



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
March 09, 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 March 09, 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 4:31 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.

For the record, Trustee Davis arrived at 4:35 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Thomas arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Michele Markarian to Principal II at Forkner Elementary School, 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.
- On a motion by Board President Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Ralph Meza III to Director in Transportation, 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.
- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Maria Ceballos-Tapia to Executive Director in Early Learning, 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.

Reporting Out of Closed Session - continued

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board took action in Closed Session to appoint William “Alex” Belanger to Chief Executive in Operations, 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.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board President Jonasson Rosas, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Natasha Baker to Chief Academic Officer, 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.
- On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Ambra O’Connor to Chief of Staff in the Superintendent’s Office, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Lindsay Sanders led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized National School Social Work week, Women’s History Month, and International SEL Day.
- Reminded the community, enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten opened as of last week. Shared that enrollment for TK has expanded and all 4-year olds who turn 5 between September 2 and February 2 are eligible for enrollment. Enrollment can be completed completely online at www.fresnounified.org/enroll.
- Reminded staff, recruitment for the next National Board Cohort and Leadership Cohort are currently underway. Any interested staff can reach out to Leadership Development or Teacher Development for more information.
- Shared a reminder, the statewide indoor mask mandate for schools will move from a requirement to a strong recommendation starting Monday, March 14. Superintendent asked for respect and grace amongst all Fresno Unified family members, regardless of their masking choices starting next week.
- Shared, the inaugural episode of Faces of Fresno Unified – Student Edition! The first episode highlights Zera Brown of Edison High School.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received one request to address the Board on the Consent Agenda. The individual's name along with a summary of topic is as follows:

1. Andrew Fabela: Agenda Item A-13, Deny Claim GL21-0907-6548.

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatc, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-4, A-10, A-11 and A-12, 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 Slatc, 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, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the February 02 and February 16, 2022 Regular Board meetings.

A-4, APPROVE Graduation Agreements for the Class of 2022
APPROVED as recommended, four independent contractor services agreements and tentative schedules for the Class of 2022 graduation ceremonies.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-4. A summary is as follows: Shared excitement for the return to in-person graduation ceremonies.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-4 was approved by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatc, Thomas, and President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-5, APPROVE the 2022 Ballot for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly**
APPROVED as recommended, the ballot material for candidates seeking election to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly for Subregion 10-B, Fresno County.
- A-6, APPROVE Memorandums of Understanding between Fresno Unified School District and Aspen Meadow Public School, Aspen Valley Prep Academy, Sierra Charter School and University High School**
APPROVED as recommended, the Memorandums of Understanding between Fresno Unified School District and the following charter corporate entities: Aspen Public Schools Incorporated, which operates Aspen Valley Prep Academy and Aspen Meadow Public School; Sierra Charter School; and University High School.
- A-7, APPROVE Contract with Certificated Retiree Frances Buelna-Szabo**
APPROVED as recommended, a contract with certificated retiree Frances Buelna-Szabo.
- A-8, APPROVE Addendum No. 4 to Master Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and License Agreement for Fresno Unified School District Use of State Center Community College District (Fresno City College) Facilities**
APPROVED as recommended, Addendum No. 4 to the Master Agreement Establishing an Educational Partner Relationship between Fresno Unified and the Fresno City College (FCC) division of the State Center Community College District (SCCCD).
- A-9, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal service agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency for the provision of insurance consulting and brokerage services.
- A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-11, Sub-Rings for Wide Area Network Services**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-11, to establish fixed lease pricing for logical sub-rings within the wide area network connecting 39 school sites to the central ring, the Fresno Unified Education Center, and the internet.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-10. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to why E-Rate funds are paid at different rates for work listed in agenda items A-10 and A-11 while funds appear to come out of the same Information Technology E-Rate budget. Tami Lundberg was available to provide clarity.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item A-10 was approved by a 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.

A-11, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposal 22-12, Network Equipment and Professional Services for Internal Connections

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposal (RFP) 22-12, to replace and/or upgrade network equipment across school sites and facilities.

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-11 was approved by a 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.

A-12, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts

APPROVED as recommended, information regarding four piggyback contracts recommended for use during 2021/22 for efficient and cost-effective procurement.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-12. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to the company name of the original procurement agencies. Karin Temple and Ann Lorz were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item A-12 was approved by a 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.

A-13, DENY Claim GL21-0907-6548

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Dominick Bererducci, case GL21-0907-6548.

A-14, RATIFY an Addendum with PresenceLearning, Inc.

RATIFIED as recommended, an addendum to an existing independent contractor services agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc. for \$1,188,450.

