



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District March 20, 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 March 20, 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

President Cazares CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m. in the Board Room and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through six. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 6:37 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 Thomas by the following vote 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Workers' Compensation settlement on *Rosa Urena Case No. 2016-0761*.
- 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 on *Alan Wu Case No. 2015-0767*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Frances Flores a parent from Ahwahnee Middle School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representative

Eduardo Casarubias ASB representative from Duncan Polytechnical High School shared information on the recent pathway added to the school. The Heavy Truck Pathway is the only pathway of its kind where students will learn and become certificated to work on semi-trucks. He shared an invitation for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday March 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Eduardo shared they are working on creating a talent show which will be open to the public. Casarubias highlighted that the school volleyball team is participating in the recreational Sport League for the Specialty High School Championship with other schools including University High, Patiño School of Entrepreneurship, and Design Science.

Students from Hamilton K-8 Middle School were present and spoke about what they love about being a student at their school.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Superintendent was able to participate in the Council of the Great City Schools Legislative Session held in Washington, D.C.
- March 17-23, marks National Safe Place Week where we celebrate and recognize local businesses, community organizations, youth service agencies, and volunteers that are part of the Safe Place program. Fresno Unified partners with Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services to provide Safe Places at more than 106 school sites and facilities. Fresno EOC's Sanctuary Youth Shelter is an emergency shelter for runaway, homeless or at-risk youth ages 12-18. Our local Safe Place Sanctuary is the only self-referral emergency shelter for youth of this age group within 15,000 square mile radius. Later this week, our Emergency Crisis Management Response Manager, Armand Chavez will be recognized by the Fresno EOC's Safe Place and Sanctuary Support Services.
- Saturday, Parent University hosted its African American Parent Athlete Symposium at Gaston Middle School. Parents from around the district participated in learning sessions focused on students pursuing athletics beyond high school. The event keynote speaker was Robert Golden, former Edison football standout and former safety for the Pittsburg Steelers.
- Superintendent acknowledged Instructional Superintendent Katie Russell. Next week, the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) will recognize Katie for her positive impact on the students of California and specifically, the students of Fresno Unified.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

- **Marissa Saldate and Nick Solis** – Spoke to agenda item A-4, Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April 2019 Autism Awareness Month. Nick Solis shared what acceptance looks and feels like from his point of view. He shared that it makes him feel happy to be included and said Thank You for bringing awareness to Autism.

On a motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Mills, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-5, A-12, A-13, and A-20, which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 9-0-0 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 re-admittance cases conducted during the period since the March 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

- A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the February 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming April 2019 Autism Awareness Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution proclaiming April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month. Fresno Unified School District urges all schools and individual citizens to participate in Autism Awareness Month in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders and create a better community for individuals with autism.
- A-5, APPROVE Appointments to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**
APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of three members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), two nominated by Board Member Davis (Venancio Gaona and James Nau) and one nominated by Board Clerk Mills (Clint Horwitz). The role of the CBOC, which meets quarterly, is to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measures.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members to address Agenda Item A-5. A summary is as follows: A public thank you to Venancio Gaona and James Nau for their service in their communities.

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

- A-6, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreements for the Language Learning Project Grant Work Beginning in Kern and Tulare Counties**
APPROVED as recommended, two Independent Contractor Services Agreements for Central Valley communities to begin implementation of the Language Learning Project. California Department of Education granted Fresno Unified School District \$995,900 for the Language Learning Project (LLP). Its goal is to improve professional development and training for early learning educators to better support the needs of young Dual Language Learners ages birth to five.
- A-7, APPROVE Property and Liability Insurance for 2019/20**
APPROVED as recommended, a summary of quotations received by the district's insurance broker, DiBuduo & DeFendis, for the district's various forms of coverage. Included for renewal is coverage related to Property, General Liability, Designated Lessees and Excess Liability requirements. The policy period will extend from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.
- A-8, APPROVE Provisional Internship Permits**
APPROVED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board approval.

- A-9, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Delta Health Systems (Plush Care/Telehealth)**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Delta Health Systems for the Telehealth Services program effective April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The Telehealth Services program provides district health plan members with access to same day consultations with licensed physicians 24 hours a day 365 days a year. This same day access is facilitated via use of telephonic or video conferencing, where available.
- A-10, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Standard Life Insurance Company**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Standard Life Insurance Company effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2021 for life insurance coverage provided by the district on behalf of its active employees. This basic life insurance plan benefit is provided for active employees at no cost.
- A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-20 Sections A and B, HVAC Multipurpose Room Improvements for Roeding, Viking and Vinland Elementary Schools and Cooper Middle School**
APPROVED as recommended, bid 19-20 Sections A and B, to provide air conditioning to the multipurpose rooms (cafeterias) at Roeding, Viking and Vinland Elementary Schools and Cooper Middle School. The project will replace the heating and evaporative cooling systems with heating and refrigerated air conditioning to provide a more comfortable environment and increase energy efficiency. The Board prioritized 22 cafeteria air conditioning projects for Measure X investment, with project implementation phasing based on assessment of condition and age of equipment. All projects are planned to be completed by the end of 2020. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders: Section A – Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$890,859 Section B – Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$797,000
- A-12, APPROVE Amendment to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with WestEd**
APPROVED as recommended, the amended Independent Contractor Services Agreement with WestEd. The existing agreement for WestEd services to support planning preparation, and co-facilitation of the African American Academic Acceleration Task Force meetings covered services through December 2018. The proposed Fresno Unified School District March 20, 2019 Board Agenda Page 5 of 8 A. CONSENT AGENDA - continued amendment will provide continued technical assistance services through June 2019. The amended agreement will cover technical support and services from March 25, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and will include the following elements: • Clarify the theory of action and construct a logic model for the A4 Initiative • Develop an implementation plan for the task force recommendations approved by the Board • Design a structure to facilitate shared responsibility and accountability across the district and with the community for the implementation of the task force recommendations Scope of Work/Deliverables: Through a combination of in-person and virtual work sessions, WestEd will provide content consultation and facilitation to achieve the stated objectives.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members to address Agenda Item A-12. A summary is as follows: Request for a recap on what brought this agreement forward and reasons for requests for extensions throughout the work. After this contract what information will be provided to the Board? Executive Director Wendy McCulley was available to clarify.

