



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
April 20, 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 April 20, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatc, 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 4:48 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, Board Member Major Slatc arrived at 5:00 p.m.

For the record, Board President extended Closed Session at 5:50 p.m.

For the record, Board President extended Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:35 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 Sarah Chun, Case No. 2015-0326, by a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatc, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Lisa Mitchell to Executive Director of African American Academic Acceleration, by a vote of 6-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Major Slatc, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. The Trustee Area 5 seat is vacant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Dr. Nelson led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Acknowledged the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day which is April 24. As a community with rich Armenian culture and roots, it's important for each of us to know this piece of painful history and mourn alongside our Armenian community.
- Congratulated and recognized our Department of Prevention and Intervention! DPI will receive an "Influencing Systems – Education" mentoring award and be recognized in New York next week! Fresno Unified was one of five recipients nationwide and the only school district to win a National Amplify Award, given by MENTOR. The district was selected because of its early and ongoing dedication to systemically scaling relationship-based supports across the district. Amazing work DPI – way to bring our district values to life!
- Congratulated and recognized Edison High School for being recognized as one of the top 24 schools in the state for this year's Race to Submit campaign! The Race to Submit campaign aims to increase the number of high school seniors who complete their FAFSA or CADAA applications, which provides important financial aid opportunities for college. Almost 87% of Edison seniors completed their FAFSA or CADAA! We're so proud of our Edison family – THIS is a perfect example of how we support our students in achieving their greatest potential!
- Shared this Saturday, 300 Fresno Unified middle school students will square off in technology-based competitions as part of the 15th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology (ToT). ToT is the largest contest of its kind in the state. It's been almost three years since the last in-person event was held, and we're excited to be back together in-person for this competition. Students can compete in 15 events in 3 categories: Robotics, Video Production, Design, and Coding. This year, for the first time, the Tournament of Technology will also feature a Drone Exhibition, and the Fresno Police Department will be flying their Maverick Drone used in law enforcement. Competition kicks off at 8:00 a.m., with an award ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at Hoover High's Event Center – parents and visitors are welcome!
- Shout Out to our Climate and Culture team for their upcoming 4-part professional learning series – "Responding to Student Misbehavior Like an All-Star"! This is going to be a great series so make sure to register on iAchieve by Friday, April 22! Participants will be compensated at the supplemental pay rate.
- Commented, I'm so proud of our students at Fresno High who hosted an awesome Unity Rally back on April 6. Students from many different clubs and leadership came together to put on a lunchtime event with music, poetry, and more to show unity amongst students. Great work Warriors!

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

- Recognized Gaston students who recently participated in the California Avenue Neighborhood Design Challenge with Fresno Housing! Students dreamt up the improvements and amenities that they would like to see in their own neighborhood and created models and presentations to share with district and community leaders. The students amazing ideas will be incorporated into Fresno Housing's Choice Neighborhood implementation plans as they work to transform the California Avenue Neighborhood.
- Shared Sunnyside High School now has the MOST Dell Scholars in the entire nation! With this year's 4 Dell Scholarship awardees it brings Sunnyside's total to 66 awardees since the scholarship's inception in 2005! This is no small feat – the Dell Scholarship is a BIG DEAL!
- Congratulated Gao (Angie) Yang, Luisa Torralba, Sheng Xiong, and Joanna Sayaseng. and the whole Sunnyside team as well, especially the AVID program and their coordinator Tony Fiori! This scholarship and the AVID program are truly focused on moving the needle of our district's student goals!

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 Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Item A-4, which was pulled from the agenda by staff, 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. 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.

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. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 16, 2022 Regular Board meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution in the Matter of Declaring Certification of the April 12, 2022 Special Election**
ITEM PULLED BY STAFF
- A-5, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 2 – 6, 2022 as Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming May 2 - 6, 2022 as Teacher/ Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.
- A-6, APPROVE Revised Job Description for Chief, Human Resources/Labor Relations**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised job description for Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations.
- A-7, APPROVE Revised Teachers on Special Assignment and Librarians 197 Duty Days Salary Schedule (8 hours)**
APPROVED as recommended, the revised Teachers on Special Assignment and Librarians 197 Duty Days Salary Schedule (8 hours).
- A-8, APPROVE Agreement with Born to Shine with Mike Sullivan**
APPROVED as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Born to Shine with Mike Sullivan.
- A-9 APPROVE Agreement for The Foundation of California Community Colleges Guidance Initiative Platform**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with The Foundation of California Community Colleges Guidance Initiative Platform.
- A-10, APPROVE Grant Application to the Federal Department of Education- 2022 Teacher Quality Partnership Grant**
APPROVED as recommended, a grant application to the Federal Department of Education – 2022 Teacher Quality Partnership Grant.
- A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-28, Ventura and 10th Site and Parking Lot Improvements Phase II**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-28, for improvements to the south section of the Farber Educational Campus (office buildings) including perimeter fencing and gates, parking lot expansion, new concrete driveways and walkways, site lighting, landscaping and student garden areas, and accessibility.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-12, DENY Claim GL21-1027-6832

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL21-1027-6832.

