



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District April 3, 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 April 3, 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Camarillo, Board Members Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present. Member Jonasson Rosas was absent.

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 six. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, 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 Islas, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following vote 6-0-0-1, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Andrea Alvarez to Principal II at Hidalgo Elementary.
- On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic by the following vote 6-0-0-1, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Jennifer Thomas to Principal II at Jefferson Elementary.
- 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 to promote Jeremy Ward to Executive Officer, College and Career Readiness.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Aura Convers a parent from Duncan Polytechnical High School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representative

Ashley Valle and Erik Ramirez, ASB representatives from Cambridge High School shared the success of their credit recovery opportunities. So far, this year with Edgenuity students have recovered 4,123 credits and 715 APEX online program credits. Combining online courses and direct instruction classes, students have recovered 17,447 credits. Valle and Ramirez also shared that Cambridge currently has 25 graduates and 27 students who returned to their comprehensive high school this year. The Alliance program recently organized a book and craft donation to Valleys Children's Hospital and the Academic Decathlon team has earned a total of 17 medals, the most ever at Cambridge High School.

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

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Last week, high schools were administering the SAT, while students in all grade levels are in the midst of the California Science Test and Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or SBAC testing.
- Early Learning Registration for the 2019/20 school year is now open. Research shows that children who participate in high quality early learning programs are better prepared for kindergarten and beyond. Fresno Unified offers a pre-school/pre-kindergarten program for children during the year at most elementary sites. Classes are available in the morning and afternoon. Registration packets are available on all of our elementary school websites. Once the forms have been completed, parents or guardians can make an appointment with early learning registration team.
- Saturday, April 6 is the District's 12th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology. More than 500 students will compete in technology-based competitions, the largest of its kind in the state. Students compete in 14 categories—Robotics, Video Productions and Design. Favorites include 3D Printer Racecar, 3D Printer Bridge-Builder, Blockbuster Video Trailer and BattleBots.
- April is National Autism Awareness month and schools around the district are holding special events to bring awareness and promote inclusion. From providing parents newsletters, resources and classroom instruction to hosting assemblies, dances, coffee hours and special meals to wearing blue and hosting sensory recesses and more. Autism Awareness Month provides the opportunity to teach our students and staff about autism to further build a positive, accepting environments for all.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

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

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-4, A-6, and A-8 which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Camarillo and Sarama, Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and 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 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 re-admittance cases conducted during the period since the March 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution in Honor of César E. Chávez**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming April 11, 2019 as Fresno Unified School District César E. Chávez Day of Service and Learning. The draft resolution will be available on, or before, March 29, 2019.

For the record, there were comments from Board Member Islas regarding Agenda Item A-4. A summary is as follows: April 11, 2019 is the César E. Chávez Day of Service and Learning. This will be the 19th year for this event, there will be a march from the Saroyan Theater to the Fresno Adult School. Trustee Islas read a quote by César E. Chávez and invited staff and the public to attend the event.

Member Islas moved for adoption of the resolution proclaiming April 11, 2019 as Fresno Unified School District César E. Chávez Day of Service and Learning, seconded by Member Thomas, which carried a vote 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas.

- A-5, ADOPT Resolution 18-18, Requesting an Exemption from the Education Code Definition of “School Building” for a Suspension Tutoring Center through the African American Academic Acceleration Program**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 18-18, and Exemption Request form SAB (State Allocation Board) 406 to request an exemption from the definition of a “school building” for the West Fresno Family Resource Center building, located at 1802 E. California Avenue in Fresno. The exemption request is for the building to be used as a Suspension Tutoring Center by the African American Academic Acceleration Program. Education Code Section 17283 requires that school buildings be approved by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). However, there is an opportunity for an exemption for buildings to operate without DSA approval provided they comply with local building code and serve fewer than 25 students at one time.

- A-6, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with CADA Central**
APPROVED as recommended, CADA Central will provide camp programming, facilities, recreation, room, and board for Fresno Unified high school students and adult sponsors. California Association of Directors of Activities/California Association of Student Leaders summer camp will utilize a collaborative learning model for teaching leadership skills and advocacy that will bring positive campus culture building strategies back to all high school sites. The agreement is for a three-year term. Camp will be held annually in July and Fresno Unified students and adults from 13 high schools will be invited to attend.

For the record, there were comments from Board members regarding Agenda Item A-6. A summary is as follows: thanked students for their testimonials, question about the 3-year price agreement for the camp. Leslie Loewen, Director of Campus Culture and Student Member Camarillo were available for clarification.

Member Davis moved for approval of the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with CADA Central, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a vote 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas.

- A-7, APPROVE Agreement with Trauma Resource Institute**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with the Trauma Resource Institute which will provide two, three-day courses on the Trauma Resiliency Model to 43 Prevention & Intervention social workers. The course is designed to teach skills to clinicians working with children and adults with traumatic stress reactions.

- A-8, APPROVE Amendment to Agreement with Envision Insurance Company for Retiree Prescription Services**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Envision Insurance Company (Envision Rx Plus) to provide Medicare eligible retiree prescription benefit services. On December 12, 2018 the Board of Education approved a one-year agreement with Envision Rx Plus. The approved agreement commenced January 1, 2019 and will terminate December 31, 2019, unless renewed for a subsequent term.

For the record item A-8 was pulled by mistake.

Member Davis moved for approval of the Amendment to Agreement with Envision Insurance Company for Retiree Prescription Services, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a vote 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas.

