paul Idsvoog; Employee Organizations(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Fresno Unified Building & Construction Trades/FTA; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees.
3. Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Reassignment, Resignation (Government Code Section 54957).
4. Public Employment/Appointment (Government Code Section 54957).
  - a. Director
  - b. Executive Director
  - c. Executive Officer
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)).
  - a. Risk Management Litigation Report
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated, Pending, Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).
  - a. Receipt of a Claim Pursuant to the Government Claims Act  
Claim GL23-0630-9348
  - b. Potential Case (One)

**\*7:00 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Veva Islas will lead the flag salute.

### **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

The Board has provided an opportunity to hear comments/reports from Student Board Representatives. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

### **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

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

**ALL CONSENT AGENDA** items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be acted upon 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.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**

Included in the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3548.

### **A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**

The Board of Education received and considered 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 December 13, 2023. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

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

Included in the Board binders are draft minutes for the December 13, 2023, Board of Education regular meeting. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district. Contact person: Superintendent, Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D., telephone 457-3884.

### **A-4, APPROVE Agreement with Southern Education Foundation, Inc.**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Southern Education Foundation, Inc. As part of the outcomes-based contracting (OBC) initiative, the agreement with Southern Education Inc. will provide technical assistance to Fresno Unified School District for contract renegotiation for high-impact tutoring. Southern Education Foundation will support professional learning and establish OBC agreements for tutoring and will provide systems and coaching mechanisms for continuous improvement under OBC. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$35,000 are available in the Analysis Measurement & Accountability Budget. Contact person: Deputy Superintendent Misty Her, telephone 457-3633.

### **A-5, APPROVE Agreement with The Stepping Stones Group**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with The Stepping Stones Group, to provide two behavior interventionists at Addams Elementary. The interventionists will be working collaboratively with Addams' Social-Emotional Support team, to help develop and implement positive behavior strategies that will support all students on campus with Tier II and Tier III social-emotional needs.

The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$75,000 are available in the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-6, APPROVE Addendum to Agreement with Family Foundations Counseling Services**

Included in the Board binders is an addendum to the agreement with Family Foundations Counseling Services to provide educationally related mental health services (ERMHS) to students with an IEP that can be used both to support the student individually as well as their family. The IEP team must meet to decide if a student qualifies for the service and if the student will benefit from talk-therapy. Further, the team determines a goal or goals the student will be working towards during the session. Students meet with a therapist generally once a week and the needs are re-evaluated regularly. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$500,000 are available in the Special Education Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-24, Wawona Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement**

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-24, Wawona Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement. The project will improve classroom ventilation and heating/air conditioning by replacing unit ventilators, heat pumps, roof top units, energy management system, and central plant equipment. The existing systems are over 25 years old and require replacement due to age, condition, repair history, and difficulty in locating replacement parts. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$ 2,287,319. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$2,287,319 are available in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-8, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 24-17, Interpretation and Translation Services**

Included in the board binders is information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-17, to qualify a pool of vendors for services in the categories of Interpretation Services and Translation Services. The district seeks to provide consistent language support for families, students, and staff districtwide by standardizing the management of all district documents, Hmong and Spanish, making translations available to staff within 72 hours, providing interpreting support to families in their home language, and students supports inside and outside of the classroom. The term is a three-year period with the option to renew for two one-year periods and will begin July 1, 2024. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient one-time funds in the amount of \$487,000 are available in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief budget. An ongoing budget increase of \$145,000 is available in the Translations and Interpretation Services budget to cover the increase of interpreter support demand districtwide. Contact person: Nikki Henry, telephone 457-3733.

**A-9, APPROVE List of Board Member Committees and Organizations**

Included in the Board binders is a list of committees and organizations to which Board Members are appointed each year. The Board President recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ambra O'Connor, telephone 457-3838.

**A-10, DENY Claim GL23-0630-9348**

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL23-0630-9348. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Risk Management for further handling. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

**A-11, RATIFY Agreement with Alpine Academy**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Alpine Academy for Residential Treatment and Non-Public Schools services in the amount of \$50,865. Alpine Academy provides residential treatment and non-public services for complex services in line with the high level of need and the unique nature of students' mental health conditions per their Individualized Education Programs. The term of the agreement began March 23, 2023, and ended June 30, 2023. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$50,865 are available in the Special Education Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-12, RATIFY Agreement with AMN Allied Services, LLC DBA Healthcare**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with AMN Allied Services, LLC, DBA Healthcare to provide educationally related mental health services (ERMHS) per Individual Education Plans (IEP). ERMHS can be used both to support the student individually as well as their family. It is talk-therapy designed to break down barriers keeping students from accessing their education. The IEP team must meet to decide if a student qualifies for the service and if he/she will benefit from talk-therapy. Further, the team determines a goal or goals that the student will be working towards during the sessions. Students meet with a therapist generally once a week and the needs are re-evaluated regularly. The AMN providers represent the diversity of our Special Education population (four African American, one SE Asian, one Caucasian). The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$835,000 are available in the Special Education Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-13, RATIFY Agreement with Beach Cities Learning Center**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Beach Cities Learning Center. This agreement allows Beach Cities Learning Center, LLC to provide the education of up to 23 Fresno Unified students for the 2023/24 school year. These students require intensive mental health and behavioral support that cannot be met on a comprehensive site. The students are grouped age appropriately and in small settings with staff members trained and able to support with the students' academic, behavioral, and social emotional needs.

Transportation is provided and one-on-one support as per the Individualized Education Plan. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$2,420,000 are available in the Special Education Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, telephone 457-3731.

