



**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District May 01, 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 May 01, 2019, there were present Student Board Members Samara and Casarubias, Board Members Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, Thomas and President Cazares. Member Islas participated via telephone conference. Superintendent Nelson was also present.

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 seven. The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 7:21 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 Mills, seconded by Board President Cazares by the following roll call vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to promote Sandra Toscano to Assistant Superintendent, English Learner Program and Services.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis by the following roll call vote, 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Workers' Compensation settlement on *Laura Voelkel-Wolfe, Case No. 2004-0599*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Patricia Atitya, school nurse at Rata High School led the flag salute.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representative

Malak Sarama and Sopheaktra Sameth, ASB representatives from Sunnyside High School, shared that students pasted over 5,000 square feet of wallpaper, totaling approximately 450 photos of faces from all over the Sunnyside region to celebrate the Sunnyside big family. This year Sunnyside hosted Danzantes Unidos Festival, the largest folkloric festival in the state that brought people from all over the country. Six hundred students attended prom last week.

Sarama also shared that Janet Saldana, a student at Sunnyside, won a Pillar of Excellence National Student Excellence Award in the category of Short Film Non-Fiction for the film, "A Day in my Parents' Shoes." In closing, Member Sarama highlighted that Sunnyside High School has 57 valedictorians.

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

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- The Fresno Unified Scholarship Awards Banquet is May 9, 2019. Thanks to the generosity of employees and community donors, the district will award over \$110,000 in scholarships - \$50,000 more than last year.
- Next week, May 6 – 8, 2019 is National Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week and Wednesday, May 8, 2019 is National School Nurses Appreciation Day. Thank you to our teachers and our school nurses, we love you!
- Superintendent recognized the 106 site principals, as today is School Principal Appreciation Day.
- This Saturday at 8:30 a.m., the district will host its spring eSports gaming championships at the Hoover Event Center. eSports is a booming industry with numerous job opportunities beyond being a player, including game design, coding and testing.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

Stephanie Shinkawa – Thanked the Board for recognizing school nurses and shared a story from a school nurse regarding how nurses support student academic achievement.

Carl D'Souza – Thanked the Board for acknowledging May 2019 as Better Hearing and Speech month. Mr. D'Souza referenced information pertaining to communication across life span. Spoke to recruitment and retention of speech language pathologists.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, the consent agenda was approved; exclusive of agenda item A-13 which was pulled for further discussion, 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 re-admittance cases conducted during the period since the April 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the March 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

- A-4, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming April 2019 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide**
ADOPTED as recommended, a Resolution Proclaiming April 2019 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide. Included in the Board binders is a resolution proclaiming the month of April 2019 as Remembrance of the Existence of the Armenian Genocide – as remembrance of those forever affected by the Armenian Genocide – and urges our schools and individual citizens to never forget these crimes against humanity.
- A-5, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 8, 2019 as National School Nurse Day**
ADOPTED as recommended, a Proclamation declaring May 8, 2019 as National School Nurse Day. National School Nurse Day is a time to celebrate the nursing profession and the specialty of school nursing. The Board of Education of Fresno Unified officially declares May 8, 2019 as National School Nurse Day and recognizes the unique contributions of our school nurses to the health and well-being of our children.
- A-6, ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming May 2019 Better Hearing and Speech Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, a resolution recognizing May 2019 as Better Hearing and Speech Month. Fresno Unified School District urges all schools and individual citizens to participate in Better Hearing and Speech Month in order to become better educated and join together in raising awareness and knowledge of communication disorders.
- A-7, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Merced**
APPROVED as recommended, an Independent Contract Services Agreement with the Regents of the University of California (UC), Merced, for the purpose of attending the Willie Lewis Brown, Jr. Youth Academy Leadership Camp in conjunction with the Fresno Unified School District African American Student Leadership Academy at UC Merced June 10-14, 2019. The camp is designed to provide African American students exposure to the UC system, and to provide leadership opportunities, academic skill development, and experiential learning opportunities at Yosemite National Park. All 17 middle schools will have students in attendance.
- A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-29, McLane High School Installation of Stadium Turf and Infrastructure for Portable Restrooms**
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-29, to install district-supplied synthetic turf to replace the natural turf at McLane High School Stadium. The project also includes infrastructure and utilities hook-up for two new district supplied portable restrooms for the Stadium, for improved accessibility. Pending approval of this recommendation, the district will purchase \$787,500 in synthetic turf (AstroTurf) utilizing a Board-approved piggyback contract. Two portable accessible restroom buildings have also been purchased, at a cost of \$250,000, utilizing a Board-approved piggyback contract. Therefore, the total cost of the Stadium improvements project is \$2,764,784. McLane Stadium was selected to pilot synthetic turf due to the school's inability to accommodate all activities on the minimal upper field space. Staff recommends award for installation only to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Todd D. Phillips, Inc. dba Buildings Unlimited (Madera, California) \$1,727,284.

