



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

**Fresno, California  
August 21, 2019**

Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on August 21, 2019, there were present Board Members Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Cazares CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Item  
Manuel Bonilla – Spoke to the Trades Contract.**

Board President ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:34 p.m. to Closed Session to address items one through seven. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

**Staff Present**

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief of Labor Relations and Human Resources Idsvoog, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief of Equity and Access Sanders, Chief of Operations Temple, Executive Director Constituent Services Plascencia, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff Chavez.

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Thomas by the following vote, 6-0-1-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny the Claim for Damages by a Minor: Case No. GL19-0111-2271. ABSTAINED: Board Member Slatic.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Islas by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Teresa Velasquez Hernandez, Case No. 2007-0372.

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Slatic by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Don Soyinthisane to Director, Information Technology.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Campus Culture Directors for the 2019/20 school year led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **HEAR Report from Superintendent**

- Highlighted August 12 marked the start of school year for more than 74,000 students. Superintendent visited sites and thanked the entire Fresno Unified family for all they did to ensure students and staff had all they needed for a successful first week. From school staff, to operations and safety, to transportation and food services, to the countless departments that play pivotal roles to ensure we have the staff hired, trained and ready to serve and support our students the second they enter gates on day one.
- Shared last week we had an incident involving a social media threat that has forever changed the trajectory of one of our Fresno Unified students. A student took a picture of a gun rack at a local Walmart and posted it with a threatening comment on Snapchat. The student was tracked by law enforcement through their phone. While the threat was not credible, the student was arrested for posting a terrorist threat. Superintendent emphasized how important it is for our youth to understand the dire consequences associated with making threatening or derogatory comments on social media. Beginning next week, you are going to begin seeing a series of community messages around the subject of responsible social media use as we continue to reinforce these dangers with our youth and greater community.
- Superintendent thanked the countless community organizations that once again provided back to school supplies and backpacks for our students in need. One of them was Cornerstone Community Care Project, which donated 4,400 backpacks to 22 Fresno Unified schools in addition to providing eight bikes throughout the school year to serve as incentives to supporting attendance and academic success. Acts of kindness such as these, remind us how generous our community is. Thank you to Cornerstone and the many organizations that support Fresno Unified and our students.
- Shared at the same time we were busy welcoming students back to school, thousands of our recent graduates are beginning to head off to college, starting the next phase of their academic journey. While some students choose to stay home, many are venturing out of town for the very first time. It is a huge step for our young adults and would not have been possible for many students with the love and support they received from teachers and staff here within Fresno Unified. Here is a video of our recent Fresno Unified graduate Eduardo Casarubias as he begins his next big journey.

## **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke regarding the need for qualified/credentialed teachers and substitute teachers; and the need for classrooms to be equipped appropriately for the course taught in the room.

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

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVED as recommended, the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

#### **A-2, ADOPT Findings of Facts and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the August 07, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

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

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the August 07, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

#### **A-4, APPROVE 2019/20 Spring Release Consolidated Application to the California Department of Education**

The Consolidated Application (Con App) is the tool used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute funds from federal programs to school districts across California. The funds received from this application enable the district to serve students through activities described in each School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and in the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). A copy of the completed Con App is available in the Board Office for review.

#### **A-5, DENY Claim GL18-0813-1280**

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case GL18-0813-1280. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Executive Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-6, DENY Claim GL19-0204-2457**

Included in the Board binders is a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case GL19-0204-2457. The Superintendent recommends the Claim be denied, and the matter referred to the district's Executive Director of Benefits and Risk Management for further handling.

**A-7, RATIFY Agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC**

Ratification is requested for a service agreement with Curriculum Associates to provide the following: the foundational aligned assessment system's i-Ready diagnostic for grades K through 12, online learning platform, standards mastery assessment tool, instructional lessons, and comprehensive professional development for teachers and leaders across Fresno Unified School District.

Board Member Thomas moved for approval, seconded by Member Islas, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

**A-8, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Early Stars Program**

Fresno County Early Stars Program is granting Fresno Unified School District Early Learning Department \$100,000 in a service agreement for the entire project period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. These funds are provided by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Early Stars Program to support quality improvement on the local Early Stars indicators.

**A-9, RATIFY Change Order for the Project Listed Below**

Included in the Board binders is information on a Change Order for the following project: Bid 19-20 Section B, HVAC Multipurpose Rooms Improvements for Viking and Vinland Elementary Schools, Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$6,724.

