



**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
October 03, 2018**

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

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on October 03, 2018, there were present Student Board Members Casarubias and Sarama, Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

Board Member Cazares arriving at 4:40 and Board Member Johnson arriving at 4:42 p.m.

Board President Jonasson Rosas CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 5. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present

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

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There were no items to report out.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Board Member Malak Sarama from Sunnyside High School, led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Aryanna Delgado, ASB representative from Bullard High School, introduced herself to the Board. She shared how Student Advisory Board (SAB) members had a presentation on the new draft Graduation Policy. The two major topics were dress, grooming, and the requirements to walk in graduation.

Aryanna shared how SAB students are working to bring positive changes to school. Projects have ranged from spreading kindness around campus, to having clothes drives for the elderly, or collaborating with food facilities and Fiscal Services to bring water stations

to every school campus. SAB members are now working on a new project that will benefit schools and community. Aryanna also spoke on how students at Bullard are enjoying the shade provided by the solar panels that were recently installed in the parking lots of the school. Aryanna shared that they had 168 students at the Fresno Fair 4.0 celebration and that Bullard has started a monthly Town Hall Meeting, designed for students to have a voice and bring ideas to administrators.

Students from Tenaya Middle School were present to talk about what they love about their school, and being a Tenaya Brave.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized October as National Principal’s Month. Superintendent spoke of weekly visits to school sites where he has experienced first-hand the strength and positive affects our site leaders have on the youth of our district, and ultimately our community. Superintendent pointed out that we are just days away from the end of the first grading period. Parents can get a quick glance of their child’s grades and attendance when they subscribe to EduText daily text messages. Registration can be done from a cell phone by simply texting the child’s EduText Parent PIN to 28527 or visiting the district’s ATLAS Parent Portal.
- Nelson also updated the Board regarding the release of the State of California scores for standardized tests from last spring. Known as the Smarter Balanced Assessments, state tests are given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 in the areas of math and English language arts. District students in grades 3-8 saw increases over the year prior while 11th grade seems to mirror what happened throughout the state—experiencing a slight decrease. Staff is currently analyzing the recently released results and plans to provide an overview to our Board and the community at an upcoming meeting.
- Superintendent shared that tonight marks the opening of The Big Fresno Fair and the Big 4.0 GPA event where more than 1,400 Fresno Unified middle and high school students participate. Invitations were sent to students who were in grades 7-11 last school year and earned a 4.0 in both the 3rd and 4th quarter.
- Superintendent reminded the Board that Fresno Unified’s Parent University will host its annual open house and Trunk or Treat event. This Halloween themed event connects parents and students with community resources and information while giving everyone a great excuse to dress up and practice their trick or treat skills.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no individuals for this portion of the agenda.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Mills, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda item: A-5 and A-13 which were pulled for further discussion, were approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Casarubias and Sarama, Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and Board President 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 Fact 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 19, 2018 Regular Board meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the September 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver request for Margarita Hernandez, Maria Arcos Rodriguez, Alva Ruiz and Jose Ruiz Jr.**
ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waiver requests for Margarita Hernandez, Maria Arcos Rodriguez, Alva Ruiz and Jose Ruiz Jr. to serve as Dual Immersion Multiple Subject teachers. The Education Code 44225(m) allows the commission to grant waivers to fill in an area deemed hard-to-fill.
- A-5, APPROVE the Naming of the Fresno High School Baseball Field and the Edison High School Tennis Courts**
APPROVED as recommended, names for the Fresno High School Baseball Field (Ken Papi) and the Edison High School Tennis Courts (William “Bill” Riddlesprigger Jr.).

For the record there were comments/questions regarding, acknowledging family and friends of Ken Papi who were in attendance, spoke of the many career highlights of Mr. Papi, the life lessons taught by Mr. Papi, William Riddlesprigger a graduate of Edison High School was a patriot, a great educator, the first African American male board member and president and encouraged young players to play tennis.

The following individuals from the public, Bob Reyes, Keith Pempek, Damian Herrera and Cliff Rold spoke about Ken Papi and the naming of the Fresno High School Baseball Field. They spoke generously about how respected Mr. Papi was by staff and students, how he exemplifies what it meant to be a Warrior, a pleasure to have served alongside him and to be part of his legacy, not only did he teach baseball, he taught boys how to be young men and how it was not about money but the love of the game.

The Board of Education took a five-minute break.

- A-6, APPROVE 2018/19 Fresno Unified Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Member List**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2018/19 Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee Member List.
- A-7, APPROVE Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Shift3/Bitwise for Additional Development**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the existing Shift3/Bitwise Independent Contractor Services Agreement for additional funds for specialized development.
- A-8, APPROVE Grant Applications and Projects to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Facilities Program**
APPROVED as recommended, grant applications to the California Department of Education for the 5th Cycle of the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP). The purpose of the CTEFP is to provide matching funds for Career Technical Education specific new construction, modernization, and/or equipment at comprehensive high schools.
- A-9, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with DNS Filter, Inc.**
APPROVED as recommended, an Independent Contractor Service Agreement with DNS Filter for content filtering services for the eLearning Companion Device (LCD). The LCD Initiative will provide students 24/7 access to learning resources and activities on and off campus.
- A-10, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.
- A-11, DENY Claim #GL18-0803-1472**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Kay Crocker, case #GL18-0803-1472.
- A-12, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno Police Department for Student Resource Officers**
RATIFIED as recommended, a three-year agreement with the Fresno Police Department (FPD) for Student Resource Officers (SROs) at Bullard, Cambridge, Duncan, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Phoenix, Roosevelt and Sunnyside High Schools, and Fort Miller Middle School. SROs perform regular law enforcement services and support safe and secure school environments. The agreement is for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, with the option to extend for one two-year period. The 2018/19 cost of \$1,653,150 includes salaries and benefits, vehicle costs, and 90% of the cost of the Sergeant responsible for SROs. A \$315,129 augmentation to the Operational Services budget is recommended to fund the SRO agreement. Due to changes from the current agreement that required extensive discussion with FPD leadership, the contract was not finalized prior to the start of 2018/19 and therefore was presented for ratification. FPD has provided services to schools in the interim.

