

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
Fresno Unified School District  
October 23, 2017**

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

At a Special meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on October 23, 2017, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

*Board Member Jonasson Rosas arriving at 5:11 p.m. and Board President Ashjian arriving at 5:20 p.m.*

Board Clerk Cazares CONVENED the Special Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5:09 p.m. to discuss Item 1 and 2 on the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 1**

**Present and Discuss Student Discipline**

The Student Discipline Workshop provided an opportunity for the Board to receive an update regarding the work of the Districtwide Discipline Guidelines team and alignment of existing student supports. The workshop addressed:

- Student Discipline Overview
- Discipline Trend Data
- The Connection between Social Emotional Learning and Student Behavior
- Districtwide Discipline Guidelines
- Introduction to Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Presentation by Executive Director Ambra Dorsey

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board members regarding how we compare to other schools, are we above or below the state average, clarity as to why certain suspension offenses have increased, teacher/students relationships in the classroom, what is the most common offense at school, clarity regarding the different types of suspensions that fall under Interpersonal Conflict, recidivism vs. repetition, reference to the Council of Great City School and what other districts are doing with young students and discipline, would like to see a breakdown of all the subgroups, what are we doing with schools who are at the state average, what age should students be at for each Social Emotional Competencies and do they have the necessary supports, additionally responses to misbehavior change with age, cultural influences,

supports for our staff, modeling and lack of a parent, class agreements, timing of when program will be rolled out, selection of schools, additional supports, overseeing of the program, and Multi-Tiered System of Support. Executive Director Ambra Dorsey, Dr. Jon Eyer and Rita Baharian were available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

## **ITEM NO. 2**

### **PRESENT and DISCUSS Facilities Workshop**

A workshop was facilitated regarding potential sites for future projects including

- Integrated Learning/CTE
- New Southeast Elementary School
- Phoenix Secondary Academy
- Fulton Program (currently at Millbrook Campus)
- Support and Professional Learning

Presentation by Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple

*Board Member Cazares recused herself from discussions regarding the proposal to acquiring property at the Clinton and Blackstone, SW corner.*

For the record, comments/questions were made by Board members regarding Integrated Learning/CTE Complex and funding of the project, location in relation to Patiño and FCOE's new charter school, alternate locations, the JE Young sites, what would happen to JE Young, the vision for De Wolf, programming of the facilities, county properties, a more substantive plan with financials, good facilities effects student learning, southeast Fresno, parent university, moving Phoenix Secondary, and central city elementary schools. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, CFO/Deputy Superintendent Ruth F. Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum and Superintendent Nelson were available to provide clarification. No action was required on this item.

### **Unscheduled Oral Communication**

There were no individuals for this portion of the agenda.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.