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Fresno, California

May 04, 2022

Fresno Unified School District, 2727 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, California 93703.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on May 04, 2022, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatik, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

***4:15 P.M.**

ADMINISTER the Ceremonial Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board of Education Member Levine.

TRUSTEE AREA 5

Ms. Trudi Thom will administer the Oath of Office to Andy Levine, newly elected Board Member to Trustee Area 5. Member Levine will serve a two-year term (2022-2024).

RECESS for Brief Reception Honoring Newly Elected Board of Education Member Levine.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session 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.

Board President Jonasson Rosas RECONVENED the Regular Board Meeting to Open Session at 7:28p.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 to approve reassignment of Brian Wall from Instructional Superintendent to Director, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatik, Thomas, and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Major Terry Slatik led the flag salute.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Formally introduced and welcomed our newest Trustee, Andy Levine, representing our Fresno High Region. Earlier Trustee Levine was sworn in. Trustee Levine is a long-time member of the Fresno Unified Family, having been a student throughout our district and now back to serve our students as a Trustee.
- This month is FULL of appreciations, celebrations, and recognition! I need to start off on a somber note, recognizing the passing of previous Trustee and Board President, Dick Johanson. Trustee Johanson served our district in the early 2000's through the Sunnyside Region and passed away at 96 years old. We send our love and condolences to his family.
- On a celebratory note, this week we are celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, School Nutrition Employee Week, with National Teacher Appreciation Day just yesterday and School Lunch Hero Day on Friday! School Principals' Day was also recognized earlier this week and the California Day of the Teacher and National School Nurse Day are celebrated on May 11. Please take some extra time this week and next to recognize and appreciate your teachers, nutrition services teams, school nurses, and principals! In May we also recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, National Foster Care Month, and National Mental Health Month. May provides the opportunity for us to learn and celebrate the heritage of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and I encourage you to take time this month to do just that.
- May also provides an opportunity to focus on our youth in foster care and their resilience in overcoming challenges in their lives. This is also a time to encourage our community to be involved in various ways for foster youth such as being a foster parent, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, and mentors in the district to students who need the attention of a caring adult. We currently have over 800 foster students enrolled in Fresno Unified and encourage you to think about how you can be a 'champion' to our foster youth.
- As we recognize Mental Health this May, we recognize that more than half of all Americans will face a mental health illness in their lifetime. 66% of students in California have reported that their mental health was negatively impacted by the pandemic. This year the theme for Mental Health Awareness Month is "Take Action for Mental Health". We encourage you to take action and support your mental wellness and checking in with those you love to identify any mental health needs. If you need a referral or additional information, please visit the District's Social Emotional Wellness & Support website.
- A couple of quick reminders for staff – first, registration opened this week for Department of Prevention and Intervention's Second Annual Climate and Culture Summer Conference! This second annual virtual conference will be offered June 14 and 15 and is free to all Fresno Unified School District employees. Sessions will feature renowned speakers on topics such as equity, resiliency, creating positive school climate, and much more. You can register now on iAchieve and reach out to the Climate and Culture office with any questions.

HEAR Report from Superintendent - continued

- Second reminder - Excellence in Education tickets and tables are on sale now! The dinner and program will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at the Hoover Event Center. All nominees and winners will be honored, so come celebrate your colleagues and enjoy a fun night with us! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:15 p.m. You can get your tickets now at tinyurl.com/EIE22.
- Shared, on Saturday, our Spring Fresno Unified eSports Tournament will kick off at 8:30 a.m. in the Hoover Event Center. 25 teams from 17 schools will compete for the Rocket League championship. Starting this spring, middle schools have joined our high schools in FUEL competitions. Also, at Hoover in the West Gym is the end-of-year Robotics Exhibition for Club RED, our high school robotics club. Five schools will be competing for the title. Stop by to see some great competitions or catch the live stream on Twitch.
- Congratulated Duncan for a couple of great accomplishments! First, Duncan Construction senior James Rodriguez will be competing at the SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia after winning Gold at the State competition in Residential Plumbing. James is the first construction student to win gold for Duncan at this event. Senior Yao Lor also made it to the winner's podium after winning the bronze medal for electrical wiring. Awesome job!!
- Second, Jesse Rojas, Leslie Lopez, Isabella Jimenez and Leslie Romero – students from Duncan's Medical Academy of Science and Health, swept the top four places in the Nursing Assisting state competition through Cal-HOSA! They will be now head to the national competition in Nashville in June – way to go!
- Shared an awesome video of the Special Olympics Field Day held last week by our Addicott team! Thanked Principal Scroggins, all of our Addicott staff, the Special Olympics, and all of the families and parents out to support our wonderful students.

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 Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items A-4 and A-9, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President Jonasson Rosas.