- A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-23 Sections A and B, Yosemite Middle School and Duncan High School Gymnasium Bleacher Installation**
APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-23 Sections A and B, to replace the gym bleachers at Yosemite Middle School and Duncan High School. The project includes installing district-provided bleachers, electrical power connections, and related signage for

accessibility. The bleachers require replacement based on evaluation of need including age, condition, repair history, and difficulty in locating replacement parts. The deferred maintenance plan includes replacing aging gym bleachers across the district. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders: Section A – Haus Construction, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$94,421; Section B – Viking Enterprises (Fresno, California) \$39,450.

A-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-25, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) School Buses APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-25, to purchase three new air-conditioned CNG school buses to replace 1989 model year diesel buses that do not meet upcoming California Air Resources Board emissions standards. The cost of the new buses is substantially supported by grant funding. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: BusWest (Carson, California) \$622,197.

A-11, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice of Completion RATIFIED as recommended, a Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 18-22, Rata High School Modernization.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- **Shawn Albert** – Spoke about the equity of LCAP and LCFF funds spent on student in Fresno Unified. Focused on specialty region of Addicott, Rata, and the Adult Transition Program.
- **Jennifer Silva and Michelle Bronson** – Spoke to raise awareness of the rights of students whom are Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as the rights of their parents. Highlighted areas in which she felt the district could improve.
- **Daniel Santoyo** - Spoke on behalf of his daughter and the positive impact the cochlear program at Birney has had with his daughter.
- **Alex and Elizabeth Castellanos** – Spoke about the spoken language program at Birney and how it has impacted their daughter. Feels that families should have a choice between a spoken language or sign program.
- **Lane Davies** – Spoke about combining the sign and spoken language program at Birney and Norseman.
- **Toryn Triplitt** – Spoke about her experience with the cochlear program at Birney.
- **Traci Triplitt**– Spoke about the listening and spoken language program at Birney and the importance of access to choice of communication options for children.
- **Cortez Barriente**– Spoke about his positive experience with the spoken language program at Birney.

For the record, Brian Beck Assistant Superintendent was available to provide clarification.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM B-12, DISCUSS and APPROVE Revised Fresno High School Long-Range Master Plan

The recommended updated long-range facility master plan for Fresno High School will be presented for discussion and approval. The purpose of a master plan is to provide a vision for future facility needs as resources are available, so that campus investment aligns with identified long-term planning objectives. There is a master plan for each comprehensive high school. Approval of master plans does not commit the district to implementing projects, but provides guidance for doing so. Presentation by Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, Architect Laura Knauss and Principal Lionakis.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-12. A summary is as follows: Approval process for plans when changes are made? Are timelines being pushed back when changes are made? When will the District break ground? Is there a set timeline when master plans are reviewed or is it as needs arise? Are there plans to develop master plans for elementary and middle school or alternative education sites? Is there a cost associated with the master plan? What is the average cost to develop a master plan? What budget is used to cover the cost of developing master plans? Is the District consciously looking at fence and gate needs at sites? Concern that promises made in 2010 to the community are not addressed in the 2016 master plan. Great need for a second gym. There are buildings at Fresno High which are so old they cannot be retrofitted with air conditioning. Fresno High may be smallest high school by square footage but is not smallest by enrollment. Accessibility of cafeteria to students. Classrooms which will meet the state standards. Bond measures and long-range plans. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple, Architect Laura Knauss and Principal Lionakis were available to provide clarification.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-12.

- Angelica Figueroa – Spoke about facility conditions at Fresno High School.
- Keith Pempek – Spoke about being a coach and student at Fresno High School. He advocated for the auxiliary gym.
- Stephen Spencer – Spoke about family history with Fresno High School. Thanked the Board for the original work (two new wings) at Fresno High. Spoke about the thriving community in the Fresno High School area. Fresno High is a jewel of classic architecture.

Member Mills moved for approval of the Revised Fresno High School Long-Range Master Plan, seconded by Member Thomas, which carried a vote 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Mills, Major Slatc, Thomas, and Board President Cazares. ABSENT: Member Jonasson Rosas.

Agenda Item B-13, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2019/20 Strategic Budget Development

The 2019/20 Governor's Proposed Budget was released on January 10, 2019. The Board of Education has discussed the Governor's proposal and the potential impacts on Fresno Unified, as well as the strategic budget development process, at the following Board of Education meetings:

- January 16, 2019
- January 30, 2019
- February 13, 2019
- February 27, 2019
- March 6, 2019
- March 20, 2019

On April 3, 2019, staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions. Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer Ruth F. Quinto.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-13.

No members of the Public came forward to speak to Agenda Item B-13.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Commended staff on the environment of the libraries. Thank you for providing the refresh cycle for art and music. The need for a larger band vehicle for Fresno High School. Need to plan accordingly for the increase in art and music. International Baccalaureate training. The need to look at each region and middle school courses feeding into the high schools. The importance of contributing to the sites beautification and the importance the Arts play into school pride and spirit. What types of services are provided in the arts/music program and how early are student exposed to the program? Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum, Executive Director Catherine Aujero were available to provide clarification. No action required on this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items received by the Board.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Islas – April is Autism Awareness Month. Thanked Principal Shipman of Pyle. Special thanks and commendation to staff working with students with Autism. Encouraged staff to engage with the City regarding issues of District infrastructure.

Board President Cazares – Scheduling a potential date, April 22, 2019, to meet with Councilmember Esparza. Board members will work on an agenda for the meeting.

Member Thomas – Supports the partnership with the City.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.