A-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-31 Sections A-C, Lighting Improvements at Various Schools - Phase 2 (Birney, Burroughs, Centennial, Ginsburg, Holland, Jefferson, King, Kings Canyon, Pyle, Turner and Vinland)

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-31 Sections A, B and C to retrofit existing lighting fixtures with district supplied energy efficient LED lighting fixtures and controls at eleven schools: Birney, Burroughs, Centennial, Ginsburg, Holland, Jefferson, King, Kings Canyon, Pyle, Turner and Vinland. This is the second of three phases of energy efficiency projects utilizing funding from the California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39). Staff recommends award for installation only to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

Section A	Vitality Construction Inc.	(Sacramento, CA)	\$130,755
Section B	Clear Blue Energy Corp.	(San Diego, CA)	\$215,975
Section C	Clear Blue Energy Corp.	(San Diego, CA)	\$139,650

A-10, Approve Award of Bid 19-32 Phase 3B, Installation of District Video Security System at Elementary Schools (Calwa, Fremont, Holland, Lane, Mayfair, Norseman, Powers-Ginsburg and Storey)

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-32 Phase 3B, to provide high definition video security systems at eight elementary schools: Calwa, Fremont, Holland, Lane, Mayfair, Norseman, Powers-Ginsburg and Storey. The project includes installing low voltage wiring and electrical power connections and mounting district supplied video security equipment. This is the sixth 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 for installation only to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Sections 1 & 2: Kertel Communications, Inc. dba Sebastian (Fresno, California) \$307,355.

A-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-34, Fresno High School Gymnasium Thermoplastic PVC Re-Roof

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-34, to install approximately 15,000 square feet of thermoplastic PVC (polyvinyl chloride) single-ply roofing material to the existing built-up gym roof. PVC is a tough, lightweight material that is durable, fairly rigid and versatile. This roofing project was contemplated in the previous scope of work on the roof in Fall 2018, and completes the gym roof renovation. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Midstate Sheetmetal, Inc. (Bakersfield, California) \$106,500.

A-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-36, Fresno High School Locker Room and Weight Room HVAC Improvements

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-36, to provide air conditioning in the coach's office and former wrestling room (now weight room) at Fresno High, and new make-up air units to replace aging equipment in the girls and boys locker rooms. The improvements will provide a more comfortable environment and increase energy efficiency. This work complements the previous project to provide air conditioning to the Fresno High gym. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: American Incorporated (Visalia, California) \$767,700.

A-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 19-37 Section A and B, Public Address Equipment and Video Security Equipment

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 19-37, to establish fixed unit pricing for equipment to be installed to improve public address systems (Section A, CareHawk) and video security systems (Section B, Clinton) at district schools. The CareHawk public address system enhances safety and security by enabling operation of public address, intercom, bell scheduling and district-wide emergency alert notifications from a school, district dispatch center, or other remote stations. Systems are updated as projects are identified based on a combination of factors including age of equipment, projected imminent failure, work order history, inability to obtain replacement parts, and planned modernization projects. The bid is for one-year term price agreements, with two one-year renewals. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders: Section A (CareHawk): Cable Links Construction (Fresno, CA) \$115,961 (annual est.); Section B (Clinton): Surveillance Systems Inc. (Rocklin, CA) \$100,343 (annual est.).

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board Members to address Agenda Item A-13. A summary is as follows: Issue of students jumping on the roof at Sequoia. Is there anything in the system to address the issue? Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarity.

