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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 12, 2024, there were present Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present.

For the record, Board Member Islas participated from the teleconference location as follows: The UC Berkeley Foothill Residence Hall, 2700 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, California 94720, FH Building 8, Library Classroom. The meeting was open to the public and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (B)(2), all action taken during this teleconference meeting was by roll call vote.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Board Member Thomas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Board President Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:36 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There was no action to report from Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carlos Castillo led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Report from Interim Superintendent

- Good evening to all joining us here in the Board Room and those watching online. As we enter the month of June, I want to take a moment to make a few recognitions. First, we are proud to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month here at Fresno Unified. Thank you to all who have continued our professional learnings on inclusive practices, for all those who lead our GSAs and support our LGBTQ+ students and staff, and special thanks to all who represented our Fresno Unified family at the annual Pride Parade!
- I also want to recognize that we celebrate Juneteenth next week! Now an official federal holiday, we take June 19th off to recognize and celebrate the true end of slavery in the United States. While the Emancipation Proclamation was officially signed and enacted on January 1, 1863, it was not until June 19, 1865, that union troops finally brought that news and freedom to the Westernmost confederate state freeing more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas. Juneteenth marks our country's second Independence Day. Although it has long been celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans.
- We officially concluded the 2023/24 school year last week, and I am immensely proud of our strong finish. Leaders, teachers, staff, students, and families – your hard work has truly paid off. The early signs of growth from your efforts are evident. Take a moment to congratulate yourselves and reflect on your achievements over this past year – there is much to be proud of!
- Thank you to everyone who made our graduations special and beautiful this year. It was an honor to attend many ceremonies, shake hands, present diplomas, and listen to our students' inspiring speeches amidst the enthusiastic cheers of their friends and family. Class of 2024, you are unforgettable! We have graduates heading to community colleges, state, and UC schools, HBCUs, Ivy Leagues, the armed forces, and into promising careers. I am particularly thrilled to see the largest class ever joining Fresno State. Go Bulldogs!
- I am now just over a month into my Interim Superintendency, and I want to thank all the students, staff, and teachers who have participated in my listening sessions across the district. Engaging with so many of you in small groups has been enlightening. Your feedback has greatly influenced my goals and my "100 Day Plan." I look forward to sharing a public version of my plan very soon!
- Big news! We are holding two hiring events this month to hire dedicated paraprofessionals! We have part-time and full-time positions available for all grades and even our after-school programs. For current district employees interested in applying, please join us on Tuesday, June 18 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in McLane's cafeteria. For external applicants please join us on Thursday, June 27 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. also in McLane's cafeteria. You can find this information on our website at www.fresnounified.org . Please share with anyone you know who might be interested!
- Now for a few shoutouts! This morning, I got to stand alongside Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Michele Copher, and other important leaders to discuss our progress and commitment to ensuring our students and families'

access and use of their CalKIDS funds. I want to thank our high school leaders and counselors for their end of the year pushes to ensure the Class of 2024 has taken advantage of this opportunity at their fingertips. As of last month, CalKIDS had distributed almost \$500,000 on behalf of our students to their higher education institutions. That is huge! Let us keep this going and growing.

- A huge shoutout to the Design Science Class of 2024! 52 of their graduates earned both their high school diploma and their associates degree! What a huge advantage for our students to complete 2 years of college while in high school – for free! Amazing work to our graduates and to our teams at Design Science and Fresno City College.
- Congratulations are in order for our Chief Technology Officer, Tami Lundberg, who was named one of the District Administration’s top 100 education influencers! Tami and the IT team were recognized for the innovative programs implemented by our IT team to engage and support our students as 21st century learners. Unlike many other districts, our IT team goes above and beyond by supporting and running our Coder Girlz clubs, robotics and drone offerings, eSports opportunities and scholarships, and operating our Family Learning and Technology Support (or FLATS) centers. These are not common practice across other districts, yet we know it is the RIGHT practice for our kids and our Fresno Unified family. Thank you, Tami, and to our entire IT team for always putting our students first!
- Way to go Jesse Medina! Jesse is a counselor at Sunnyside High School and was recently honored as a 2024 Educator of the Year recipient by the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) at the “El Día del Maestro” banquet. Jesse was recognized as an exemplary educator to be commended for promoting services to Latino students. He was nominated by counselor Chao Lee.
- Last, I would love to take a quick moment to look back at our amazing graduations for the Class of 2024!
- I am so proud of our Class of 2024! Speaking of, I am thrilled that our student trustee Maritza Lua is here with us this evening so we can recognize her year of service on this incredible board. President Wittrup, would you allow us to take a quick group photo with Maritza?
- Thank you everyone for an amazing school year and keep flying Class of 2024!

