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## **MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING Fresno Unified School District**

**Fresno, California  
February 17, 2021**

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the February 17, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was held via teleconferencing and was available for all members of the public seeking to observe via <http://go.fresnounified.org/ustream/>, or on the Ustream App on your [Android](#) or [Apple](#) device, Comcast Xfinity Channel 94 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or through the following teleconference line:

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At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on February 17, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

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

The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:22 p.m.

### **Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Tami Lundberg to Chief Technology Officer, on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

### **HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

The Board heard a report from Justin Shaw, Student Advisory Board representative from J.E. Young High School, and students from Fort Miller Middle School.

## HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Shared our small on-campus cohorts operating up until winter break will be restarting this coming Monday, February 22.
- Shared next week our simultaneous teaching pilots from before the winter break will re-start. For these pilots, teachers have volunteered to test out various forms of technology in the classroom to facilitate simultaneous teaching.
- Shared much is happening in the district to get our students and staff back to campuses safely. As the virus decreases in our county, we can continue moving forward in the right direction for our students' and staffs' safe return to in-person learning. So please keep doing your part to slow the spread of COVID-19; it is working.
- Shared the district is currently surveying parents, staff, and students in grades 4-12 on a handful of school climate and culture indicators. The survey is an opportunity for you and your students to tell us about your experiences with their school and how we can better support your student's learning.
- Celebrated two outstanding Fresno Unified Family members. First, a huge shout out to Jane Banks, our Director of Health Services, who was recently recognized with the President's Above and Beyond Award from the California School Nurses Organization. Jane has been a vital force in our district, helping us to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic safely, and she has been a leader and a resource across the state at this time. Clare McGarvin, a teacher-librarian at McLane High School, who was recognized with the President's Award from the California School Library Association.
- Reminded all seniors our Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund is open for applications. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 4.

## BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

**Member Major Slatic:** Referenced a Board Communication dated February 12 pertaining to Tutor.com. Requested granular clarity pertaining to percentage of tutoring hours which were in support of AP courses, requested a comparison of before tutoring and after tutoring math grades, requested granularity of grade levels which took advantage of the program. Requested clarity on what the district's policy will be for entities using district facilities.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION - continued**

**Member Mills:** Congratulated Tami Lundberg on her appointment to Chief Technology Officer. Congratulated Student Board Member Joshua Camarillo on his nomination to both the Air Force Academy and West Point by Congressman Jim Costa.

**Member Cazares:** Expressed appreciation for Student Board Member Richard Romero who is stepping down to finish out his senior year strong. Reminded the community to submit their Climate and Culture Surveys. Welcomed the new student board members.

**Member Islas:** Encouraged the community to continue to practice good public health guidelines and to take advantage of the COVID-19 vaccines. Expressed appreciation for McLane's new library. Welcomed new student board members and shout out to Joshua Camarillo and Richard Romero.

**Board Clerk Thomas:** Expressed condolences to the Dr. Zirkle family. Wished Joshua Camarillo and Richard Romero the best of luck. Shared Gaston Middle School will be a testing and vaccine facility. Thanked Lisa Nichols for the Kente Cloth. Thanked those who shared sympathy cards and messages of support and encouragement. Shared deep concern pertaining to Board Member behavior pertaining to the Golden Charter Academy agenda item at the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board received zero submissions for public comment for items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Mills, the Consent Agenda with the exception of items A-5, A-7a, A-9, A-11, and A-13 which were pulled by the Board for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

#### **A-2, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming March 2021 as Arts Education Month**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a Resolution Proclaiming March 2021 as Arts Education Month.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

**A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes from the January 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**A-4, APPROVE the 2020/2021 Certificated Management Competitive and Negotiable 261 Duty Days Revised Salary Schedule**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the 2020/2021 Certificated Management Competitive and Negotiable 261 Duty Days Revised Salary Schedule.

