



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District February 13, 2019**

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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 February, 13 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Board Member Jonasson Rosas participated via phone. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Cazares CONVENED the Regular Board meeting at 4:33 p.m. in the Board room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:50 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, Executive Director McCulley, Administrative Analyst Jensen and Chief of Staff Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Nancy Paniagua-Witrado to Director, General Counseling and Guidance in the College and Career Department.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board was informed of the lateral transfer of Kali Isom-Moore to Principal II on Special Assignment in the School Leadership Department.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to hire Rene Eric Martinez as Principal IV on Special Assignment in the School Leadership Department.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sherri Arrington and Porsha Lacy, parents that have had a positive impact at Kings Canyon Middle School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Mayra Carrillo, ASB representative from McLane High School, shared the school just celebrated their Scottie Academic Awards Banquet for Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll students in which over 300 students received awards. Carrillo also shared that McLane received a gold, silver and bronze medal at the Academic Decathlon. Through art, students want to raise awareness of the human trafficking issue; ArtVenture students displayed human size pop-up cutouts of victims of this crime in downtown Fresno. In January, the school held their Highlanders in Wonderland black light rally giving a special black light react shirt to the top 150 students utilizing ATLAS strides. Kindness week is scheduled for next month to promote random acts of kindness throughout the school.

Students from Yosemite Middle School were present and spoke about what they love about being a student at their school.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Superintendent highlighted the district is four months away from graduation season, and reminded students looking to pursue a post-secondary education to be aware that Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund applications are now available. Applications can be found on the District website and are due to the Department of College and Career Readiness by March 15. Employees who would like to donate through a payroll deduction, can find more information on the district website under the Community link.
- Superintendent shared that during the recent Fresno County Academic Decathlon, the Edison High School team took first place overall. In Division 1, the Bullard High School team took third place. Design Science was recognized as the event's most improved team, taking home the Division 3 title just ahead of the Duncan Polytechnical High School team which placed second in the same division.
- Superintendent also shared the community came together to celebrate the recently completed \$5.2 million renovations at Rata High School. Past Rata principals, joined by a number of Board Trustees, were present for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Edison High School leadership students decorated the campus and Bullard High School cheerleaders and Tenaya Middle School leadership students served as greeters while Cooper Academy provided entertainment with folkloric dancers.
- Last, Superintendent shared that last week Fresno Unified hosted its Annual Excellence in Education awards banquet. An event where family, friends and fellow colleagues came together to celebrate some of the wonderful work done by Fresno Unified employees. Student Board Members Malak Sarama and Eduardo Casarubias joined Deputy Superintendent and CFO Ruthie Quinto and Bryan Wells from the instructional team to unveil the 2019 Excellence in Education winners. Lorena Almaguer, Classified Employee of the Year; Kirsten Lee, Certificated Elementary Educator of the Year; Esmeralda Ruiz, Certificated Middle School Educator of the Year; Tamela Ryatt, Certificated High School Educator of the Year; and Pamela Taylor, Administrator of the Year. With Lorena Almaguer, Kirsten Lee and Pamela Taylor moving to the Fresno County Educator of the Year awards later this fall.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

Samuel Molina – Spoke on Agenda Item A-4, Adopt Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution. Mr. Molina is hopeful with the adoption of this resolution the district will be mindful of children being outside during level 4 and level 5 days.

Jessica Mahoney – Spoke on Agenda Item A-4, Adopt Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution. Ms. Mahoney would like the district to support Assembly Bill 207 Medical Asthma Prevention Program. She would like staff to be educated on asthma prevention.

Zenaida Urena – Spoke on Agenda Item A-4, Adopt Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution. Ms. Urena shared that although she does not suffer from asthma she has allergies and can suffer from the same symptoms as those with asthma. She thinks the community should stand together to protect the health of children.

Pia Avila – Spoke on Agenda Item A-4, Adopt Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution. Ms. Avila shared that she believes sports should not take place when air quality is in the unhealthy range.

On a motion by Member Islas, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-6 and A-17, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Casarubias and Sarama, 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 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 January 30, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the January 15, 2019 Special Board Meeting and the January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.