A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018

RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018. Purchase orders for \$10,000 or more are presented first, followed by purchase orders for less than \$10,000. A list of purchase orders issued for Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts is also provided.

Prior to the vote the following statements were made by Trustees:

Board President Jonasson Rosas

Fresno EOC is the vendor for purchase order numbers 546924 & 545624A as stated in item A-13. I am employed by Fresno EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of my employment with Fresno EOC, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts.

Consistent with prior recusals relating to Fresno EOC, and in the interests of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

Board Member Ashjian

Included in item A-13 are purchase orders for Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. (purchase order numbers 504932A & 504932B), Lithia (545960, 546234 & 545598), and Todd Companies, Inc. (purchase order number 54525).

I have done business with Davis Moreno Construction, Lithia, and Todd Companies in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified beginning at least five years prior to my election to this Board. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of my relationship with these companies, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

Board Member Mills

Item A-13 on tonight's agenda contains purchase orders from AT&T Mobility and PG&E. I have direct or indirect financial investments valued at \$2000 or more in both AT&T and PG&E. therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from the vote on Item A-13 pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

For the record, there were no comments/questions regarding the agenda item. Member Davis moved for ratification, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a vote 4-0-3-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda and Johnson. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers for this portion of the agenda.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-14, Present and Discuss the California Dashboard Overview Series, Part One

The Board received an overview and review of the California Dashboard. The presentation is part one of a three-part series on the California Dashboard. The presentation provided a brief review of the indicators used by the state and how the indicators are reported.

Presentation by Chief of Equity and Access Lindsay Sanders

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding Fresno Unified School District's Fall 2017 California Dashboard, State Indicators by Student Group, explanation on the African American graduation rate, calculations for Alternative Education's graduation rate, clarity in reading the report, explanation of the work being done with the Department of Prevention and Intervention, receiving good data to understand our school's performance, using that data to support schools in areas of need and to not use school site funds, how the state is identifying students, clarity on how the information is broken down, what is considered good, and will the state continue to refine the definitions of each category. Chief of Equity and Access Sanders was able to provide clarification. No action is required on this item.

Board Member Ashjian left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Agenda Item B-15, Present and Discuss Early Learning Community Partnerships

Starting Smart and Strong initiative is a multi-agency collaborative to ensure all children are healthy and ready for kindergarten. In partnership with multiple early childhood education agencies, the Early Learning department presented and discussed innovative promising practices implemented in Early Learning programs.

Presentation by Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum and Executive Officer Deanna Mathies

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding the importance of early learning, the need to do more and start earlier, confirmation on the total number of preschool classrooms, plans to have a preschool at each elementary school site, expansion of classrooms at existing sites, when did Fresno Unified start Pre-K and TK, how much was the board's first investment, how do we provide wrap around services for students, do we have data that tells why transitional kindergarten data has not gone up over time, need to ensure our preschool teachers are nurturing and make coming to school a safe place, what are the attendance levels at the sites, what are we doing to address Special Education needs, would we develop Special Education programs once needs are identified, thanked Deanna and all community partners, the understanding that this is a long term commitment, appreciate the team looking into full day preschool and success of dual immersion at the preschool level. Executive Officer Deanna Mathies was able to provide clarification. No action is required on this item.

The following members of the community Gayle Duffy from Central Valley Children's Services Network, Anna Aranbula from Fresno Unified's Early Learning Department, Dr. Michele Copher from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Tammy Townsend from Fresno Housing Authority and Carol Christenson from Fresno Cradle to Career spoke about being appreciative about the partnership with Fresno Unified, the district accommodating with professional learning, the importance of the Fresno Language Project, appreciative of the investment in Early Learning, trust and respect in the profession, influential leaders in the work, your kids are our kids, success of Helm Home, purpose built communities, Fresno Unified setting the example on the power of collaboration, sharing with smaller districts, the importance of a child's development 0-5, and creation of more integrated services across agencies.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this portion of the Agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Mills – Thanked the Board for their support in the naming of the Fresno High baseball field after Ken Papi, also thanked Brian Wells for all his work and for getting the process started and requested information on the three student groups that showed a drop in graduation rates and what the plan is to reverse the number.

Member Cazares – When talking data to remember that not all board members are educators and things needed to broke down.

Board President Jonasson Rosas – Would like to see monthly student town halls at each of the high schools and the suggestion to connect parents to services more readily which in turn could help with student achievement.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.