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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

August 11, 2021

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 August 11, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and ADJORNED to Closed Session to address items one through six.

The BOARD RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board President Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas, the Board approved the new hire of Tangee Pinhero for Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement for Brent Bertsche Case No. 2014-0631, by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.
- On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement for Linda Koetsier Case No. WC18-0418-983, by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Superintendent Misty Her led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Shared tomorrow is officially our first day back to school and just like every year, I know so many of us are feeling those first-day jitters! Especially after the past year and a half of uncertainty and with all the politicization of returning to school in-person, I know it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Here's my advice to all of us here tonight and to the entirety of our Fresno Unified Family – let's focus on our kids coming back to school safely, responsibly, and happily. Let's leave the controversy and politicization out and keep focused on our mission – to cultivate and nurture the interests, intellect, and leadership of our students by providing an excellent, equitable education in a culturally proficient environment. If we focus there, we will be successful in moving forward together and achieving our greatest potential.
- Shared that many of you heard the Governor announce today the requirement that all staff need to provide proof of vaccination or be tested for COVID-19 on at least a once weekly basis. Our teams are already working on how to implement this mandate successfully before the required deadline of October 15, 2021. As with all mandates that have come our way, like indoor mask-wearing, we will work to successfully implement as required, but we will not be distracted from our core mission in serving our students.
- Shared we are excited to welcome our students back tomorrow and kick this school year off with enthusiasm, support, and love. Safety guidelines are in place to protect our students and staff, social emotional supports have been increased for our students, and activities, sports and clubs are back. Our teachers are ready and supported to meet our students where they are, build those crucial relationships, and help each student to progress in their academic journey. School sites and our Parent University stand at the ready to support parents and answer your questions. Tomorrow, as busses get rolling and parents start their normal drop-off routines again, we ask that everyone be extra vigilant while driving around our schools to keep our students and families safe. If you're looking for our current safety guidelines, bus routes, and bell schedules please head to our website and to your school's website for more information.
- Dedicated the rest of his remarks to remembering and honoring our dear colleague and friend, Trustee Carol Mills. I first met Carol back in 2001, when I served as her son's vice principal at Powers-Ginsburg Elementary. While serving as a parent, she advocated for not only what was best for her son, but also for all the young people in her circle. She was relentless in her pursuit of trying to make the district the best that it could possibly be, Carol served as a tireless advocate for our city's kids, having spent her last 17 years as a Trustee of the district. First elected in 2004, Carol was the champion of any initiative that directly benefited students, including supporting every child with the opportunity to participate with programs such as the International Baccalaureate program or Career Technical Education, as well as expanding our students' access to arts, athletics, and engagement activities. She advocated tirelessly for having after-school opportunities available to every child and family -- a dream that will be realized in 2021. For the last several

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months, Carol fought a valiant battle against Lou Gehrig's disease. True to her nature, she continued to serve as an advocate and role model, this time in the role of ableism. She advocated for her own rights, as well as the rights of others with exceptionality until her last breath. Her digitized graduation speech at the 2020 commencement for Fresno High was the very epitome of the concept of "finishing well." Our community has been made better through her commitment to serving others. We stand in her debt, and she will be missed.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Clerk Thomas: Thanked The Fresno Metro Black Chamber and West Fresno Resource Center for supporting students by providing back packs, school supplies, haircuts, blood pressure checks, diabetes checks and much more; Thanked students for canvassing the neighborhoods to provide families information regarding the backpack and supplies give away

Member Jonasson Rosas: Thanked staff for video tribute for Trustee Mills and , offered condolences to her family. Referenced Governor Newsome's announcement. Encouraged people to remember we are not in the clear yet and be prepared. Requested more information regarding school preparedness. What is the district doing to prepare/plan? Especially considering the district's specialty programs. Commented that now is an opportunity to present teaching as an option to those looking for a new career, a media or marketing campaign to recruit more people into the pipeline.

Member Major Slatic: Shared that in the last several weeks he has engaged with constituents and is seeing a trend in worry about restrooms at sites. Requested clarity as to if a feedback loop exists between central office, sites and parents regarding restroom; and, if one does not to please have one created. Shared concern about safety protocol communications and messages. Is concerned with the state of the district's Communication Office and referenced several lockdown situations. Stated the Superintendent should be held accountable to hold the Communication Office accountable.

Member Cazares: Welcomed parents, students, and staff back to school. Thanked those who worked during the summer to support students. Reminded parents to make sure they charge their child's laptop, if it's not working call the Family Learning and Technology Support (FLATS) Center at 559-457-3939. Extended condolences to the family of Trustee Mills.

Member Islas: Offered condolences to Trustee Mills family. Congratulated Board President Davis for her nomination for the Top Ten Professional Women award. Grateful to Fresno City College for partnership with Design Science. Shared announcements for events taking place in the McLane Region. Thanked Parent University for back to school event. Encouraged people to follow public health guidelines and recommendations and to get vaccinated.