**A-5, APPROVE Appointment to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

**DENIED as recommended**, the appointment of Andrew Fabela to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC).

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-5. A summary is as follows: Commented Major Slatic has the privilege to recommend appointments to this committee. Shared the Board has previously denied this individual for appointment. Expressed concern of this appointment due to his known use of obscenities directed at people with whom he disagrees.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item A-5 was denied. The motion to not approve the appointment of Mr. Andrew Fabela to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was approved by a roll call vote of 4-2-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Thomas and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Members: Mills, and Major Slatic. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

**A-6, APPROVE Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Rev.com**

**APPROVED as recommended**, a request to approve an Amendment to the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with REV.com to provide Spanish subtitles for the Public Broadcasting System program, Reading Explorers, designed to support Pre-Kindergarten through third grade students at home with literacy lessons.

**A-7, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Taylor English Duma, LLP**

**APPROVED as recommended**, an agreement with Taylor English Duma, LLP to provide legal consulting services to the Joint Health Management Board (JHMB).

**A-7a, APPROVE Agreement with United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley**

**APPROVED with amendment**, an agreement with United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley to provide COVID-19 testing services.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-7a. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to why the district is not utilizing community testing events. Requested clarity as to the district's cost when the district's plan is billed. Requested clarity as to if the district used a Request for Proposal for this agreement. Expressed concern and suggested to pause on this agreement and conduct a comprehensive study on other options. Executive Director Andrew De La Torre, Interim Chief Financial Officer Santino Danisi, Superintendent Dr. Nelson, and Executive Director Amy Idsvoog were available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas motioned to table this item and have it return as a comprehensive testing plan with competitive bidding included. For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas withdrew her motion.

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item A-7a was amended to include a comprehensive plan to be completed after Governor Newsome's announcement, with multiple suppliers or vendors through an RFP or RFQ process. This motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Member Cazares.

**A-8, RATIFY an Agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Tulare County Office of Education**  
**RATIFIED as recommended**, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department and Tulare County Office of Education from December 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**A-9, RATIFY Independent Contractor Services Agreement with American Ambulance**  
**RATIFIED as recommended**, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with American Ambulance.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-9. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to if ambulance services are provided for freshmen football games. Requested clarity as to the level of training of the ambulance service. Requested clarity as to the equipment the district's certified athletic trainers have in their kits, and if the equipment is appropriate to immobilize a broken femur. Requested clarity as to ambulance service at Woodward Park. Instructional Superintendent Bryan Wells was available to provide clarity.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

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

**A-10, RATIFY Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Riddell Football  
RATIFIED as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement  
with Riddell Football.**

**A-11, RATIFY Independent Contractor Services Agreement with San Joaquin  
Valley Officials Association – Central California Amateur Arbiters Sport  
Officials**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with San Joaquin Valley Officials Association – Central California Amateur Arbiters Sport Officials.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-11. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to the pay scale of officials at a varsity game and is it different than junior varsity and freshmen games. Requested clarity as to what fund pays for services. Requested a document be provided to show cost per service for sports. Requested fee per game or fee per hour be added to future support material. Instructional Superintendent Bryan Wells was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Major Slatic, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, Agenda A-11 was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis.

**A-12, RATIFY Grant Application to the California Community Schools Partnership  
Program**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, a request for ratification of a grant application to the California Department of Education for the California Community Schools Partnership Program.

**A-13, RATIFY Change Order for the Project Listed Below**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on a Change Order for the following project: Bid 20-30, Roosevelt High School Cafeteria Modernization, Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$50,153.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read a statement as follows:

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

Agenda Item A-13 calls for the ratification of change order #3 for Bid 20-30 for the Roosevelt High School cafeteria modernization. My residence is located within 500 feet of the southwest edge of the property comprising the Roosevelt High School site. Despite this proximity, ratifying change order #3 for Bid 20-30 will have no measurable financial impact on my property because this modernization project improves a cafeteria facility already in place as part of Roosevelt High School. Moreover, the impact of ratifying change order #3 to Bid 20-30 is indistinguishable from its effect on the majority of the residential properties within my trustee area that are part of Roosevelt High School's attendance area. Notwithstanding the absence of any financial impact on my property, I am abstaining from the vote to ratify change order #3 for Bid 20-30 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding the appearance of any conflict.