BOARD/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

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

Member Thomas congratulated the Class of 2024. Thanked staff and community members for checking on Member Thomas’s social emotional well-being as a result of faulty and over-the-top tabloid excerpt. Thanked people for their unwavering support; furthermore, regarding SOUL, Member Thomas prayed that they did not get the lynching or over the top craziness that happened with another charter school.

Member Islas thanked staff for their hard work with the graduations and congratulated the graduating Class of 2024. Thanked staff for their hard work in hosting and conducting the African American and Latino graduations, and provided a special shout out to Trustee Liaison Mona Sandoval, for graduating from Fresno State with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Member Islas thanked Mona for her service and work for the district as well.

Member Cazares congratulated the graduates and staff who helped with events. Commented on wanting to make sure parents and students know they can still sign up for summer camps. Thanked all staff, as it is the end of the school year, for their effort for all students, particularly those at Duncan who have helped guide Member Cazares' child.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda items

For the record, the Board received zero (3) requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda. The individual's name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Madison Nield: Thanked the Board and Fresno Unified for support of LGBTQ and provided various statistics for students who receive support and those that do not receive support.
2. Jennifer Cruz: Expressed gratitude and thanked Fresno Unified for its support of LGBTQ.
3. JJ Johnstone: Thanked the Board for adopting June as LGBTQ month.
4. Darius Assemi: Asked the Board to vote in support of the Bullard fence.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda items A-15, A-20, A-22, and A-27, which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

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 May 22, 2024.
- A-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes**
APPROVED as recommended, for the May 08 and May 22, 2024, Board of Education regular meetings.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution 24-84, Recognizing June 2024 as PRIDE Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 24-84, recognizing June 2024 as PRIDE Month.
- A-5, ADOPT Resolution 24-52, Approving the Self-Certifying Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 24-52, to approve the self-certifying increase of the micro-purchase threshold when utilizing federal funding. The current micro-purchase threshold which requires multiple quotes is \$10,000 or more. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Section 200.320, non-federal entities, including local public-school districts, may annually self-certify a micro-purchase threshold of up to \$50,000.
- A-6, ADOPT Resolutions 24-58 through 24-83, Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolutions 24-58 through 24-83 presented for adoption to update authorized officials to sign various business transactions on behalf of Fresno Unified School District.
- A-7, ADOPT Resolution in the Matter of Order of Election, and Specifications of the Election Order for the November 05, 2024, Election**
ADOPTED as recommended, a Resolution, Order of Election, and Specifications of the Election Order for the November 05, 2024, Election. California Education Code 5322 requires this resolution be submitted to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and The County Elections Office no later than 123 days prior to Tuesday, November 05, 2024, the date of the election, to file the Specifications of Election Order for filling positions in the following trustee areas: Area 2 (Roosevelt), Area 5 (Fresno), Area 6 (Hoover).
- A-8, APPROVE Agreement for Break the Barriers June 2024 Swim Lessons**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Break the Barriers, which is a board-approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 22-09 vendor.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement for City of Fresno June 2024 Swim Lessons and Recreational Swim

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with City of Fresno Park After School, Recreation and Community Service (PARCS), which is a Board approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 22-09 vendor.

A-10, APPROVE Agreement from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Electric Vehicle Fleet Electrification Program

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Fleet Electrification Program. PG&E will complete the engineering, design, and construction to expand underground power creating a new electric meter service line for Fresno Unified School District at the Operations Center.

A-11, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Delta Health Systems

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Delta Health Systems (DHS) to process claims for Mental Health Parity enacted by the federal government.

A-12, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreements with Claremont Partners

APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreements with Claremont Partners for Joint Health Management Board (JHMB) health program integration consulting services.

