



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
February 02, 2022

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 February 02, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:32 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:20 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement for Jennifer Estrada, Case No. 2015-0338, by a vote of 4-0-2-0.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Ryan Duff to Principal III, Tenaya Middle School.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Rodney Branch to Principal IV, Cesar Chavez Adult School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Tami Lundberg led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized February as National Black History Month. He acknowledged the fantastic 8th Annual Edison Region Black History Month program broadcasted yesterday. Superintendent thanked the Gaston and Edison Black Student Unions,

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

the Student Engagement Department, the director Lisa Mitchell, the choreographer Staci Jones, and all involved for putting on another impactful program highlighting “The Untold Stories” of our Black and African American History. Superintendent reminded all they can watch the recorded program through a link on our district’s website and homepage at www.fresnounified.org. Superintendent also encouraged all to dedicate time throughout this month to learn, honor and share the untold stories of Black and African American history.

- Acknowledged the new Mini-Pitch Soccer Field constructed at Computech Middle School. Shared his thanks to a national partnership between Black Players for Change, Black Women’s Play Collective, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Musco Lighting and Adidas, for selecting Computech as one of 18 recipients across the nation for a new Mini-Pitch Soccer Field.
- Shared an opportunity for staff to join our Cultural Proficiency Trainer of Trainers professional learning certification. Participants learn important content on Cultural Proficiency, design an action plan, learn and use presentation skills, and utilize facilitation skills for group development.
- Shared excitement for our McLane Medical Education & Research Academy being honored as the Fresno County Superintendent’s Superstars for January. Students will be honored at the upcoming Fresno County Board of Education Meeting on February 17 by Superintendent Jim Yovino for their efforts in promoting COVID-19 prevention, testing, and vaccination. Students were accepted as Junior Community Health Workers with the Immigrant Refugee Coalition and did great work to provide education while serving and supporting our community. Special shout outs were shared to Santiago Ocegueda, Andrea Gracida, Gisel Gonzalez Villa, and Nereida Galvaz Penaloza who will be accepting the award on behalf of the Medical Education & Research Academy at McLane.
- Announced to our Class of 2022 that applications are now open for our Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. Seniors are encouraged to apply online before the deadline of March 01, 2022. The application can be accessed from our district website homepage, www.fresnounified.org, as well as by clicking here. Any questions can be directed to our College and Career Readiness team at FUSDscholarship@fresnounified.org.
- Reminded all to attend the upcoming Community Roundtables which inform our Local Control and Accountability Program plans and budgeting.
- Reminded all that they can find daily highlights of schools and departments on our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn). He shared a highlight from last week on Addicott’s Music Garden.

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 Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-2 and A-3, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat 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.

A-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board
ADOPTED as recommended apart from Case No. 22082, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels.

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

In accordance with Education Code section 48918, the Board voted unanimously in closed session to not adopt the decision of the Administrative Hearing panel for expulsion case #22082. The Board has decided not to move forward with expulsion for this student.

The Board does adopt the Administrative Hearing recommendations for the other cases presented as part of this agenda item.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board adopted the decisions of the Administrative Hearing panel apart from Case No. 22082, by a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A-3, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming the Month of February 2022 as African American History Month
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2022 as African America History Month.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-3. A summary is as follow: Commented on the importance of the educational piece of the resolution.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board adopted Agenda Item A-3 by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A-4, APPROVE Minutes from prior Meetings

APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes for the January 05, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting.

A-5, APPROVE Appointment of Lourdes Medina to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of Lourdes Medina to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC).

