



Amended Agenda  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
2309 TULARE STREET  
BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR  
FRESNO, CA 93721-2287  
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**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2024**  
**\*4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) \*5:30 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

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

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Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board shall submit a speaker card specifying the item(s) they wish to address. The card must be submitted before or during the Board's consideration of the item.

In accordance with Board Bylaw 9322, students and parents/guardians may request that directory information or personal information (as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2) be excluded from the minutes by making a request in writing to the Superintendent or Board Clerk.

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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. **Superintendent**
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)).
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated, Pending, Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).

**\*5:30 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jill Venkatesan and Leilah Moore of Bullard 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 457-3548.

### **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 January 24, 2024. 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 January 24, 2024, 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 Aukema & Associates**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement with Aukema & Associates to update the health plan booklet. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$25,000 are available in the Health Internal Service Fund. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

### **A-5, APPROVE Agreement with Valley Performing Arts Council for Second Grade Ballet Experience**

Included in the Board Binders is an agreement with Valley Performing Arts Council for a second-grade trip to Warnor's Theatre. All second-grade students will observe an act of "Cinderella" performed by the State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara along with local student dancers. After the performance there will be an interactive demonstration and the second-grade students will perform a short dance. The district is dedicated to the Kennedy Center's "Any Given Child" program, which emphasizes providing arts experiences to every student in the district annually. This will be the first time all Fresno Unified second graders will be able to attend, which helps fulfil the district's commitment as an Any Given Child district to provide arts experiences to all students. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$41,528 are available in the Elementary Music Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-6, APPROVE Wrap Around Agreement and Addendum to the Wide Area Network and Circuit Agreements with CVIN, LLC dba Vast Networks for Internet and Wide Area Network Services**

Included in the Board binders is an agreement to approve a Wrap Around Agreement and an addendum to the Wide Area Network (WAN) and Circuit Agreements with CVIN, LLC dba Vast Networks for Internet and Wide Area Network Services. The addendum encompasses the previously board-approved agreements for WAN services and point-to-point data circuit agreements. These agreements improved the resilience and capacity of the Internet and the WAN connections across the district while reducing long-term costs and improving internet speeds 20 to 100 times faster than in 2019. These agreements provide for reduced costs for each subsequent five-year renewal period. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: No additional fiscal impact and sufficient funds in the amount of \$294,494 are available annually in the Information Technology Budget. Contact person: Tami Lundberg, telephone 457-3560.

**A-7, APPROVE Addendum to the Agreement with Orchid Interpreting Inc.**

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to the agreement with Orchid Interpreting Inc. Interpretation services support newcomer students in their native language so they can better access school resources, connect with teachers, access content for learning, learn survival phrases, and build adult connections to school staff. An amendment to the original agreement amount is necessary to cover the additional expenses resulting from the increased number of newcomer students enrolled in Fresno Unified needing language interpretation supports to assist them in transitioning to their new school environment. The increase is from 607 for the 2022/23 school year to 650 for this year thus far, and we anticipate the need to continue these services to current and any additional newcomers that enroll. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$15,722 are available in the English Learner Services Budget. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

**A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-31, Bullard High School Gyms Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Improvement Project**

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-31, Bullard High School Gyms Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Improvement Project. The project consists of adding air conditioning and heating to the North and South Gyms. This new equipment will provide air conditioning and heating into the gym for the comfort of athletes and fans. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$3,165,000. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$3,165,000 are available in the Measure M Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 24-35, Roosevelt High School Administration Building, Library, West Hall, and Theater Modernization**

Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 24-35, Roosevelt High School Administration Building, Library, West Hall, and Theater Modernization. The Administration building work includes an expanded nurses' suite and additional support spaces. The library work includes new office spaces, book storage, finishes and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) replacement. The West Hall building work includes the addition of an elevator with new access ramps and guardrails. The Theater work includes new lighting, sound systems, a front entry and access upgrade. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: SOLPAC Construction, Inc. dba Soltek Pacific Construction Company (San Diego, CA) \$17,837,000. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$17,837,000 are available in the Measure M Fund. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-10, APPROVE Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2024/25 and 2025/26**

Included in the Board binders for consideration and approval are proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years. These dates will not preclude either additions or changes at any time throughout the year. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ambra O'Connor, telephone 457-3838.

**A-11, RATIFY Change Orders**

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

Bid 21-41, Duncan Polytechnical High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Medical Science Building  
Change Order 8 presented for ratification: \$-55,753

Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus  
Change Order 7 presented for ratification: \$377,384

Bid 23-23, Ericson Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building and Interim Housing  
Change Order 3 (Interim Housing) presented for ratification: \$14,015

Bid 23-33, Del Mar Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building (MPB)  
Change Order 1 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$215,167  
Change Order 1 (New Kindergarten Bldg., Admin & Library Mod) presented for ratification: \$12,257

Bid 23-34, Roosevelt High School Interim Housing  
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$60,752

Bid 23-66, Sections A, Heaton and Section B, Webster Elementary Schools  
Playground Equipment Replacement  
Change Order 1 (Section A, Heaton) presented for ratification: \$65,604  
Change Order 1 (Section B, Webster) presented for ratification: \$37,543

The Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$679,575 are available in the Measure M Fund for Bids 22-21, 23-23, 23-33, and 23-34 and \$103,147 is available in the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant for Bid 23-66. \$55,753 will be credited to the Measure M Fund for Bid 21-41. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

**A-12, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion**

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

Bid 21-41, Duncan Polytechnical High School CTE Medical Science Building

Bid 23-28, Bullard High School Pool Heater Replacement

Bid 23-31, Kisling Building Modernization

Bid 23-57, Wi-Fi Expansion to Green Spaces

Bid 23-71 Section B, Concrete Slabs for Outdoor Tables at Various Sites

Bid 23-71 Section F, Concrete Slabs for Outdoor Tables at Various Sites

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-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2023, through November 30, 2023 – Primary Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2023, through November 30, 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-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2023, through November 30, 2023 – Supplemental Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2023, through November 30, 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.

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

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**\*6:00 P.M.**

**B-15, DISCUSS and ADOPT Proposed Academic Calendars for School Years 2024/25 and 2025/26**

Included in the Board binders are Academic Calendar options A and B for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 academic years. The recommended Academic Calendar is option A. The option A calendar was preferred by educational partner groups including community members, families, labor partners, and student advisory board. The Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact at this time. Contact person: Natasha Baker, Ed.D., telephone 457-3731.

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

### **C-16, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies**

Included in the Board binders are proposed revisions for seven Board Policies (BP) and one Administrative Regulation (AR) as follows:

- BP 1160 Political Processes
- BP 2300 Conflict of Interest Code: Designated Personnel (DELETION)
- BP 5131.2 Anti-Bullying
- BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention
- AR 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment
- BP 6174 Education for English Learners

These revisions meet the California School Boards Association recommendations and best practices. The items will be brought back for approval at a future Board meeting. 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, FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**BOARD WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024**