A-13, APPROVE the 2024/25 Comprehensive Safe School Plans

APPROVED as recommended, the 2024/25 Comprehensive Safe School Plans for all schools.

A-14, APPROVE the 2024/25 School Plans for Student Achievement

APPROVED as recommended, the 2024/25 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA).

A-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-54, Bullard High School Fencing Improvements

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-54, Bullard High School Fencing Improvements.

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

Board President Wittrup commented that safety and security was the top priority for Bullard families during the Bond listening sessions.

Member Thomas commented that the initial issue for Member Thomas was the change in pricing and now is happy to see the new pricing and agrees with approval of this item.

Member Cazares commented that it had been indicated that Member Cazares had ulterior motives for voting against the Bullard fence project. Member Cazares commented on having regularly voted against large projects that were not part of the Bond discussion and stated for the record that she has voted against large projects multiple times, not just the Bullard fence project.

Member Cazares expressed appreciation for parents and the community when they attend Board meetings to speak to the Board about things that affect their neighborhood school. Member Cazares shared that it does help to push projects through approval and is the reason she is voting yes.

Clerk Davis expressed appreciation that funding is from the community redevelopment grant to off-set the cost and asked staff when planning new buildings to include fences as a nonnegotiable.

Member Jonasson Rosas Expressed appreciation and thankfulness to staff for moving forward without taking resources from the Roosevelt area.

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

Paul Idsvoog was available to respond to questions.

- A-16, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-59, Public Address Intercom Equipment**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-59, Public Address Intercom Equipment.
- A-17, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-64, Nutrition Center Production Line Film**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-64, this bid is to establish fixed pricing for Nutrition Center Production Line Film.
- A-18, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-67, Bullard High School Confidential Space Installation**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-67, Bullard High School Confidential Space Installation.
- A-19, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-70, Dishwasher Installation at Various Sites Phase II**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-70, Dishwasher Installation at Various Sites Phase II.
- A-20, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-79, Security Cameras, Digital Video Recorders, and Accessories**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-79, Security Cameras, Digital Video Recorders, and Accessories.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-20. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares requested staff, as the process moves forward, to please involve not only administrators but teachers as well.

Member Thomas requested staff to involve students.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item A-20 by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

A-21, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-80, Figarden Elementary School Multipurpose Room Roof Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 24-80, Figarden Elementary School Multipurpose Room Roof Replacement.

A-22, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 24-34, Marketing Services for the Office of Engagement and External Partnerships

APPROVED as recommended, Request for Proposals (RFP) 24-34 Marketing Services for the Office of Engagement and External Partnerships, to select a vendor to provide marketing services and marketing strategies in the categories of graphic design, web design and management, and advertisement/publication.

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

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if the vendor was the cheapest and commented the vendor did not rank the highest. Asked if the department thought about keeping the work in-house. Asked if there were metrics and if the thought was this will pay for itself with increased donors. Asked if district money or foundation money is to pay for this item. Commented the cost is somebody's position for at least a year. Asked why this item did not utilize a piggyback contract.

Member Jonasson Rosas shared concerns that the vendor was not the highest ranked, was not the cheapest, that the item is a nice to have in the context of staff reduction conversations and because of those concerns Member Jonasson Rosas would respectfully not approve this item.

Linda Laettner and Nikki Henry were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item A-22 by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. NOES: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-23, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2024/25

APPROVED as recommended, a list of piggyback contracts recommended for utilization by the district during 2024/25 for efficient and cost-effective procurement.

A-24, RATIFY the Application Submission for Carl D. Perkins Funding

RATIFIED as recommended, copies of 2024/25 Carl D. Perkins Applications for Funding.

A-25, RATIFY Change Orders

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the projects as follows: Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus, Change Order 9 presented for ratification: \$415,344; Bid 23-17, Fremont Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement, Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$19,926; Bid 23-64, Bullard Talent K-8 School Office Portable Project, Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$9,019 and Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$36,307.

A-26, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2024, through March 31, 2024, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2024, through March 31, 2024 – Primary Report. 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.

A-27, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2024, through March 31, 2024 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2024, through March 31, 2024 – Supplemental Report.