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President Davis: Reminded people Thursday and Friday will be minimum days with Monday being a full day. Requested staff to ensure students at the Fresno Adult School have access to a computer and a hotspot. Expressed condolences to Carol Mills family.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

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

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Consent Agenda, was approved, by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Clerk Thomas, and President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.

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 so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent 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 June 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the June 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Resolution 21-01, Authorizing Debt Service Estimate to be Provided to the County of Fresno Respecting Unsold General Obligation Bonds of the Fresno Unified School District Relating to the Measure M Authorization for Fiscal Year 2021/22

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 21-01, to authorize the district's debt service estimate to be provided to the County of Fresno respecting unsold Measure M bonds for fiscal year 2021/22.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued

- A-5, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2021/22**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 1 for fiscal year 2021/22.
- A-6, APPROVE Annual Agreements for the 2021/22 School Year**
APPROVED as recommended, a matrix detailing agreements to provide services to Fresno Unified School District.
- A-7, APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding with Carter G. Woodson Public Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with

Agape, Inc, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that manages and operates Carter G. Woodson Public Charter School.
- A-8, APPROVE Amendment of California School Management Agreement for Emergency Connectivity Fund Applications**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the existing agreement with California School Management, to assist the district in creating the forms and applications required for participation in the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF).
- A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-01, for construction of a new five-classroom early learning building, seven new primary grade modular classrooms and space remodel for two additional classrooms, administration building with student support spaces, and site improvements at Addams Elementary School.
- A-10, APPROVE Proposed Revisions and ADOPT Revised Board Policy**
APPROVED as recommended, revised Board Policy (BP): 6158 Independent Study.
- A-11, DENY Claim GL19-0919-5487**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Keona Smith, case GL19-0919-5487.
- A-12, RATIFY Master Services Agreement with Frontline Technologies Group**
RATIFIED as recommended, a one-year Master Services Agreement with Frontline Technologies Group, LLC dba Frontline.
- A-13, RATIFY Change Orders**
RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects:

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Bid 20-11, Ericson Elementary School Early Learning Building Construction and Interim Housing Infrastructure Change Order 10 presented for ratification	\$	24,925
Bid 21-01, Hoover High School Event Center Painting and Fire Proofing Change Order 1 presented for ratification	\$	24,622
Bid 21-04, McLane High School New CTE Digital Media Arts Lab Change Order 1 presented for ratification	\$	26,030
Bid 21-07, McLane High School Fire Alarm Upgrade Change Order 4 presented for ratification	\$	6,461
Bid 21-11, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition Change Orders 1-3 presented for ratification	\$	154,399
Bid 21-14, McLane High School Stadium Scoreboard Replacement Change Order 1 presented for ratification	\$	37,500
Bid 21-24, Columbia Elementary School Classroom Building Addition Change Order 2 presented for ratification	\$	5,641

A-14, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications.

Bid 19-42 Sections B ,C and D, Lighting Improvements at Various Schools

Bid 19-50 Sections A and B, Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure for Ewing, Kirk, Phoenix, Sunset, Vang Pao and Wilson Elementary Schools

Bid 20-11, Ericson Elementary School Early Learning Building Construction and Interim Housing Infrastructure

Bid 20-54 Section B, Modular Classroom Infrastructure for Lawless, Lincoln and Malloch Elementary Schools

Bid 21-01, Hoover High School Event Center Painting and Fire Proofing

Bid 21-07, McLane High School Fire Alarm Upgrade

Bid 21-12 Sections A and B, Gymnasium Scoreboard Replacement at Various Middle Schools

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Bid 21-14, McLane High School Stadium Scoreboard Replacement

A-15, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 01, 2021 through May 31, 2021, and one Purchase Order from February 2021

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from May 01, 2021 through May 31, 2021, and one purchase order from February 2021.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received five requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. Individual names along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

Lorena Moreno: Concerned that son lost his seat at magnet school when she decided to have him continue with on-line learning.

Joana Meza: Concerned with the district's communication to families in preferred language and ease of access of website.

Carmen Zamora: Concerned with the district's communication to families in preferred language and ease of access of website.

Merlin Dimas: Concerned with number of teachers assigned to eLearn.

Andrew Fabela: Commented on voting history of the Board.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-16, DISCUSS and ADOPT Resolution 21-04 to Fill Board Vacancy in Trustee Area 5 by Provisional Appointment and Establish Procedure for the Appointment of a Provisional Board Member

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received one submission of public comment for Agenda Item B-16. Individual names along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

Andrew Fabela: Thanked Trustee Islas and Major Slatic for respecting Trustee Mills by their previous meeting vote to not appoint a provisional appointment for Trustee Area 5 vacancy.

Board President Davis motioned that to NOT adopt the resolution for appointment and to allow for the call of an election to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area 5, seconded by Board Clerk Thomas. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Clerk Thomas, and Board President Davis. Trustee Area 5 is vacant.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record there were no items received for this section of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:10 p.m.