



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

**Fresno, California  
November 20, 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 November 20, 2019, there were present Board Members Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present. Member Jonasson Rosas left after Closed Session then returned to Open Session at 8:47 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 five and RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:49 p.m.

For the record, Member Jonasson Rosas left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

**Staff Present**

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

**Reporting Out of Closed Session**

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas by the following vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement with Jennifer Ward, Case No. 2014-0611.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Jetzamani Anguiano, a parent from Balderas Elementary School led the flag salute.

**HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives**

The Board heard a report from Elizabeth Garcia and Sergio Hernandez, Student Advisory Board representatives from DeWolf High School; and, students from Yosemite Middle School spoke about what they love about being a student at Yosemite.

## HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Highlighted, with Thanksgiving Break coming up next week it is important to take time to reflect on what we are grateful for- your family, your education, your teams, your health, your opportunities. Superintendent mentioned that just spending time focusing on gratitude brings so many benefits to our lives, especially as leaders. Thank you to all who work hard on behalf of our kids each day.
- Shared, as we return from Thanksgiving Break parents of our English Learners will receive a personalized video summary of their child's scores on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). This Assessment is used to determine English Learner re-designation of our EL students in Fresno Unified. The videos will be available in the ATLAS Parent Portal and will be sent directly to parents if they are signed up for EduText.
- Shared, the online LCAP Goals Survey is ready for feedback from Students, Parents, Staff and Community. This online survey takes just 5-10 minutes to complete and will help to inform our completion of the next Local Control and Accountability Plan. The LCAP is a plan that describes the district's overall vision for student success and includes investment action aimed to improving performance. Your input is vital to our district determining where we will invest our dollars directly to improve student outcomes.
- Reminded parents the deadline for School Choice Transfer Applications for the 20/21 school year is December 2. There is a great video to walk you through the School Choice Transfers Application process on our website. You can also complete many of the applications online or you can contact our Transfers Office for assistance.
- Shared the deadline to nominate a colleague for the 2020 Excellence in Education Awards is close. Nominations close this Friday, November 22.
- Recognized the great job of students at Cooper Academy who are showing their gratitude in a unique and impactful way by doing a water walk to help a school in Uganda get clean drinking water.

## BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

**Student Board Member Camarillo** – Shared shout out for Edison High School Weight Room. Shared quote from student using the weight room. Acknowledged Ms. Russell and Ms. O'Connor for follow-up to his inquiry to Social/Emotional training for staff.

**Member Major Slatic** – Brought forward a list of requests as follows: Information pertaining to an incident at Bullard; Information pertaining to the district's lottery system. Information pertaining to wrestling program fund raising funds; Information pertaining to incident at Fresno High School summer school; Information pertaining to standards while employed by Fresno Unified; Information pertaining to the changing of the Community Advisory Council bylaws; Information pertaining to the hiring of a third physical therapist; Information pertaining to a ninth orthopedically impaired specialist, and two unfilled special education, manager positions.

**Member Mills** – Recognized Student Board Member Romero for leading the applause for the FHS Unified Sports Soccer team at a fall sports ceremony. Shared information she obtained pertaining to creating better workforce opportunities for students from attendance at the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Association Meeting.

**Member Islas** – Expressed gratitude for those working for the district to create the best educational system possible. Recognized parents at Leavenworth Elementary for their Silent Traffic Campaign. Shared information pertaining to Latina Equal Pay Day. Recognized Fanny Her for her award of scholarship for the essay she wrote about kindness. Expressed sincere condolences to families who lost loved ones in the mass shooting in Fresno; encouraged those who could contribute to the memorial fund to do so.

**Member Thomas** – Shared that \$100 would be provided to Ms. Padilla to help reach AP students' fundraising goal. Acknowledged Columbia Elementary for recognizing Veterans. Recognized and expressed gratitude for her Trustee Area Liaison Lauren Lima-Brown.

**Board President Cazares** – Expressed heartfelt thanks to teachers, administrators, Superintendent, fellow Trustees, nurses, psychologist, counselors, all those who make life better for students. Requested information for the Cooper Water Project, if there is a GoFundMe account that could be shared. Requested date for the Bullard High School football game so all those wishing to support the team could attend.

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

There were no members of the Public wishing to address items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Thomas, the consent agenda was approved, apart from A-7 which was pulled for further discussion; on a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas.

## **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**APPROVED as recommended**, 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 November 06, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

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

**APPROVED as recommended**, the draft minutes for the November 06, 2019 Regular Meeting.

### **A-4, ADOPT Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board as December 18, 2019. Pursuant to section 35143 of the Education Code of the State of California, the governing board of each district shall select an annual organizational meeting date. The date must fall within a 15-day period commencing on the day a new member's term begins or would begin, i.e. the same 15-day period applies to election and non-election years. Pursuant to California Education Code section 5017, in 2019 new member terms begin on the second Friday of December. Therefore, the 2019 annual organizational meeting date must fall between December 13, 2019 and no later than December 27, 2019.