- A-4, ADOPT Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution**
ADOPTED as recommended, it is recommended the Board adopt a Healthy Air Living Standards Resolution given that data suggests the Central Valley has some of the worst air quality in the nation. The youth in the Central Valley are most at-risk for developing chronic lung problems, such as asthma, and it is imperative we promote healthy air living standards.

A-5, ADOPT Resolutions Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District

ADOPTED as recommended, resolutions 18-11 through 18-17 presented for adoption to update authorized officials to sign various business transactions on behalf of Fresno Unified School District. These resolutions will be effective for the period beginning February 13, 2019, until revoked or superseded.

A-6, APPROVE Termination for Convenience Agreement and Mutual Release between Fresno Unified and Conterra Wireless Broadband, LLC

APPROVE as recommended, termination for Convenience Agreement and Mutual Release between Fresno Unified and Conterra Wireless Broadband, LLC, dba Conterra Broadband Services. On January 10, 2018, the Board approved award of Bid E20005, Wide Area Network Services Dark Fiber and Lit Fiber Options, to Conterra. However, after extensive review of State of California requirements for special construction on dark fiber networks, the district and Conterra have determined that it is in their respective best interests to terminate the agreement resulting from the bid award. The parties were unable to find common ground regarding the prevailing wage requirement.

For the record, there were comments the district has not gone deep enough to source out the reason the Board was not made aware of issues with vendor prior to termination and action on this item does not preclude the Board looking into the concern. Board Member Thomas 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.

A-7, APPROVE Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Goodfellow Occupational Therapy

APPROVED as recommended, an addendum with Goodfellow Occupational Therapy in the amount of \$26,775. This vendor will provide occupational therapy services to students as required by Individualized Education Programs.

A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-01, Plumbing Supplies

APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-01, is recommended for award to establish a fixed unit price for the purchase of plumbing supplies for use district-wide such as faucets, drinking fountains, and toilets. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Sections B-F: Winsupply of Fresno County (Fresno, California) \$523,359. Staff also recommends rejecting Bid 19-01 Section A, as the substituted items are not equivalent to the specified items. Section A will be re-bid in the future. In addition, staff recommends rejecting the low bidder on Bid 19-01 Section B, Apple Specialties Inc. The Bid is non-responsive because pricing was not submitted for all required items.

A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-13, Installation of Exterior Lighting for Various Middle Schools

APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-13, to install district supplied LED wall packs, surface mounts and retrofit kits at nine middle schools: Ahwahnee, Computech, Cooper, Fort Miller, Scandinavian, Tehipite, Tenaya, Tioga and Yosemite for enhanced safety and security. The district has purchased \$335,075 in lighting materials utilizing a Board-approved piggyback contract, to mitigate long lead times and take advantage of lower costs. Therefore, the total cost of the exterior lighting upgrade project is \$378,575. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Imperial Electric Service Inc. (Fresno, Ca.) \$43,500

A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-18 Phase 2B, Installation of District Video Security System at Elementary Schools: Addams, Ericson, Ewing, Jefferson, Greenburg, Lincoln, Robinson, and Winchell

APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-18 Phase 2B, which is recommended for award to provide high definition video security systems at eight elementary schools: Addams, Ericson, Ewing, Jefferson, Greenburg, Lincoln, Robinson and Winchell. The project includes installing low voltage wiring and electrical power connections, and mounting district supplied video security equipment. This is the fourth of eight phases of the project to provide enhanced security systems to all elementary schools. All phases are planned to be completed by the start of school in August 2019. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Sections 1 & 2: Kertel Communications, Inc. dba Sebastian (Fresno, Ca.) \$216,304

A-11, APPROVE Revised Job Description for Nutrition Services Manager, Designation as Classified, Non-Exempt, and Approve Revisions to the Food Services Salary Schedule for Nutrition Services Cook/Baker and Nutrition Services Manager

APPROVED as recommended, Revised job description for Nutrition Services Manager reflects the expansion of district feeding programs and collaboration with the district supervisor regarding the food services operations and providing specialized support for purchase or acquisition of district-wide food service equipment, supplies, commodities and associated products to meet the needs of students and families. The Nutrition Services Manager position is designated as Classified, Non-Exempt and to be placed on a newly created F-21 of the Food Services Salary Schedule, an increase of 2.5%.