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-13, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Springboard Collaborative
For the record, Agenda Item A-13 was pulled from the Agenda by staff.

A-14, DENY Claim #GL18-0912-1585
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Miguel Angel Gonzalez, case #GL18-0912-1585.

A-15, DENY Claim #GL18-0912-2528
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Verenice Rivera Martinez, case #GL18-0912-2528.

A-16, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below
RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects: Bid 18-09, Construction of New Classroom Buildings and Modernization of Administration Building for Slater Elementary School Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 148,683 Bid 18-10, Construction of Building 100 for Figarden Elementary School Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 74,371 Bid 18-22, Rata High School Modernization Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 189,473 Bid 18-25, Roosevelt High School Construction of New Aquatic Complex Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 37,762

A-17, RATIFY Grant Application to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
RATIFIED as recommended, a grant application submitted to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) program. The purpose of this program is to encourage and maintain the delivery of career technical education programs.

A-18, 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 19-11 Section B, Installation of Parking Lot Lighting at Various Elementary Schools.

A-19, RATIFY Agreement with Price Paige & Company
RATIFIED as recommended, an independent contractor agreement with Price Paige & Company for an internal audit review of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

A-20, RATIFY Purchase Orders from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019
RATIFIED as recommended, purchase orders issued from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. 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. Staff did not identify any potential conflicts of interest for Board Members related to purchase orders during January 2019.

Prior to the vote, Board President Cazares read the following statement:

“FFDA Prosperities, LLC, doing business as “M” Street Arts Complex, is one of the vendors listed in Agenda Item A-20. FFDA Properties is owned by the Assemi family. Because of my former employment with the Assemi family, I have a remote financial interest in this contract. Consistent with prior recusals from decisions relating to the “M” Street Arts Complex, and in the interest of full 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 6-0-1-0 vote as follows: AYES: Board Members: Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas. ABSTENTION: Board President Cazares.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

For the record at this time Trustee Thomas recognized Parent University for their work hosting the 2019 African American Parent Athlete Symposium.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Fabela – Spoke about making Summer School mean something to colleges.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-21, DISCUSS and APPROVE Partnership Agreement for Dual Enrollment between the State Center Community College District and Fresno Unified School District

Included in the Board binders is a partnership agreement for dual enrollment between the State Center Community College District and Fresno Unified School District to expand opportunities for students and develop seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer. Presentation by Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum, President Carole Goldsmith, and Executive Director Sally Fowler.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-21.

No members of the Public came forward to speak to Agenda Item B-21.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-21. A summary is as follows: Are credits transferable to CSU, UC, and private schools? Duplication of course work? Words of support for the program. What does student support within the program look like? CCI Indicator/evaluation? Impressed with the increase of students participating in the program. Requested clarification on Section 12 of the Agreement; is the district required to build facilities for the program? Excited about the collaborative impact of working together to impact student lives. Is there an opportunity to intentionally create pathways in areas of need within the district? Is the program available in all high schools? Chief Academic Officer Kim Mecum, President Carole Goldsmith, Executive Director Sally Fowler, and Superintendent Nelson were available to provide clarification.

Member Davis moved for approval of the Partnership Agreement for Dual Enrollment between the State Center Community College District and Fresno Unified School District, seconded by Member Mills, 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-22, 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

On March 20, 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-22.

No members of the Public came forward to speak to Agenda Item B-22.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-22. A summary is as follows: Will job-a-likes sit on the Trustee Area Liaison interview panel? Salary and position title of board secretary. Communications Department and number of staff/need for CIO at current pay rate? The need for more English courses through Parent University. Career Technical Education F.T.E. at Fresno High and a robust construction program. Appreciation for staff and their sharp attention to detail. Clarification on Pharmacology program. Chief of Staff Chavez, Sally Fowler, and Zuleica Murillo 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 Jonasson Rosas – Thanked staff for incorporating feedback from the Board pertaining to lunches on field trips. Speech and language services pertaining to Telepractice and the percentage of students in the Roosevelt Region receiving in person vs. Telepractice services.

Member Thomas – Congratulations and thanks to staff.

Member Mills – Shared information on the Fresno High School Warrior Rack.

Member Islas – Shared information about events happening in the McLane region: Duncan’s Launch, Pastries with the Principal at McLane, and McLane’s Open House. Mentioned concerns pertaining to McLane Region elementary schools and scores received on the facility condition report. Requested a meeting on Board Governance.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.