A-6, RATIFY an Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and WestEd

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and WestEd from November 04, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

A-7, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 19-42 Sections B, C and D, Lighting Improvements at Various Schools
Phase 3
Change Order 4 (Section B, C, D) presented for ratification (credit)
\$-29,635

Bid 21-11, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition
Change Order 6 presented for ratification \$45,801

Bid 21-24, Columbia Elementary School Classroom Building Addition
Change Order 4 presented for ratification (credit) \$-7,499

Bid 21-41, Duncan Polytechnical High School CTE Medical Science
Building
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$11,968

Bid 21-42 Section A, Bullard High School Athletic Field Improvements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$34,807

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-8, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2021 through November 30, 2021

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received 11 requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

1. Andrew Fabela: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
2. Marycela Pacheco: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
3. Cindy Fukuyama: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
4. Erin Schuurman: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
5. Mettabel T.: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
6. Angelane Avila: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
7. Cindy Harris: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
8. Trae Bojorquez: Objection to mask mandates and to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.
9. Gloria Hernandez: Support for Board Member Islas and free speech.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas called for a five (5) minute RECESS at 6:05 p.m.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued

For the record, Unscheduled Oral Communications continued as follows:

10. Mrs. Bailey: Tweet by Board member Islas and request for her resignation.
11. Holly: Objection to anti-vaxxer statement in tweet by Board Member Islas.

For the record, seven additional requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications were received. Receipt of the requests took place after Unscheduled Oral Communications was opened and therefore will be heard at the end of the agenda.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-9, DISCUSS and ADOPT Academic Calendars for 2022/23 and 2023/24

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-9

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-9.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item B-9 Calendar Option A, was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatic, and President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

B-10, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2022/23 Strategic Budget Development

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-10

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-10.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-10. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to the amount of appointment offerings for budget debrief meetings. Requested clarity as to information on Slide No. 13 and the staffing of a Vice Principal versus a Guidance Learning Advisor. Requested clarity as to the timeline for filling positions. Requested additional information as to the breakdown of subcategories represented on Slide No. 5. Requested clarity as to information on Slide No. 11 and requested how the sites plan to use the resources. Requested clarity as to information on Slide No. 13 and staffing in areas of child welfare and attendance officer. Requested clarity as to funding of the 300.6 FTE mentioned in the presentation. Commented on the seamless move of student from in-person to virtual learning and thanked staff for their work in technology. Requested staff to look at supports to Cambridge, J.E. Young, and DeWolf. Commented on support of School Neighborhood Resource Officers at middle schools. Requested clarity as to information on Slide No. 11 and if all schools will receive resources. Requested staff to conduct a deep dive on staffing and to create a formula/methodology for staffing (equity versus equality). Requested staff to have a plan to address a recession. Chief Financial Officer Santino Danisi and Executive Officer Ambra O'Connor were available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas opened the floor to continue Unscheduled Oral Communications and to allow the seven individuals who missed the timeline for speaking a chance to address the Board.

Board President Jonasson Rosas cautioned those in the room to conduct themselves in a civil and orderly manner and to treat each other with respect.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued

The individual's name along with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Augie Blancas: Support for Board Member Islas.
2. Veronica Garibay: Support for Board Member Islas.
3. Josh Fulfer: Opposition to Board Member Islas and her Tweet.
4. Rafael Avitia: Support for Board Member Islas. Derogatory comments directed at Board Member Major Slatic.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas called for a five (5) minute RECESS at 7:17 p.m.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

For the record, Board Member Davis requested to hear the last two public speakers.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas continued with Unscheduled Oral Communications on the condition those present would behave in a civil manner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued

The individual's name along with a summary of topic are as follows:

5. Jessica Mahony: Did not finish comment as Board Member Major Slatic interrupted Ms. Mahony.
6. Gene Richards: Did not have an opportunity to speak as the meeting was adjourned.
7. Grecia Elenes: Did not have an opportunity to speak as the meeting was adjourned.

For the record, Board President Jonasson Rosas, requested Board Member Major Slatic to refrain from interrupting the speaker. Board Member Major Slatic would not refrain from his comments.

For the record, due to the disruption of the meeting, Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items received for this section of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Board/Superintendent communications did not take place.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:26 p.m.