A-15, RATIFY Change Orders

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

- Bid 20-19, Fresno High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Building Construction
Change Order 9 presented for ratification \$62,850

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- Bid 21-11, Edison High School Gymnasium Addition
Change Order 7 presented for ratification \$85,936
- Bid 21-35, Jackson Elementary School Multipurpose Building
Reconstruction, MPR Bldg.
Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$11,483
- Bid 21-46 Sections A, B, C, E, and F, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at
Various Sites
Change Order 1 Sections A, B, C, E, and F presented for ratification
\$126,302
- Bid 21-46 Sections D and G, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Various
Sites
Change Order 1 Sections D and G presented for ratification \$0
- Bid 21-48 Section B, Playground Equipment Replacement at Webster and
Winchell Elementary Schools
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$2,148
- Bid 21-53, Kratt and Leavenworth Elementary Schools Modular
Classroom Infrastructure
Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$144,233

A-16, RATIFY Notices of Completion

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

- Bid 21-46 Sections A, B, C, E, and F, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at
Various Sites
- Bid 21-46 Sections D and G, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Various
Sites

A-17, RATIFY Purchase Orders from December 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and Zero Dollar Contracts

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from December 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021 as well as a list of zero-dollar contracts that specify terms but where no funds will be exchanged between Fresno Unified and other entities.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-18, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2021/22 Second Interim Financial Report

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-18

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-18.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, Agenda Item B-18 was approved by a 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.

B-19, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2022/23 Strategic Budget Development

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-19

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-19.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-19. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if the request for augmentation by the Human Resource Department will be enough? Requested clarity as to where the 191 cafeteria tables in disrepair will go once removed. Requested clarity as to how the bus Global Positioning System (GPS) will be used. Requested clarity as to where the old or broken projectors will go once removed. Requested clarity as to when the Board will receive a recycle plan for old projectors. Requested clarity as to how teachers will be trained to use new technology. Commented on looking forward to the new technology and hoping it will age with students. Requested to have the LTE network extend to schools located north of Shaw. Requested clarity as to how far the Wi-Fi will extend. Requested clarity as to if finger printing fees are waived for volunteers. Requested if there is an opportunity to piggyback on the GPS being purchased to add a mapping feature. Requested clarity as to the opportunity for the district to use the City of Fresno's bus wash system. Encouraged staff to apply for Customer Municipal Advisory Committee (CMAC) funds through Council of Government (COG). Requested clarity as to if additional vans have been ordered by the Transportation Department and if so, when they will arrive. Requested clarity as to if the district will address higher gas prices in the agreement with First Student. Requested clarity as to if election costs listed in the presentation are for April or November. Requested clarity as to which entity facilitates the election. Requested clarity as to if there is an opportunity for Fresno Adult School students to intern in district departments. Requested clarity as to languages served in the Family Learning and Technology Support (FLAT) centers and how the district is accommodating smaller language groups. Recommended the district look toward meeting digital literacy needs of families. Requested the district to look toward working with community organizations to support language needs. Commented on recycling and asked if there is an opportunity to donate or repurpose items.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

Requested clarity on Wi-Fi on school buses and requested to see information from the pilot. Requested the district to conduct a safe route to school assessment. Requested clarity as to if cement tables could be used at school sites. Requested clarity as to the fall projection for unduplicated pupil percentage. Requested clarity on the two positions requested by Human Resources. Requested clarity as to steps the district is taking to protect against cyber fraud. Santino Danisi, David Chavez, Karin Temple, Bryan Wells, Tami Lundberg and Carlos Castillo were available to provide clarity.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of two items as follows:

C-20, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

C-21, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received 17 requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

1. Bea W.: Support of vaccine.
2. Gloria Hernandez: Support of vaccine.
3. Jessica Mahoney: Spoke about incident at Daily Charter.
4. Eric Rollins: District focus should be on teaching students to read.
5. Erin Schuurman: Opposition to the COVID vaccine.
6. Marcos Pacheco: Opposition to the COVID vaccine.
7. Mia Pacheco: Opposition to the COVID vaccine.
8. Matthew Pacheco: School safety, drugs allegedly found on campus.
9. Marycela Pacheco: Opposition to the COVID vaccine and concern with school safety.
10. Mrs. Bailey: Support for Andrew Fabela.
11. Tam Rae: Testimony on what lengths she will go to for students.
12. Andrew Fabela: Spoke of helping a family with an issue at Edison.
13. Ted Laurent, Jr.: Spoke against the vaccine and perceived lies told to support the vaccine.
14. Anneli Rios: Not present when name was called.
15. Norman Schuurman: Referenced a sign posted at a doctor's office which stated sports physicals would not be performed if student athlete had received the COVID vaccine.
16. Angelane Avila: Referenced comments from risk benefit analysis of the Pfizer vaccine.
17. Kevin Hall: Commented on GV Wire contributions to local political campaigns.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:46 p.m.