



Amended Agenda
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March 15, 2024

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
2309 TULARE STREET
BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
FRESNO, CA 93721-2287
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AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
***4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) *~~6:00~~ 6:30 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. Principal
 - b. Superintendent
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)).
 - a. Stephen Davis v. Fresno Unified School District, et al; Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 12 CECG03718
 - b. **Julio Estrada Delgado and Laura Delgado vs. Fresno Unified School District Fresno Superior Court No. 22CECG01799 Claim No. GL21-1127-6281**
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated, Pending, Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).

***~~6:00~~ 6:30 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Roosevelt High School will lead the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from the Student Advisory Board

The Board has provided an opportunity to hear comments/reports from Student Advisory 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 457-3713.

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 held March 06, 2024. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3471.

A-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

Included in the Board binders are draft minutes for the February 28, 2024, Board of Education Workshop. 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, ADOPT Resolution 24-45, In Support of Science of Reading Instruction in Fresno Unified School District

Included in the Board binders is Resolution 24-45, affirming support for reading instruction aligned to the science of reading in Fresno Unified schools. Evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the elements of the science of reading which is explicit and systematic instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and writing has proven benefits for students. The district has previously affirmed its support for increasing student literacy by declaring that every student will read by the end of first grade. 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-5, APPROVE Agreement between RSS Consulting, LLC and Fresno Unified School District for New School Bond 2024 Equity-Based Facilities Planning

Included in the Board binders is an agreement between RSS Consulting, LLC (RSSC) and Fresno Unified School District for New School Bond 2024 Equity-Based Facilities Planning.

The agreement term is from March 21, 2024, through June 30, 2024. The purpose of this agreement is to meet the Board's request and is a continuation of the Fresno Unified School District Board commitment to support Equity Based Facilities Planning. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$80,000 are available in the ~~Measure M~~ Special Reserve Fund and \$20,000 are available in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion General Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-6, APPROVE Agreement with the Trauma Resource Institute, Inc.

Included in the Board binders is an agreement between Fresno Unified School District, Department of Prevention and Intervention and Trauma Resource Institute, Inc. Trauma Resource Institute, Inc. will train district Clinical School Social Workers (CSSW), certifying CSSW to provide high-quality, standardized mental health interventions that incorporate trauma-informed practices. Implementation of the Trauma Resiliency Model into mental health interventions will reduce trauma-related symptoms that manifest in educational settings and impact student learning, measured by pre and post assessments. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$101,608 are available in the Department of Prevention and Intervention Budget within the American Rescue Plan Grant Funds. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3957.

A-7, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Cullinan Education Center

Included in the Board Binders is an amendment to the agreement between College and Career Readiness and Cullinan Education Center. The Board approved the original agreement on October 18, 2023. Cullinan Education Center is dedicated to providing science-based interventions in reading, writing, spelling, and math. Their services aim to empower students to reach their full academic potential, foster a love for learning, and equip them with the skills needed for lifelong success. Two additional tutors will provide daily after school literacy tutoring to 73 students at Hidalgo Elementary School. iReady diagnostic assessment results will be used to show progress. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available through the Hidalgo Elementary Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialist Grant Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

A-8, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with J & D Mind Builders

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to the agreement with J & D Mind Builders, DBA Bricks 4 Kidz to cover the additional in-class workshops for first and second-grade classrooms. The amended agreement will ensure J & D Mind Builders DBA Bricks 4 Kidz will continue to service students through June 30, 2024. Bricks 4 Kidz will provide collaborative and interactive workshops using LEGO bricks. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$70,890 are available in the College and Career Readiness Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

A-9, APPROVE Multiyear Agreement with Strategic Data Project Partnership to Enhance Department's Capacity for Data-Driven Decision-Making

Included in the Board binders is information on the two-year contract with Harvard University's Center for Policy Research Strategic Data Project Partnership to Enhance Department's Capacity for Research. Our Information Technology Department recognizes the vital role of research-focused decision-making in enhancing the efficacy of our IT initiatives. The engagement of the Strategic Data Project fellowship program aims to leverage advanced research methodologies to develop and utilize research methods to gather qualitative input, facilitating a deeper understanding of our educational partners and end-user perspectives and informing the refinement of existing IT initiatives. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$49,500 are available in the Information Technology Budget. Contact person: Tami Lundberg, telephone 457-3560.

A-10, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency

Included in the Board binders is a renewal service agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency for the provision of insurance consulting and brokerage services. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$168,000 are available in the district's Liability and Workers' Compensation Internal Service Funds. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

A-11, APPROVE Grant Application to the California Department of Food and Agriculture 2023/24 California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program

Included for Board consideration is a request to approve the submission of the grant application to the California Department of Food and Agriculture 2023/24 California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program. The purpose of the California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program is to support programs that cultivate equity, nurture students, build climate resilience, and create scalable and sustainable change. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: The grant will provide up to \$1,000,000 over a two-year period. No district match required. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-12, APPROVE Property, Liability, and Cyber Insurance for 2024/25

Included in the Board binders is a summary of quotations received from the district's insurance broker, Marsh & McLennan Agency, for the district's various forms of coverage. Due for renewal is coverage related to property, general liability, designated lessees, excess liability, cyber and professional liability requirements. The policy period will extend from April 01, 2024, through March 31, 2025. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds are available in the district's Liability Internal Service Fund. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

A-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-25, Education Center Board Room Remodel

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-25, Education Center Board Room Remodel.