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

A-14, APPROVE Appointments to Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

APPROVED as recommended, the appointment of two members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) nominated by Board Member Major Slatic: Mike Karbassi and Michael Kelly. The role of the CBOC, which meets quarterly, is to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the Measure Q and Measure X ballot measures. The CBOC nominees live within Fresno Unified and neither is a vendor, contractor, consultant, employee or official of the district.

A-15, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 18-24 Sections D-E, Kratt Elementary School and Tenaya Middle School Water Conservation and Irrigation Improvements

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 38,009

Bid 18-38 Sections B-C, Columbia, Kirk, Robinson and Thomas Elementary Schools Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 26,527

Bid 18-41, Section B, Roosevelt High School Athletic Field Improvements

Change order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 132,724

Bid 18-42, McLane High School Quad Improvements

Change Order(s) presented for ratification: \$ 14,583

A-16, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications. Bid 18-24 Sections D-E, Water Conservation and Irrigation Improvements at Kratt Elementary School and Tenaya Middle School; and Bid 18-38 Sections B-C, Columbia, Kirk, Robinson and Thomas Elementary Schools Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure

END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Inez Sears – Spoke regarding an issue of bullying and school safety.

Kimberly Sears – Spoke regarding bullying from students and staff.

Jim Cobb – Spoke regarding his work with the Tax Payers Association and offered to be available to help the district as a citizen.

Lark Atkin – Spoke regarding the Community Advisory Committee and concerns pertaining to the fidelity of meeting notes and the recommendation to decrease scheduled meetings. Referenced physical therapy needs within the district.

Demitria Wack – Spoke regarding SAT and ACT prep programs.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-17, 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
- April 3, 2019
- April 10, 2019

On May 1, 2019, staff and the Board will continue budget development discussions. Fiscal impact: not available at this time. Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer Ruth F. Quinto.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-17.

Patricia Camarillo – Spoke to low incident disabilities such as visual impairments and the needs of the district in this area.

Natalie Turner – Spoke to the communication process and the need for transparency in the special education budget process, and the need for additional occupational therapists.

Lark Atkin – Spoke of the needs of orthopedically impaired students within each of the Trustee area regions.

Jenn Silva – Spoke regarding the rights and needs not being met for deaf and hard of hearing students.

Susan Wittrup – Spoke about working conditions in the district and urged the Board to ask hard questions before they vote on the special education budget.

Kang Hang – Spoke regarding training for paraprofessionals and those assigned to specialty programs. Teachers need time during the day to debrief and troubleshoot.

Shawn Albert – Spoke to the special education budget and asked the Board to ask the hard questions before voting.

Darius Assemi – Thanked the Board for adding resources to the budget. Requested the Board, before voting on the budget, to be sure they enable and empower the right team.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-17. A summary is as follows:

Physical therapy and IEPs within the district. Required credential for an instructional coach position. Tenaya and a full-time psychologist? The Council of the Great City Schools meeting in June. Paraprofessionals dedicated to support Additcott. Additional training for paraprofessional that move up in the pay scale. Is there a plan to support sites with additional resources, such as wipes? How are we going to bridge the gap for students that cannot speak for themselves? Interns on a hiring hold with the district and then hired on the spot with other districts. IEP assessments. Retaliation is not a consideration.

Suggestion to move the Parent University Department under Equity and Access. Inclusion process, preparation, and training. Closing or reducing students in units at Powers-Ginsburg and Storey. Is one contracted physical therapist enough for the district? Look to shifting the paraprofessional position to a full-time position. Plan for the Community Advisory Committee. Need input from staff pertaining to the special education budget. Guidance program for middle schools. Request for a Board communication responding to questions/comments made at the Board meeting. Possible consumer survey for special education? Request staff to provide input from constituents, staff, parents, and students on the district budget before next presenting to the Board. Assistant Superintendent Brian Beck, Chief Officer Lindsay Sanders, Executive Director Heather Allen, and Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth F. Quinto were available to provide clarification.

No action required on this item.