A-12, RATIFY Three Agreements between Fresno Unified School District and State Center Community College District for the State Center Adult Education Consortium Staff Reimbursement of Costs

RATIFY as recommended, three agreements between Fresno Unified School District and State Center Community College District for the loan of Fresno Unified staff for the State Center Adult Education Consortium (SCAEC). The district will be reimbursed for the full salary and benefits from the SCAEC funding (Assembly Bill 104 Adult Education Block Grant) for three positions.

A-13, RATIFY Memorandum of Understanding with State Center Community College District for the Adult Education Program Allocation

RATIFY 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 \$5,321,962.

A-14, RATIFY Change Orders for the Project Listed Below

RATIFY as recommended, information on the Change Order for the following project:
Bid 18-02, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Modernization Project

Deduct Change Order 8: \$ (1,759)

A-15, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFY as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 18-02, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Modernization Project Bid 19-03, Kings Canyon Middle School Baseball Field and Softball Field Improvements Rebid

A-16, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 – Primary Report

RATIFY as recommended, purchase orders issued from November 1, 2018 through November 30, 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. Effective with this Board agenda, two purchase order reports will be presented for ratification. The Primary Report includes all purchase orders issued during the month with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are covered in the Supplemental Report.

A-17, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 – Supplemental Report

RATIFY as recommended, purchase orders issued from November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. Effective with this Board agenda, two purchase order reports will be presented for ratification. The Primary Report includes all purchase orders issued during the month with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are covered in the Supplemental Report.

Prior to the vote Board Member Mills made the following statement:

Item A-17 on tonight's Agenda contains purchase orders from Verizon Wireless Messaging. I have financial investments that are valued at or above the reporting threshold in Verizon Communications. Therefore, in the interest of transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Sosa – Spoke about Roosevelt School of the Arts (RSA), dance trip to New York and financial support for trip and needs of the RSA program.

For the record, staff were directed to speak with Mr. Sousa to address his concern.

Maya Sosa – Spoke about Roosevelt school of the Arts, dance trip to New York and financial support for the trip.

Brunette Harris – Spoke about Fresno Unified partnering with Fresno City College. Ms. Harris made several references to the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan and encouraged the Board to read the plan.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke about grade given and statement made by daughter's journalism teacher.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-18, PRESENT and DISCUSS Master Plan for English Learner Success: Implementation Update

Staff presented an update about Master Plan actions being implemented in four areas: 1) Employment and development of experts in English language development and bilingual education 2) Advancement of quality teaching for English learner students 3) Establishment of structures and systems to support student and parent aspirations and goals 4) Realignment of instructional program options, policies, structures, and systems for English learner students.

An opportunity was provided for the public to speak to Agenda Item B-18.

Hugo Morales – Spoke about the growth of English learners and thanked the Board and staff for their work. Mr. Morales also addressed need for expansion of the dual immersion program.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-18. A summary is as follows: Is the district looking to expand the program to different languages? How and what is being done to support the other 49 languages within the district? Are requests for dual immersion in other languages logged? Can the district create a committee to build cultural awareness? Is there a database of community partners? Is there a network with local colleges for recruitment of qualified teachers? Is there a plan to incentivize to encourage recruitment? The Board would like to be provided a status update on the action plan and also the number of students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy. Maria Maldonado was available to provide clarification.

No action required on this item.

Agenda Item B-19, DISCUSS and APPROVE Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc.

Information was presented regarding and addendum with PresenceLearning, Inc. in the amount of \$999,000. This vendor will provide speech/language services to students as required by Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding the need for speech therapy services. Staff were commended for their creative approach to this issue. What is the breakdown of speech language pathologists in the district by region? How many people in the United States hold a speech language pathologist credential? How many Institutes are qualified to grant a credential? Are there technology issues when tele-conferencing? Is this a potential career path for the Adult School? Brian Beck and Paul Idsvoog were available to provide clarification. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a vote 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

Agenda Item B-20, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION of the Fresno Teachers Association - Trades Professionals Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the exclusive representative shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be a public record. Paul Idsvoog presented for public discussion the Fresno Teachers Association – Trades Professionals initial proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement presented at the January 30, 2019, meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for formal presentation, public discussion and acknowledgment of receipt.