The project includes partial remodeling of the first and second floors. The first-floor expansion will include the addition of office spaces, four conference rooms, a breakroom, a restroom, and security improvements replacing the former post office. There will be new accessible entrances with exterior ramps along Tulare Street. The second-floor partial remodel will consist of the Board Room, and will include replacement of the raised dais, a new audio/visual system, and accommodations for Board Room meeting overflow to provide additional access to the public. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Swinerton Builders (Fresno, California) \$4,601,000. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$4,601,000 are available in the General Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-14, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-43, Education Center Annex Interior Finish Upgrades

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-43, Education Center Annex Interior Finish Upgrades. The project consists of break room remodel, flooring abatement, carpet, ceiling tiles, and window shade replacement on the first and second floors. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Better Enterprises, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$659,100. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$659,100 are available in the Measure M Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-44, Edison High School South Administration Building Remodel

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-44, Edison High School South Administration Building Remodel. The project consists of creating five permanent office spaces in the South Administration building for staff and student support with new finishes. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Better Enterprises, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$280,175. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$280,175 are available in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-16, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 24-29, Waste Management Services

Included in the Board binders is information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 24-29, Waste Management Services for all district schools and central office sites. Solid Waste Disposal is collected Monday through Saturday; Recycling is collected one to five times weekly depending on need; and new Organic Waste Disposal services will be collected twice per week. The addition of Organic Waste services brings the district into compliance with SB1383 and also includes student engagement opportunities and educational material to increase environmental efficacy and responsibility.

The agreement term begins July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2027, with the option of two one-year renewals. Approval of the following vendor is recommended: Republic Services of Fresno (Fresno, CA) for an estimated amount of \$1,843,648. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds will be available in the Operations and Environmental Services General Fund Budget. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-17, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 24-53, Cellular Data Services for School Bus Connectivity

Included for Board consideration and approval is information on Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-53, Cellular Data Services for School Bus Connectivity to purchase unlimited cellular data services to provide connectivity of district school buses to the internet. This RFP includes monthly service with an option to cancel at any time and pricing valid for five years. The RFP process allows for multiple factors of consideration in addition to price, to identify the best value vendor for the district. Based on extensive review, staff recommend award to the best value vendor: Kajeet, Inc. \$176,490. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: E-Rate Eligible services is expected to be \$176,490. The district's portion at 10% should be \$17,649 and will be covered through the Information Technology Department E-Rate Fund and \$158,841 should be provided through the Federal E-Rate Program. Contact person: Tami Lundberg, telephone 457-3560.

A-18, APPROVE Vendor Designation Per Request for Qualifications 23-05S, Student Mentoring Services

Included for Board consideration is a request to approve Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 23-05S, Student Mentoring Services for addition of supplemental vendors to the qualified pool. The Board approved the RFQ on February 22, 2023, to provide student mentoring services on an as needed basis starting July 01, 2023. The agreement term will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2026, with the option of up to two one-year renewals for a maximum end date of June 30, 2028. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 (estimated amount) are available through site budgets and Prevention and Intervention. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3471.

A-19, APPROVE Fiscal Year 2024/25 Transportation Services Plan

Included in the Board binders is information on the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Transportation Services Plan and revenue calculations developed in accordance with Education Code Sections 39800.1 and 41850.1. The Transportation Services Plan is a requirement as a condition of apportionment which is based on reported transportation expenditures. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-20, ~~DENY Claim GL23-0818-10519~~

~~Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL23-0818-10519. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Risk Management Department for further handling. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.~~

ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA

A-21, DENY Claim GL23-0913-9699

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL23-0913-9699. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Risk Management Department for further handling. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

A-22, DENY Claim GL23-1214-10891

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL23-1214-10891. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Risk Management Department for further handling. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

A-23, RATIFY Change Orders

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

Bid 23-02, Edison High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Building and Interim Housing

Change Order 2 (CTE Building) presented for ratification: \$31,539

Change Order 4 (Interim Housing) presented for ratification: \$19,293

Bid 23-66 Section C, Scandinavian Middle School Playground Equipment Replacement

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$37,845

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$50,832 are available in the Measure M Fund for Bid 23-02 and \$37,845 is available in the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program Grant for Bid 23-66. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

A-24, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

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

Bid 23-15 Section A, Holland and Wishon Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management Replacement Project.

Bid 23-15 Section B, Del Mar and Roeding Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management Replacement Project.

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.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

***6:45 P.M.**

B-25, PRESENT and DISCUSS Portrait of a Learner and Portrait of a Leader

The Portrait of a Learner and the Portrait of a Leader will serve as collective visions articulating our community's aspirations for all our students and as a guide for our leaders. This session is also designed to provide the Board with information on the purpose, design, and current reality of the Portrait work and to collect feedback. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3471.

***7:05 P.M.**

B-26, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2024/25 Strategic Budget Development Phase II

On January 25, 2024, at the Board of Education meeting the 2024/25 Governor's Proposed Budget and the district's preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On March 20, 2024, staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions. Fiscal impact: Not available at this time. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-27, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

Included in the Board binders is the Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting for Constituent Services activities for the time period of November 01, 2023, through January 31, 2024. Also included is the Quarterly Reporting for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures from November 01, 2023, through January 31, 2024, in accordance with Education Code § 35186. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ambra O'Connor, telephone 457-3838.

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, APRIL 10, 2024**