A-13, RATIFY Retiree Contracts with Jill Barkdull, Maureen Doyle, Sharon Melson and Arlene Rowan to Provide Extra Support to the Health Services Department

RATIFIED as recommended, contracts for retired school nurses: Jill Barkdull, Maureen Doyle, Sharon Melson and Arlene Rowan.

A-14, RATIFY Grant Application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - 2022 Teacher Residency Expansion Grant

RATIFIED as recommended, a grant application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - 2022 Teacher Residency Expansion.

A-15, RATIFY the Renewal Grant Application to the California Department of Education for the After-School Education and Safety Program

RATIFIED as recommended, a renewal grant application to the California Department of Education for the 2022 After School Education and Safety Program (ASES).

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-16, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Early Learning Department Expansion Plan for 2022/23 and Beyond

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-16

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-16.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if a student may attend both a morning and afternoon class. Requested clarity as to if benchmarks are in place to identify at-risk students in the early learning program. Requested clarity as to if attendance in early learning is compulsory and asked what type of incentives are offered for attendance. Expressed appreciation for the early learning program. Requested clarity as to if families may enroll their children in an early learning program outside of their attendance area. Requested clarity as to the TK program growth rate, what is the District's projection. Expressed concern regarding availability of facilities to house expanded early learning classes. Requested clarity as to if the district is on track to fill the 100 teaching positions for the expansion. Suggested the program's class hours run eight and a half to nine hours. Requested clarity as to if PK will be available for all 3-year-old children.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

Requested staff create a chart for 3-year-olds like chart in presentation for 4-year-olds, the Achieving Universal Transitional Kindergarten for All 4-year-olds. Commented would like half of preschool classes to be part of the dual immersion program. Commented on art and music in preschool and would like music to be considered in the expansion. Commented on the importance of intentional recruitment. Executive Director Ceballos and Executive Officer Mathies were available to provide clarity.

B-17, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2022/23 Strategic Budget Development

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-17

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-17.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-17. A summary is as follows: Requested staff provide a board communication which lists the goals/obstacles to work of the External Partnerships & Engagement Office. Requested the number of employees then and now contributing to the scholarship fund. Congratulated Ms. McCulley on completion of 501c3. Thanked the Figarden Women's Club for their generous donation to the External Partnerships & Engagement Office. Thanked special education management team for their work implementing some of the suggested strategies provided by the Council of the Great City Schools. Requested to know how many more psychologists will be needed in the future. Requested clarity as to the behavior technician contract. Commented, happy to see internship opportunities for students but would like to see paid internships. Would like to see aviation expansion to parents. Requested clarity on transferable credit. Requested clarity on the agriculture pathway, where is it in the budget proposal. Thanked Ms. McCulley for her work with the African American Academic Acceleration Office. Expressed concern pertaining to the External Partnerships & Engagement Office board policy, specifically the point of naming facilities after large donation and suggested a revisit to edit. Requested staff to consider the slogan for External Partnerships, how does it translate, consider relevant use of words in other languages. Thanked Dr. Pinheiro. Thanked Tonisha Hargrove. Requested district staff to help California State University, Fresno on equity path. Shared callouts from other districts regarding special education and civic engagement. Commented on impactful investments. Supportive of agriculture pathway. Suggested classrooms specifically for grades preschool through second should have restrooms. Suggested staff consider doing targeted outreach videos for graduation. Chief Officer McCulley, Executive Officer Mathies, Assistant Superintendent Ward were available to provide clarity.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-18, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of the California School Employees Association - Chapter 125 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2022-2023 Reopener Agreement

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.

B-19, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 for the 2022-2023 Reopener Agreement

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.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item B-19 was adopted 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-20, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 143, Food Service 2022-2023 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2022-2023 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-20

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-20.

B-21, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to California School Employees Association, Chapter 143 for the 2022-2023 Reopener Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-21

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-21.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item B-21 was adopted 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. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued

B-22, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of Fresno Area Substitute Teacher Association – SEIU Local 521, Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-22

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-22.

B-23, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to Fresno Area Substitute Teacher Association – SEIU Local 521 for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-23

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-23.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, Agenda Item B-23 was adopted 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-24, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION of the Service Employees International Union – Local 521 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-24

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-24.

B-25, OPPORTUNITY for Public DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union - Local 521 for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-25

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-25.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, Agenda Item B-25 was adopted 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.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of one item as follows:

C-26, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received 5 requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name along with a summary of topic are listed as follows:

1. Calvin Jamerson: Commented on Truth vs. Lies.
2. Marcos Pacheco: Commented on school restrooms.
3. Mia Pacheco: Commented on Spring Break meal distribution.
4. Matthew Pacheco: Yielded his time to the next speaker.
5. Marycela Pacheco: Thanked Early Learning staff.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:08 p.m.