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Fresno Unified School District**

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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 October 02, 2019, there were present Board Members Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present. Board Member Thomas arrived at 4:50 p.m.

President Cazares CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through seven. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote, 6-0-0-1, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Sheila Lay, Case No. 2014-0835. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Vanesa Mata-Hernandez a parent from Calwa Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard a report from Bella Beltran and RJ Romero, ASB representatives from Fresno High School; and, students from Hamilton K-8 School spoke about what they love about being a student at Hamilton.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted this month is Socktober, when October turns into a month dedicated to collect socks for local homeless shelters, school sites and departments can join this cause by reaching out to DPI. He encouraged staff to donate socks if able; all sizes, fashions are welcome.
- Nelson shared October is LGBT History Month, celebrated for the first time in 1994 and created by educators to help encourage openness and education about LGBT history and rights. Students can reflect in history and current public life through the unique contributions of positive LGBTQ role models, it increases their sense of value as a person and self-efficacy for sharing their own gifts with the world. Recognizing all children should be able to attend school in a safe, inclusive and affirming environment free from discrimination and fear, our board acted and began initiating change. In September 2017, a cross-departmental LGBTQ+ Work Team developed a comprehensive plan to create safe, supportive and inclusive schools that are culturally responsive to the needs of all LGBTQ+ students. In 2018, the board adopted the new Gender Identity and Inclusion Board Policy, which was developed with input from experts in the field, community members and the Student Advisory Board. This past summer, Fresno Unified was recognized for their work as students, staff, and board members served as grand marshals in Fresno's Rainbow Pride Parade. Sunnyside High School, Gaston and Scandinavian Middle Schools are a few sites that have planned special events throughout the month to honor LGBT History Month.
- Superintendent shared October is a busy month as it is National Principal Appreciation Month, an opportunity to recognize and thank site leaders for their hard work and dedication. Principals and vice principals are keenly focused on the challenges their students face both academically and on the social emotional front. At the same time, they recognize the potential in their students and with support of courageous and committed teachers and staff, are creating healthy, safe and loving environments where learning is not only possible but flourishing. Thank you to all our site leaders.
- Nelson shared October 28 is buy back day providing professional learning for adults and a day off from school for students. This year we are providing our first professional learning conference opportunity for classified staff at Fresno Adult School with a variety of sessions related to safety and other important topics that directly align to the roles our classified staff play in our system. We worked with labor partners from CSEA 125 and 143, SEIU, and FTA Trades to plan this paid day of learning.
- Lastly, Fresno Unified is one of four California districts participating in a free pilot around annual CAASPP test results. Each year, parents receive a printout explaining their student's test scores and academic progress. Later this month, parents will receive a personalized CAASPP video that visually simplifies the report through a personalized explanation into how their child scored. Beginning October 17, videos will be available through your child's ATLAS parent portal. In addition, parents who are registered for EduText grade and attendance updates will receive the video via text message. Videos will be provided in each family's home language – English, Spanish or Hmong.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Member Mills – Congratulated Fresno Adult School staff for work on the U.S. Citizenship grant. Requested an update on the Dream Center (location and hours). Shared opportunities presented by AMTRAK Kids and Trains, and CSUF College of Arts/Humanities Theater for Young Audiences. Requested information for Red Ribbon Week activities for sites. Shared request for donations from Fresno High’s Warrior Rack.

Member Davis – Mentioned LGBT Month and Mexican Heritage Month.

Member Major Slatic – Thanked Superintendent for providing grade-level aptitude information. Requested further follow up information pertaining to defined racial and ethnic categories for each school site, high school site, and specialty site, as well as gender. Requested information pertaining to potential cost or exposure the district would face if found noncompliant with Ed Code 49079.

Member Islas – Celebrated fantastic work of all students. Recognized Raine Bumatay and Fresno Adult School for receiving the U.S. Citizenship grant.

President Cazares – Echoed Member Islas’ congratulation to Raine Bumatay and Fresno Adult School for receiving the U.S. Citizenship grant. Reminded students and parents about the upcoming FASTA workshops.

Member Jonasson Rosas – Congratulated Raine Bumatay on her award. Thanked staff for information from DPI and asked what the next steps will be. Interested in knowing what the feedback has been for the Nutrislice App and what the district will do with the data. Acknowledge Clean Air Day and events taking place around the district.

Member Thomas – Requested Jose Alvarado check on lunches for the specialty schools. Requested consideration of salad bars for specialty sites. Expressed thanks to those who helped and participated in her Town Hall Meeting.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda was approved, apart from Agenda Items A-4, A-9, 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 September 18, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the September 11, 2019 Board Workshop and the September 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

A-4, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Existing Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and Drafts for Two Proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures

APPROVED as recommended, revisions to Board Bylaws 9005 and 9130 and drafts for two proposed Board Bylaws Regarding Complaints Concerning Board Members and Censure Policy and Procedures.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-4. A summary is as follows: Requested that Board Member requests for data be logged and a running list be kept on a site which can be accessed by all Board members.

On a motion by Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Member Islas, Agenda Item A-4 was approved by the vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSTAINED: Member Major Slatic

A-5, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders

ADOPTED as recommended, the Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education (CTE) Credential holders.

A-6, APPROVE 2019/20 and Prior Years' Certificated Salary Schedules

APPROVED as recommended, certificated salary schedules 2012/13 through 2019/20.

A-7, APPROVE Position and ADOPT Job Description for Paraprofessional – Child Development, Bilingual

APPROVED as recommended, job description of Paraprofessional – Child Development, Bilingual. This position assists the teacher at the childcare level

of instruction in the primary language of the Dual Language Learners (DLLs) by translating orally, presenting instructional materials, and reinforcing instruction or follow-up on student understanding of specific academic concepts to assist students to excel in growth and development of home language and English.