**A-10, RATIFY Grant Application to the 2019 Project Prevent Grants Program**

Ratification is requested for a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for the 2019 Project Prevent grants program. Through collaboration with the Resiliency Center, Project Prevent provides Fresno Unified the opportunity to expand mental health services to students and families that have been exposed to and impacted by severe violence and trauma. Grant funds will support services for students at Anthony; Burroughs; Del Mar; King; Lane; Muir; and Rowell.

**A-11, RATIFY Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education School Climate Transformation Grant Program**

Fresno Unified is seeking funding to implement a School Climate Transformation grant project to improve, enhance, and expand the current implementation of the districtwide multi-tiered system of support framework. Grant funding will support additional social-emotional personnel and technical assistance.

**A-12, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 – Primary Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

**A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 – Supplemental Report**

Included in the Board binders is information on purchase orders issued from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Member Jonasson Rosas read the following statement:

“Item A-13 on tonight’s agenda contains purchase orders for Fresno EOC. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making the contracts related to these purchase orders; but because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in those contracts. Therefore, consistent with my prior recusals relating to Fresno EOC, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

Board Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 6-0-1-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares. ABSTAINED: Member Jonasson Rosas.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Dr. Stephen Morris** – Spoke to Civic Education. Provided handout to Board Members.

**Lacey Clark** – Spoke to a request for new parking arrangements at Sunset Elementary.

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke to concerns pertaining to leadership in the Transportation Department.

**Jessica Mahoney** – Spoke to incidents of fighting at Bullard High School.

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

### **B-14, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION and RATIFICATION of the 2019-2020 Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Chapter 125**

Tentative Agreement (TA) between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Chapter 125. In accordance with Government Code 3547, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public-school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas moved for approval, seconded by Member Thomas, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

### **B-15, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION and RATIFICATION of the 2019-2022 Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association – Building Trades Professionals.**

Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association – Building Trades Professionals. In accordance with Government Code 3547, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public-school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: Is there an opportunity for a side letter for LVNs?

Board Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

### **B-16, DISCUSS and APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Existing Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and Adopt Two Proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures**

The Board will discuss and consider approving revisions to Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and adopting two proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures. The Board Bylaw subcommittee will finalize the proposed revisions to the Bylaw on or before August 16, 2019.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-16. A summary is as follows: Within next two weeks, Trustees are to provide David Chavez their requested revisions. Mr. Chavez will then prepare document with suggested revisions and provide for review to the Board Bylaw Subcommittee. Strongly suggested legal counsel be present at Board Meeting when item is discussed.

Board Member Thomas moved to table Agenda Item B-16 to the September 18 Board Meeting, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, which carried a 7-0-0-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

**OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-16.**  
**Andrew Fabella** – Spoke to the proposed Censure Policy and Procedures.

**C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

There were two items received by the Board as follows:

**C-17, RECEIVE Fresno Unified School District's Fourth Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

Included in the Board binders is the fourth quarterly investment report for the period ending June 30, 2019. Board Policy 3430(a) requires the Superintendent, or designee, to supply the Board of Education with quarterly and annual reports on district investments. As of June 30, 2019, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments.

**C-18, RECEIVE Information Regarding the Issuance and Sale of 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Adoption of a resolution will be recommended on September 4, 2019 to provide for the issuance and sale of 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$110 million to refinance the following outstanding general obligation bonds: General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2001, Series G.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

**Board President Cazares:** Requested consideration of moving Board Superintendent Communication section to the beginning of the agenda.

**Member Mills:** Requested Superintendent speak to principals regarding representation at donation events.

**Member Slatic:** Board Communication on August 09, 2019 pertaining to Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Information Request did not address question asked by Member Slatic.

**Member Islas:** Excited about Back to School Nights. Shout out to staff that helped with the McLane Stadium modernization. Recognized Danielle Claybon, Trustee Area Liaison.

**Member Thomas:** Recognized Jason Duke, Reggie Rueben, and Ambra Dorsey. Addressed issues of diversity. In support of idea of diversity, Trustee referenced BP 0411 and the District's Core Beliefs. Requested information on how the District is implementing diversity principles. Requested consideration of hiring staff solely dedicated to position of Deputy Superintendent.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.