On a motion by Board Clerk Thomas, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, Agenda Item A-13 was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Davis. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

### **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 19-51 Sections B and C, Mechanical Improvements for Malloch Elementary School and Tehipite Middle School
- Bid 20-55, Modular Classroom Infrastructure for Centennial, Eaton, and Pyle Elementary Schools
- Bid 21-02, Brawley Service Center Automotive Lift Installation

## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

For the record, the Board received two submissions of public comment for Unscheduled Oral Communications. They are as follows:

### **1. Marc Gonzalez**

I am a Teacher at Bullard High School, and would like to present on why the arts programs should be allowed the same on-campus privileges given to our sports

## **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - continued**

and cheer programs. I believe since sports teams are allowed to return to practices as early as the Purple and Red tiers, that arts programs should be allowed to practice in the same manner with respect to pod sizes, social distancing/mask-wearing, and other protocols.

### **2. Jeff Trussler**

I write to you as a concerned parent and a concerned citizen of Fresno. The schools need to reopen. Waiting for an idealistic Orange Tier ranking, which has never happened in Fresno is a disservice to the students, parents and probably the teachers in FUSD. Back in the Fall when Fresno County was in the Red Tier, the school board never sent the students back to in-person learning. For some reason in-person learning was appropriate for many San Diego and Orange County schools, but not for Mr. Bonilla's teacher's union. A 71% vote by the teachers to return to school wasn't good enough for Mr. Bonilla. A perfect example of the tail wagging the dog. Today, Fresno has 28 positive COVID cases per 100,000 people. Fresno is a long way from getting out of the most restrictive Purple Tier in the Governor's color coded reopening plan, his 3rd set of guidelines since the pandemic hit. Is the school board adamant that the in-person learning cannot resume until the County hits the Orange Tier where the number of positive COVID case are less than 4 per 100,000? What science was used to lock into this magic Orange Tier? This Orange Tier is completely arbitrary. Four positive cases? Why not 5 or 6? Why not 12? The school board should find a way to get the students back to school. Be creative. Be forward thinking. Stagger the class times, space out, wear double masks and a face shield, set up tent outside **(250-word limit reached)**.

## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **B-15, DISCUSS Student Voice Collaborative for the 2020/21 School Year**

The Superintendent and Board Student Advisory Council provided an update regarding their progress as well as some challenges for the 2020/21 school year pertaining to the various student groups within the Student Voice Collaborative. In addition, a summary of the meeting held on February 10, 2021 with Superintendent Dr. Robert G. Nelson was provided.

### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B-15.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Thanked students for participating in this project. Suggested the district look at how to implement ethnic studies uniformly



## **B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA - continued**

in lower grade levels, one month is not enough; look for history books that emphasize different cultures in America, less European centered and more of ethnicities that are seen in our classes and neighborhoods. Requested district to focus on how to use social media for messaging. Commented on student friendly messaging. Shared how proud the Board is of the Student Voice Collaboration. Commented as the third largest district in California we should insist the State do a better job with textbooks of integrating the contributions of women and people of all races and cultures. Requested clarity as to next steps by staff to ensure the Board knows of follow through on items discussed. Superintendent Dr. Nelson, Chief of Equity and Access Lindsay Sanders, and Manager Brittany Waters were available to provide clarity.

### **B-16, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2021/22 Strategic Budget Development**

At the January 20, 2021 and February 03, 2021 Board of Education meetings, the 2021/22 Governor's Proposed Budget and the district's preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On February 17, 2021, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

### **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment**

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B-16.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: Thanked staff for setting aside time for budget briefing meetings with Board Members. Requested clarity as to what the district is doing pertaining to classroom mitigation. Suggested the contract pertaining to African American attendance better belongs under DPI than Parent University.

## **C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

The Board was in receipt of Agenda Items C-17 and C-18.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:42 p.m.