No action required on this item.

Agenda Item B-21, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association–Trades Professionals for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer and thereafter shall be a public record. Paul Idsvoog presented for public discussion and adoption the Fresno Unified School District initial proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association – Trades Professionals for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement presented at the January 30, 2019, meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption.

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

Agenda Item B-22, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION of the Fresno Teachers Association Initial Proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the exclusive representative shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer, and thereafter shall be a public record. Paul Idsvoog presented for public discussion the Fresno Teachers Association initial proposal to the Fresno Unified School District for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement presented at the January 16, 2019, meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for formal presentation, public discussion and acknowledgment of receipt.

No action required on this item.

Agenda Item B-23, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCUSSION and ADOPTION of the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employers shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer and thereafter shall be public record. Paul Idsvoog presented for public discussion and adoption the Fresno Unified School District initial proposal to the Fresno Teachers Association for the 2019-2022 Successor Agreement presented at the January 16, 2019, meeting of the Board of Education and returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board adoption.

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

Agenda Item B-24, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2019/20 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 16, 2019 and January 30, 2019 Board of Education meetings, the 2019/20 Governor's Proposed Budget and the District's preliminary strategic budget development was discussed. On February 13, 2019, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions. In the interest of time, staff requested to move the Phase I budget recommendations for Administrative Services and Human Resources to the next Board meeting.

An opportunity was provided to the public to speak to Agenda Item B-24.

Andrew Fabela – Spoke regarding the importance of filling teaching positions with teachers teaching within their credentialed subject area. He also requested information on the district's eligibility for resources for low performing schools and how the resources will be used.

For the record, there were comments/questions regarding school staffing pertaining to the addition of vice principals to sites. Staff asked to consider the K-8 schools, enrollment numbers for preschool and transitional kindergarten students, open enrollment and transfers from without the district, behavior issues, and the formula used to add an additional vice principal. Question about police chaplaincy staff at sites. The cost of converting vice principals to teachers on special assignments. LCAP funds and the funding of vice principal positions. Ruth Quinto, Santino Danisi, and Maria Maldonado were available to provide clarification.

No action required on this item.

Agenda Item B-25, DISCUSS and APPROVE Appointment of Board Member to Dailey Charter School’s Board of Directors

The Dailey Charter School’s Board of Directors is comprised of two Board representatives from Fresno Unified School District, the Superintendent, and community and business representatives. Meetings are held monthly, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, to discuss and decide on issues related to the oversight of the Charter School. The term of this appointment is one-year. On January 16, 2019 Board member Davis’ appointment was approved to a one-year term. Board Member Thomas was appointed to the second seat on the Dailey Charter School’s Board of Directors.

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

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the Agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Mills – Requested the board communication regarding the Seal of Bilitacy to include the student breakdown by high school. Thanked the Communications Office and Bryan Wells for their work with the promotion of the Ken Papi field dedication. Commended the Lindsay Cardinals on their respectful and attentive demeanor during the dedication and after the game.

Member Islas – Extended her thanks to Principals Goorabian, Duran, Piedra and Rodrigues for allowing her to visit their sites. Congratulated the McLane’s ArtVenture students on their showing. Thanked Gaston Middle School for their fantastic Black History Month program. Announced the date and time for the McLane ArtVenture showing of After Dark Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking.

Member Major Slatic – Did not receive information pertaining to the plan for Starr Elementary. Looking for an update on Title IX construction pertaining to Bullard High School.

Member Mills made a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to allow for Closed Session discussion, seconded by Member Islas, moved for approval, which carried a vote 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and Board President Cazares.

Board President Cazares – Congratulated the Hoover Lady Patriots for advancing in the basketball playoffs. Congratulated Kirsten Lee of Eaton for winning Elementary Certificated Educator of the Year.

President Cazares ADJOURNED the Regular Board meeting at 10:30 p.m. in the Board room to Closed Session to address matters of business pertaining to the district. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 10:59 p.m. with no items to report out of Closed Session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.