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-3, ADOPT Resolution in the Matter of Declaring Certification of the April 12, 2022 Special Election**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution in the matter of declaring certification of the April 12, 2022 special election.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 11, 2022 as National School Nurse Day**
For the record, Board Members had comments pertaining to Agenda Item A-4. A summary is as follows: Highlighted National School Nurses Day and recognized the great work of our district nurses.
- A-5, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the April 20, 2022 Regular Board meeting.
- A-6, APPROVE Amendment 02 to Contract CCTR-1039 for General Child Care and Development Program 2021/22 from the Department of Social Services**
APPROVED as recommended, Amendment 02 to contract CCTR-1039 from the California Department of Social Services for General Child Care and Development Programs.
- A-7, APPROVE Grant Applications to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education 2022/23 Program**
APPROVED as recommended, grant applications to the California Department of Education for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education 2022/23 Program.
- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 22-35, Bullard and Fresno High Schools Kitchen Hood and Make-up Air Unit Replacements**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 22-35, to replace kitchen exhaust hoods and make-up air units at Bullard and Fresno High Schools.
- A-9, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies**
APPROVED as recommended, revisions for the following five (5) Board Policies (BP): BP 5116.2 Magnet Schools; BP 6152 Class Assignment (NEW); BP 6181 Alternative Schools; BP 6181.11 Elementary and Secondary Parameters for Developing Thematic Schools and or Schools of Choice (NEW - CHANGES IN NUMBERING); BP 7210 Facilities Financing.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-9. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to board policy regarding class assignment, shared concern from constituents, in which non-English speaking parents did not know of opportunity to request a specific teacher for their children but English-speaking parents knew. Requested staff to add language to the board policy or administrative regulation on how the district will inform families of the opportunity to request a specific teacher. Expressed concern on the subjectivity of request approved by principal. Requested staff to create an equitable process for requesting a teacher. Mr. Castillo was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board Clerk Islas motioned to approve Agenda Item A-9 with the understanding that equity language will be added to Board Policy 6152. She requested language be added such as, the site principal will take efforts to make it common knowledge to all parents when requesting a specific teacher is a practice used at the site. Board Clerk Islas additionally requested more specific language be added to the administrative regulation.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas , seconded by Board Member Thomas , Agenda Item A-9 was approved by a vote of 7-0-0-0-as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Islas, Levine, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

A-10, RATIFY an Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California Department of Social Services, Child Care and Development Division

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California Department of Social Services (DSS).

A-11, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Early Stars Program

RATIFIED as recommended, a service agreement between Fresno County Early Stars and Fresno Unified School District.

A-12, RATIFY Change Orders

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 21-10, Ewing Elementary School Early Learning Building and Parking Lot Improvements, Change Order 4 presented for ratification \$33,927; Bid 21-42 Section A, Bullard High School Athletic Field Improvement, Change Order 2 presented for ratification \$109,002, Change Order 3 presented for ratification \$58,413; Bid 21-42 Section C, Sunnyside High School Athletic Field Improvement Change Order 1 presented for ratification \$22,432.

A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from February 01, 2022 through February 28, 2022

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from February 01, 2022 through February 28, 2022.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-14, PRESENT AND Discuss Extended Learning

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Agenda Item B-14

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on Agenda Item B-14.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-14. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity pertaining to funding, if it was available statewide or demographically. Appreciated the district's ability to offer the programs to students at zero cost. Expressed appreciation for using student interns. Requested a break-down of what a student's day will look like during the summer academy. Shared that the board has reached out to the City requesting a meeting to discuss areas of need. Requested clarity as to areas of support for student interns after they finish interning. Requested clarity as to if the Hmong pamphlet has been field tested by end-users and if feedback was provided. Thanked staff for their tremendous work. Requested clarity as to department staffing, is there enough staff for the work. Requested clarity as to funding, on-going. Requested clarity as to monitoring and evaluation how will that be reported. Commented on the wonderful opportunity for the community. Requested clarity as to the education piece for the summer academy, interventions child specific or by grade-level. Requested clarity as to how many slots are available per class/program. Critical for school sites to have information for parents which will walk in with questions. Suggested staff to create alternate ways to register and create language specific pathways for registration. Suggested staff set aside slots for foster/homeless youth. Requested clarity as to if meals will be provided. Requested clarity as to when the catalogue/website will be live. Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Ward was available to provide clarity.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

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

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. Todd Duncan: Yielded time to next speaker.
2. Alicia Duncan: Yielded time to next speaker.
3. Griffin Duncan: Yielded time to next speaker.
4. Major Terry Slatic: Commented on decisions made by school boards.
5. Dr. Daren Miller: Candidate for Fresno County Superintendent of School.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Jonasson Rosas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:01 p.m.