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

“Agenda item A-27 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders for CSUF Association Food Services, California State University, Fresno, the CSUF/Downing Planetarium, and Fresno State University. I am currently employed by California State University, Fresno.

Additionally, item A-27 also contains purchase orders with Fresno County EOC Food Services, and I have been employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with both Fresno State and Fresno 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 Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item B-27, by a vote of 6-0-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-28, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2024/25 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-28.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved agenda item B-28, by a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

At this time Board Member Thomas asked if Board President Wittrup would entertain a motion to move agenda item B-32 to the next item after B-28.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved to move agenda item B-32 after item B-28 on the agenda, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, Board President Wittrup.

B-32, DISCUSS and APPROVE Material Revision for School of Unlimited Learning

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

“Agenda item B-32 on tonight’s agenda, pertains to the School of Unlimited Learning operated by the nonprofit Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, and I have been employed by Fresno County EOC.

Because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in this item.

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

For the record, Member Levine left the dais prior to presentation of item.

For the record, the Board received five (5) requests to speak to the Board. The individual’s name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Michael Cantu: Spoke in support of the material revision and commented the world has changed much in twenty years and asked if students should continue to be taught the same as twenty years ago.
2. Rebecca Rodriguez: Spoke as a grandparent with grandchildren attending the School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) and shared examples of how the grandchildren are doing at SOUL.
3. Patricia Billeadew: Spoke in support of the material revision and shared examples of the Interact Club.
4. Nidia Vargas: Spoke in support of the material revision and walked the Board through a day in the life of a student attending SOUL.
5. Courtney Griffin: Spoke in support of the material revision and commented on the social services available to students attending SOUL.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-32. A Summary is as follows:

Member Islas applauded Member Levine for his prudence in recusing himself from this item as it is important to practice discretion and avoid any scrutiny.

Member Islas commented she was elected to represent public education and as such it is in the Board’s interest to question, when necessary, the performance of authorized charter schools. Member Islas asked with this new model how many college and career ready graduates have or will be produced. Member Islas commented on hearing the independent study program was already in place and asked for the reason the request for a material revision did not come sooner. Member Islas questioned the fiscal impact to the district.

Member Islas shared concerns related to the scoring tool and the review comments provided by staff, specifically those related to academic skills and low performance. Member Islas read an excerpt from page 22 of the report and commented SOUL is not the only school running an independent study program, there are schools within Fresno Unified that respond to this population, and questioned why the Board would move forward with this when it is duplicative and not unique or innovative in any way.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on having concerns with the quality of education. Commented that since the pandemic it looks as if SOUL has de facto eliminated the classroom-based program. Requested clarity as to the SOUL internal graduation rate. Commented on understanding there was a state moratorium on independent study programs and asked if the reason was data based. Member Jonasson Rosas asked how SOUL's data compares to other programs offered to the same group of students. Member Jonasson Rosas commented on being concerned about SOUL's data and the move away from a classroom-based program.

Member Cazares asked for further clarification on SOUL's internal graduation rate. Member Cazares agreed with the way SOUL viewed things and commented that enrollment is transitory and understands the need to track things differently it is just not the standard.

Member Thomas commented that as an employee of a charter school Member Thomas commended the staff of SOUL for their work and commitment and commented that unless a person has worked in the environment it is hard to understand there may be students that do not promote or need a fifth year of high school. Member Thomas commented on being happy they did not get a lynching. Member Thomas shared a concern that some students need the classroom-based program, it may be the only safe place available to them or the only meal they will receive. Member Thomas asked what type of promotion SOUL was doing for the seated program.

Clerk Davis asked if SOUL was accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Shared concerns that SOUL did not have a Career Technical Education program. Shared examples of programs that the district offers. Commented that usually when an educational program is changed it is to do a better job of preparing students.

At this time during Clerk Davis's comments Member Jonasson Rosas requested a point of clarification as to if the Board is to consider the educational program when deciding on the material revision.

Legal Counsel Susan Hatmaker confirmed the Board will decide whether the educational program as requested in the material revision is sound.

Clerk Davis commented on not seeing strategic plans, professional learning or goals included in the presentation, on having concerns with the program, and if the Board approved the material revision it would need to be with serious conditions and oversight.