### **A-5, APPROVE Expansion of Fresno EOC, Street Saints Agreement to Tehipite Middle School and Addams Elementary School**

**APPROVED as recommended**, the description of the mentoring, leadership, and parent engagement services Street Saints will provide to the students of Tehipite Middle School and Addams Elementary School.

### **A-6, APPROVE Amendment 01 to Agreement CSPP-9075 for California State Preschool Program and APPROVE Amendment 01 to Agreement CCTR-9035 for General Child Care and Development Programs from the California Department of Education**

**APPROVED as recommended**, Amendment 01 to contract CSPP- 9075 for California State Preschool Program and approve Amendment 01 to contract CCTR-9035 for General Child Care and Development Programs from the California Department of Education. Rates for each program include a 3.26 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). This increases the SRR for CCTR and CMIG contracts from \$47.98 to \$49.54. The SRR for CSPP contracts has been increased from \$48.28 to \$49.85 for full-day care, and from \$29.90 to \$30.87 for part-day care.

**A-7, APPROVE Submission of Renewal Grant Application by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to the California Department of Education for the After-School Education and Safety Program**

Approval is requested for the submission of a renewal grant application by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to the California Department of Education for the After-School Education and Safety (ASES) program to continue after-school program services at 39 Fresno Unified school sites and one charter school site. The purpose of the ASES program is to support and provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students during the after school hours in a safe environment and offer students a broad array of enrichment activities including but not limited to homework assistance, physical fitness education, social emotional learning, and bicycle and pedestrian safety education. The ASES program involves collaboration among students, parents, school site staff, local parks and recreation departments, and individuals from community-based organizations. The Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Kim Mecum, telephone 457-3731.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-7. A summary is as follows: Requested more information pertaining to what ASES provides in the scope of services. Requested clarification pertaining to if a bicycle and pedestrian safety piece is included in the program. Requested clarification to if all elementary and middle schools have an ASES program. Where are gaps, waiting lists, what is the need to help eliminate gaps, so all families have access to an after-school program? Clarification pertaining to Saturday Academy. Requested a plan be provided to move 4,000 names on waiting list to an after-school program. Requested clarification pertaining to free and reduced qualification for after-school program. Executive Director Jeremy Ward and Manager Connie Cha were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Member Islas, seconded by Member Davis, Agenda Item A-7 was approved by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas

**A-8, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies 3100, 3260, 3290 and 3515.4**

**APPROVED as recommended**, proposed revisions for four Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 3100 Budget; BP 3260 Fees and Charges; BP 3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests; and BP 3515.4 Recovery for Property Loss or Damage

**A-9, DENY Claim GL19-0709-3412**

**DENIED as recommended**, a Claim for Damages by a Minor, case GL19-0709-3412. 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. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ruth F. Quinto, telephone 457-6226.

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

### UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

**Andrew Fabela** – Donated time to Mark Arax.

**Claudia Diaz** – Spoke to concerns pertaining to lead in school drinking water.

**Lacey Clark and Charity Godden** – Spoke to a concern pertaining to parking at Sunset Elementary School.

**Mark Arax** – Spoke to concern of lack of agriculture courses in Career Technical Education.

**Emma Villa** – Spoke to difficulties faced in proper placement of student in the Special Education program.

**Lark Atkin** – Spoke to concerns and needs in the Orthopedically Impaired program.

**Trina Sanchez** – Spoke to sibling preference for school transfers.

### B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

#### **B-10, PRESENT and DISCUSS Special Education Investment Update**

**Presented** and **Discussed** an overview of the “Improving Special Education Services in the Fresno Unified School District” – Investment Update. These updates are aligned to the recommendations from the Council of the Great City Schools *Improving Special Education Services in the Fresno Unified School District* report.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-10**

**Lark Atkin** – Spoke to credentialing of and support for special education teachers. Onboarding and coaching for new teachers? Physical therapy in the District? Equipment purchased for Orthopedically Impaired program.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-10. A summary is as follows: Expressed concern pertaining to large caseloads. Requested information pertaining to caseload formula. Requested data for bullet points on slide eight of presentation, titled Related Services. Expressed concern pertaining to conditions of facilities. Requested information pertaining to training being supervised by Assistant Superintendent and what training is in place for teachers. Requested clarification on issue of retaining aides in special education positions. Requested recommendation on how to make hiring and retention of special education support staff better. Requested clarification on Parent University support for parents of special education students. Assistant Superintendent Beck and Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog were available to provide clarity.

For the record, no action was required for this item.

**B-11, PRESENT and DISCUSS Update Regarding the Joint Health Management Board**

**Presented** and **Discussed** an update to the Board of Education regarding the Joint Health Management Board's (JHMB) strategic collaboration to manage and maintain the highest quality health benefits possible on behalf of our members.

For the record, there were no questions/comments from Board Members.

For the record, no action was required for this item.

For the record, Member Mills requested to take Agenda Item B-13, ADOPT Resolution Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on March 3, 2020 before Agenda Item B-12, DISCUSS and APPROVE Potential 2020 Bond Projects.