**A-14, RATIFY Agreement with Creative Alternatives, Inc.**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Creative Alternative, Inc. This agreement allows Creative Alternatives to provide the education of up to 40 Fresno Unified students. These students require intensive mental health and behavioral support, and these needs cannot be met on a comprehensive site. The students are grouped age appropriately and in small settings with staff members trained and able to support with the students' academic, behavioral, and social emotional needs. Transportation is provided and one-to-one support as per the Individual Education Plan. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$2,937,000 are available in the Special Education Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-15, RATIFY Agreement with CORE Districts**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with CORE Districts. CORE Districts works collaboratively with Bullard, Duncan, McLane, Roosevelt, and Sunnyside high schools with data monitoring tools, change ideas, and meeting routines proven to show improvement in ninth grade on-track. CORE Districts provides access to data monitoring, a change package, improvement tools and training, stipends to school teams, learning sessions, monthly calls, as well as coaching support. Collaboratively, CORE Districts helps to create a sustainable improvement process aligned to increase positive outcomes for students and to build coherence between support offered from the district to schools so there is measurable improvement in ninth grade on-track. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the Analysis, Measurement & Accountability Department Budget. Contact person: Deputy Superintendent Misty Her, telephone 457-3633.

**A-16, RATIFY Agreement with Harrison Peters**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Harrison Peters to provide support services for Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPL) leaders through Men of Color in Education Leadership (MCEL). MCEL will provide strategic mentoring services to two male AAPL principals through six, one-on-one mentoring and coaching sessions, facilitate six affinity group sessions for female and male AAPL principals, and coordinate monthly project coordination sessions with the Executive Officer of Leadership Development. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$23,500 are available in the Leadership Development Budget. Contact person: Deputy Superintendent Misty Her, telephone 457-3633.

**A-17, RATIFY Agreement with Institute for Excellence in Education**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with the Institute for Excellence in Education in the amount of \$15,000 for the use of Epicenter. Epicenter is a software platform that stores documentation required of ten authorized charter schools of Fresno Unified per the California Department of Education oversight requirements – EC Section 47604.32. This agreement with Fresno Unified School District began July 01, 2023, and will end June 30, 2024. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$15,000 are available in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-18, RATIFY Agreement with Shifting Perspectives, LLC**

Included in the Board Binders is an agreement with Shifting Perspectives, LLC to provide support for aspiring leaders and co-administrators through a professional development series to enhance their leadership skills through an equity lens. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$153,600 are available in the Leadership Development Budget. Contact person, Deputy Superintendent Misty Her, telephone 457-3633.

**A-19, RATIFY Change Orders**

Included in the Board binders is information on Change Orders for projects as follows:

Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization  
Change Order 11 presented for ratification: \$79,262

Bid 22-18, Ewing and Turner Elementary Schools Unit Ventilation, Energy Management Systems, and Central Plant Equipment Replacement  
Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$17,526

Bid 22-45, Kings Canyon Middle School Classrooms and Sunnyside High School Training Room Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrades  
Change Order 1 (Sunnyside) presented for ratification: \$10,460

Bid 23-23, Ericson Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building and Interim Housing  
Change Order 1 (Multi-Purpose Building) presented for ratification: \$-15,434  
Change Order 2 (Multi-Purpose Building) presented for ratification: \$37,944

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$112,232 are available in the Measure M Fund for Bids 22-01, 22-45, and 23-23; and \$17,526 is available in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Funds for Bid 22-18. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-20, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

Included in the Board binders are Notices of Completion for the projects which have been completed according to plans and specifications as follows:

Bid 22-18, Ewing and Turner Elementary Schools Unit Ventilation, Energy Management Systems, and Central Plant Equipment Replacement

Bid 22-42, Intrusion Security Upgrades Phase 1

Bid 22-43, Intrusion Security Upgrades Phase 2

Bid 22-45, Kings Canyon Middle School Classrooms and Sunnyside High School Training Room Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrades

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Retention funds are released in accordance with contract terms and California statutes. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-21, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 01, 2023, through October 31, 2023, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Primary Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from October 01, 2023, through October 31, 2023. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item. The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Funding is noted in the support material. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-22, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 01, 2023, through October 31, 2023, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Supplemental Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from October 01, 2023, through October 31, 2023. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Funding is noted in the support material. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA  
(ROLL CALL VOTE)**



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

**\*7:30 P.M.**

### **B-23, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2022/23 Bond Annual Report**

Included in the Board binders is the 2022/23 Bond Annual Report for presentation on behalf of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). The purpose of the CBOC is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. Its duties are to review the quarterly and annual audit reports produced by the district's independent accountant and present an annual report indicating the district's compliance with the Constitution of the State of California. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

## **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There are no items for this section of the agenda.

## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Individuals who wish to address the Board on topics within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, but **not** listed on this agenda may do so at this time. If you wish to address the Board on a specific item listed on the agenda, you should do so when that specific item is called. Individuals shall submit a speaker card specifying the topic they wish to address. The card must be submitted before the Board President announces unscheduled oral communications.

While time limitations are at the discretion of the Board President, generally members of the public will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker for a total of thirty (30) minutes of public comment as designated on this agenda. The Board recognizes that individuals may ask the Board to answer questions or respond to statements made during unscheduled oral communications and in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, the Board shall take no action or discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law.

Members of the public with questions on school district issues may submit them in writing. The Board will automatically refer to the Superintendent any formal requests brought before them at this time. The appropriate staff member will furnish answers to questions.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024**