Clerk Davis commented that Board Members may need to schedule site visits to charter schools.

Clerk Davis commented that findings help us get better and at this time there are things not in place and there are real concerns.

President Wittrup asked what the conditional recommendation made by Fresno Unified staff meant and if there are checkpoints in place to clear up the conditional piece of the approval, will district staff follow up with SOUL regarding status of conditional approval.

President Wittrup commented that SOUL serves a specialized group of students that need care and can see the care the staff have for their students and can see the parents who appreciate SOUL's services.

On a motion by Member Islas to deny the material revision for the School of Unlimited Learning, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board did not approve the motion by a roll call vote of 3-2-2-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Jonasson Rosas, Islas, Clerk Davis, NOES: Board Members: Cazares, Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Members Levine and Thomas.

Felicia Olais, Susan Hatmaker, and Patrick Jensen were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares to approve the item as recommended by staff, seconded by Board President Islas, the Board did not approve agenda item B-32, by a vote of 2-4-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Board President Wittrup. NOES: Board Members: Jonasson Rosas, Islas, Thomas, and Clerk Davis. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

B-29, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Local Control and Accountability Plan

For the record, Board President Wittrup OPENED the public hearing for the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Local control and Accountability Plan at 8:58 p.m.

For the record, the Board received three (3) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-29. The individual's name with a summary of topic is as follows:

1. Peter Flemming: Spoke as part of Californians for Justice and provided input for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.
2. Elvia Olea: Spoke as part of Californians for Justice and provided input for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.
3. Emma Villa: Spoke as part of Californians for Justice and provided input for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-29. A summary is as follows:

Member Levine thanked those that spoke during public comments for their positive and concrete ideas and commented with full support of expanding in ways outlined by the public speakers. Asked if there was any indication of eligibility criteria related to the fourteen equity multiplier schools.

Member Jonasson Rosas expressed appreciation for the public comment and Member Jonasson Rosas offered to meet with people to talk about the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Member Cazares echoed Member Levine's comments related to public engagement and asked staff to keep incentives in place to encourage public engagement. Member Cazares asked staff to find ways to encourage staff, particularly teachers, participation as well.

Ashlee Chiarito, Ed.D., was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board President Wittrup CLOSED the public hearing for the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Local Control and Accountability Plan at 9:17 p.m.

B-30, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-30.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-30. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if the budget encompassed ADA reduction projections and the state deficit. Member Jonasson Rosas requested 1) Staff look at school boundaries and enrollment comprehensively for opportunities not only to balance out but to address facility needs. 2) Requested the exception committee to scrutinize agreements that do not tie directly with services to students.

Member Thomas Requested clarity as to what the asterisks on slide No. 15 represented. Implored staff to be more conservative as to declining enrollment projections and budget strategies.

For the record, Board President Wittrup CLOSED the public hearing for the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account at 9:36 p.m.

Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

B-31, PRESENT and DISCUSS Community Survey Regarding School Facility Investments and Potential 2024 Bond Investment Priorities

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-31.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-31. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares asked if there was a way to set money aside to adapt the Hoover High School cafeteria to be conducive for auditorium type experiences.

Member Levine referenced the slide titled \$101 million project potential groupings and commented on not seeing specific examples of American with Disabilities Act projects and asked staff to include those projects in the project list as well. Commented that it may be good to include specific examples in the bond language as a sign of the district's commitment in that area. Member Levine commented that a specific concern is Fresno High School's Aquatic complex.

Member Jonasson Rosas expressed appreciation for the new process and is looking forward to seeing equitable results. Commented that all items should go through the equity evaluation tool especially in terms of prioritization and scheduling. Asked if staff have looked at schools the district may need to rebuild. Commented on not seeing a project for the Dolores Huerta Early Education Center. Asked where the money for the aeronautics project was coming from. Requested clarity as to the Roosevelt modernization phase II. Requested that projects not only address a basic need but have things like integrated playground equipment and lifts at every school, so that anyone with mobility issues can function as everyone else. Commented on the agricultural farm and not seeing a cost listed.

Paul Idsvoog was available to provide clarity.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of agenda items C-33, Receive Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting, C-34, Receive Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaw 9321, and C-35, Receive Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 7310.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 10:11 p.m.