**B-13, ADOPT Resolution Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on March 3, 2020**

It is recommended the Board ADOPT:

- A. Resolution 19-24, which calls for a \$325 million Fresno Unified School District school facilities bond measure on the March 3, 2020 primary election ballot. The resolution and additional documentation will be provided prior to the November 20, 2019 Board meeting. Documentation includes the ballot measure abbreviated form (75 words), the ballot measure full text, and the tax rate statement.

or

- B. Resolution 19-27, which calls for a \$500 million Fresno Unified School District school facilities bond measure on the March 3, 2020 primary election ballot. The resolution and additional documentation will be provided prior to the November 20, 2019 Board meeting. Documentation includes the ballot measure abbreviated form (75 words), the ballot measure full text, and the tax rate statement.

Adoption of Resolution 19-24 and voter approval of the bond measure would authorize the district to issue \$325 million in bonds for facility improvements. Adoption of Resolution 19-27 and voter approval of the bond measure would authorize the district to issue \$500 million in bonds for facility improvements.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-13**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke to resources needed to complete projects and the need to move quickly before project costs increase. Also mentioned having adequate manpower in place to complete projects.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: With a \$390 million bond there would be no adverse effect on the District's credit rating. With local bond money there is opportunity for state matching funds. Would like to ask for \$390 million bond and list as many projects as able. Requested clarification on amount of tax increase associated with a \$390 million bond vs. a \$325 million bond. Clarification requested on requirements to receive state matching funds. What is the maximum bond amount before moving from a \$25 to a \$60 (per \$100,000 assessed value) tax increase? Requested clarification on credit rating process and how bonds effect credit rating. How does the District's credit rating compare to other district's? Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto, Chet Wang of Keygent, LLC were available to provide clarity.

For the record Member Jonasson Rosas returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

On a motion by Member Mills, to adopt Resolution 19-24 with a modification to amend the requested amount from \$325 million to \$390 million, seconded by Member Major Slatic Agenda Item B-13 was not adopted by a vote of 2-5-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Mills and Major Slatic. NOES: Board Members Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, and Board President Cazares.

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Islas, Resolution 19-24 was adopted at \$325 million by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares.

#### **B-12, DISCUSS and APPROVE Potential 2020 Bond Projects**

**Discussed** information regarding potential 2020 bond projects based on previous Board discussions. A matrix of potential bond projects will be provided prior to the November 20, 2019 Board meeting.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM B-10**

**Andrew Fabela** – Spoke to the conditions of the CTE buildings at Fresno High.

For the record, there were questions/comments from Board Members to address Agenda Item B-12. A summary is as follows: Requested clarification if a category was made for special education dollars? Requested the Fresno High Site Master Plan be followed; staff not to designate modifications to the campus that do not fit into the site master plan. Request for assessment of Kirk Elementary School's portable classrooms. Expressed concern of the condition and number of classroom portables in the McLane Region, and if there is a category to address the concern? Requested clarification if the District has a list or metric to assess the age/deterioration/condition of portables. How will information be presented to the public on the ballot? Requested clarification on how career education is captured on the list, not seeing it listed. Can the Ventura and 10<sup>th</sup> Street project be



completed in phases to allow a portion of funds to be allocated elsewhere? If a Board member has a priority project ask, Board members need to figure out where it fits and reprioritize. Support for Ventura and 10<sup>th</sup> Street project which will provide an Educational Resource Center for parents; instead of sending parents to several locations across the district. Traffic planning to limit congestion around schools. Requested an analysis of portables for safety and a recommendation from staff on how to address. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Member Islas, with a modification to amend to build in a review cycle for period reporting back of projects and assess progress, seconded by Member Thomas, Agenda Item B-12 was approved by a vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. NOES: Member Mills.

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

The Board was in receipt of four items as follows:

#### **C-14, RECEIVE Fresno Unified School District's First Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20**

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 September 30, 2019, Fresno Unified School District is in compliance with Board Policy 3430(a) for investments.

#### **C-15, RECEIVE Call for Appointments to California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly**

Included in the Board binders is information pertaining to appointment to the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. Each year member boards elect and/or appoint representatives to CSBA's Delegate Assembly. According to CSBA's Bylaws and Standing Rules, districts with an ADA of 30,000 or above, qualify to appoint or reappoint representative(s) from their board to the CSBA's Delegate Assembly for a two-year term beginning April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022.

#### **C-16, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting**

Included in the Board binders is the Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting for Constituent Services activities for the time period of August 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. Also included is the Quarterly Reporting for the Valenzuela/Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures from August 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 in accordance with Education Code § 35186

#### **C-17, RECEIVE Aspen Ridge High School Charter Petition**

Aspen Public Schools, Inc. has delivered a petition to the district seeking authorization to open a new charter, Aspen Ridge High School. The charter seeks

to open in the Fall of 2020 with approximately 100 freshmen expanding each year to ultimately reach 420 students in grades nine through twelve. The charter petition will be presented to the Board for a public hearing on December 11, 2019, followed by a request for a decision at the December 18, 2019 Board meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.