A-8, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits

APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.

A-9, APPROVE Legal Services Representation Agreement

APPROVED as recommended a legal representation agreement for Orbach, Huff, Suarez and Henderson (OHS) for services related to Project Labor Agreements.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-9. A summary is as follows: Requested a Board Workshop pertaining to how Project Labor Agreements work, what the benefits to students and district will be, and to vet all complexities. Concern that as it is written it is open-ended.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Goering – Spoke to Project Labor Agreements and questioned the need for an attorney at this time.

Steven Ayala – Spoke in opposition in Project Labor Agreements.

Ron Hicks - Spoke in opposition of Project Labor Agreements.

Chuck Riojas – Spoke in support of Project Labor Agreements.

On a motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, Agenda Item A-9 was approved by the vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. NO: Member Major Slatic.

A-10, RATIFY Memorandum of Understanding with State Center Community College District for the Adult Education Program Allocation

RATIFIED as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding between State Center Community College District and Fresno Unified School District to establish the responsibilities of both parties in serving the State Center Adult Education Consortium and for Fresno Adult School to receive their approved block grant allocation of \$5,387,885.

A-11, 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 19-27 Section A and C, Exterior Painting for Various Schools: Dailey and Williams Elementary Schools, Terronez Middle School and DeWolf High School. Bid 19-27 Section B, Exterior Painting for Various Schools: Burroughs and Greenberg Elementary Schools and Kings Canyon Middle School. Bid 19-33, Sunnyside

High School Stadium Scoreboard Replacement.

A-12, RATIFY Purchase Orders from July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from July 1, 2019 through July 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 July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from July 1, 2019 through July 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 Mills read the following statement:

“Item A-13 on tonight’s agenda contains purchase orders for PG&E. I have financial investments that are valued at or above the reporting threshold in PG&E. Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

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

“Item A-13 on tonight’s agenda contains a purchase order 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, and in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Islas, Agenda Item A-9 was approved by the vote of 5-0-2-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSTAINED: Member Jonasson Rosas and Member Mills.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Eloida Perez – Spoke to an issue regarding her child.

Emma Villa – Spoke to issues regarding her children and concerns with Special Education.

Otilio Barragan – Spoke to the need for the board policy regarding equity.

Cesar Casamagon – Spoke to the need for the board policy regarding equity.

Marisa Moraza – Spoke to the need for the board policy regarding equity.

Manuel Bonilla – Spoke to concerns with leadership at Calwa.

Patsy Montgomery – Spoke to express appreciation for teachers and leadership at Yokomi Elementary School.

Jessica Mahoney – Thanked Superintendent Nelson for recognizing LGBT Month.

Roxana Vargas – Spoke to the need for racial justice training for all schools.

Lucila Ortiz – Spoke to the need for the board policy regarding equity and the need to include youth in the conversation.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-14, CONDUCT Public Hearing Determining Conformity of the Ventura and 10th Alternative Education Campus Development Project with State School Site Selection Standards; and ADOPT Resolution 19-21, Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project, Making Findings Required by Education Code, and Approving the Project

CONDUCTED Public Hearing and ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 19-21 related to future development and operation of the Ventura and 10th site as an alternative education campus serving students in grades 7-12, and potentially an early learning center serving pre-K students.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Hofmann – Spoke on behalf of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and provided a letter for the record pertaining to Agenda Item B-14.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-14. A summary is as follows: Request for the environmental consultant to come forward to address concerns presented in letter provided by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. Requested clarification regarding a postcard sent to the community pertaining to toxins in the soil. Requested clarification on programs moving to the site. Requested an opportunity to be part of the planning for the site. Scott Odell with Odell Planning and Research, Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple and Administrator Yolanda Jimenez-Ruiz were available to provide clarity.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas moved for adoption, 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-15, APPROVE Award of Bid 20-03, Ventura and 10th – Old Juvenile Hall Demolition and Remediation Phase 2

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 20-03, for Phase 2 demolition and remediation work for the former Juvenile Hall facility and associated buildings at the Ventura Avenue and 10th Street site.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-15. A summary is as follows: What was the cost of Phase 1 of demolition? Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarity.

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

B-16, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2019-2020 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Chapter 143

RATIFIED as recommended, in accordance with Government Code 3547.5, 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. Included in the Board binders is a copy of the Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Chapter 143.

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

B-17, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2019-2022 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Service Employee International Union, Local 521

RATIFIED as recommended, in accordance with Government Code 3547.5, 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. Included in the Board binders is a copy of the Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Service Employee International Union, Local 521.

Board Member Thomas moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, 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-18, PRESENT and DISCUSS Global California 2030 Initiative in Fresno Unified
ITEM PULLED BY STAFF

B-19, PRESENT and DISCUSS Results of the Community Survey Regarding School Facility Investment and Potential 2020 Bond Measure
DISCUSSED, information provided by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz and Associates, the public opinion research firm contracted by the district to conduct a survey to gauge interest in a potential new bond measure to support continued school facilities improvement.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Riojas – Spoke to Bond Measure and advocated for a higher amount to avoid chasing maintenance issues.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-19. A summary is as follows: Advocated for a higher amount. Requested data for *kids at home* from previous Bond Measures. What would attract and retain teachers look like in the Bond Measure? Asked the amount needed to meet the current list of projects? Requested the district conduct an additional community survey on \$500M and plan for the March Election. Requested the priority project list be prepared and returned to a Board meeting in the near future.

No action required for this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

C-20, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies
RECEIVED, proposed revisions for the following four Board Policies (BP): (NEW) BP 0415 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP 6020 Parent Involvement; BP 6142.6 Visual and Performing Arts Education. These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association. The items will be brought back for approval at a future Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.