B-18, CONDUCT Public Hearing Regarding Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the District-owned Parcel located at East Church Avenue and South Oranewood Drive in Fresno, California, Related to the Recommended Relocation of the Phoenix Secondary Academy Campus

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing regarding the draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) related to the district-owned 5-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Church Avenue and Oranewood Drive (east of Peach Avenue), the Executive Summary of which is included in the Board binders. This is the recommended location for the new master-planned modular campus for Phoenix Secondary Academy, the district's secondary community day program. Conducting the public hearing does not commit the district to constructing a project at the site, but is required should a project be implemented in the future, pending Board approval. Education Code requires the district to make the PEA available for public review, conduct a public hearing, and accept the PEA

before the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) makes a final determination on the PEA. Fiscal impact: The public hearing has no fiscal impact. Presentation by Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-18.

Venancio Gaona – Spoke on behalf of the Latino Educational Issues Roundtable and encouraged the Board to conduct the preliminary environment assessment and once completed begin construction on the Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School.

Leonard Carrillo – Spoke on behalf of Association of Mexican American Educators. Would like to see the positive impact study. Looking forward to Phoenix School being built in the new area and clearing the way for the Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School.

Pat Gutierrez – Mr. Gutierrez had to leave meeting and was not available to speak.

For the record, Board President Cazares read the following statement:

“A FUSD contractor has prepared a Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEA) evaluating whether hazardous materials are present at the 5-acre potential school site at the southwest corner of E. Church Avenue and S. Orangewood Drive. A public notice was published in *The Fresno Bee* on March 8, 2019 stating that FUSD will receive written public comments on the Draft PEA Report from March 22, 2019 through April 22, 2019. A second public notice was published in *The Fresno Bee* on April 28, 2019 extending the end date for the public comments through May 6, 2019 in order to accommodate the public hearing tonight where the School Board will receive verbal and/or written public comments related to the PEA report. Let the record show that the public hearing is now open. If anyone has any verbal or written comments to submit on the report, please step to the microphone now.”

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-18. A summary is as follows: Thank you to staff for their work on this project.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Davis, a motion to extend the Board meeting to no later than 11:00 p.m. was approved on a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Slatic, Thomas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Davis, Board President Cazares and Islas.

No action required on this item.

B-19, CONDUCT Public Hearing Regarding Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the District-owned Parcel located at East Ventura Avenue and South 10th Street in Fresno, California, Related to the Potential Educational and Administrative Site

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing regarding the draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) related to the district-owned 12.8-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Ventura Avenue and 10th Street, the Executive Summary of which is included in the Board binders. The site has been identified for a new campus to house multiple programs and administrative functions. Conducting the public hearing does not commit the district to constructing a project at the site, but is required should a project be

implemented in the future, pending Board approval. Education Code requires the district to make the PEA available for public review, conduct a public hearing, and accept the PEA before the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) makes a final determination on the PEA. Fiscal impact: The public hearing has no fiscal impact. Presentation by Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple.

For the record, Board President Cazares OPENED the Public Hearing and read the following statement:

“A FUSD contractor has prepared a Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report evaluating whether hazardous materials are present at the 12.8-acre site located at Ventura and Tenth. A public notice was published in *The Fresno Bee* on March 8, 2019 stating that FUSD will receive written public comments on the Draft PEA Report from March 22, 2019 through April 22, 2019. A second public notice was published in *The Fresno Bee* on April 28, 2019 extending the end date for the public comments through May 6, 2019 in order to accommodate the public hearing tonight where the School Board will receive verbal and/or written public comments related to the PEA report. Le the record show that the public hearin is now open. If anyone has any verbal or written comments to submit on the report, please step to the microphone now.”

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Conference/Discussion Agenda Item B-19.

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

For the record, there were comments/questions from Board members regarding Agenda Item B-19. A summary is as follows: Trustees would like to be a part of the demolition. Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple was available to provide clarification.

Board President Cazares CLOSED the Public Hearing.

No action required on this item.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

The Board is in receipt of one item as follows:

C-20, RECEIVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws 9000, 9224 (New), 9324 and 9323.2

Included in the Board binders are proposed revisions for the following four Board Bylaws (BB):

- BB 9000 Role of The Board (Powers and Responsibilities)
- (NEW) BB 9224 Oath or Affirmation
- BB 9324 Minutes and Recordings
- BB 9323.2 Actions by The Board

These revisions meet the legal mandates recommended by the California School Boards Association. Staff will bring these bylaws for discussion and approval at a future Board meeting. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Member Mills: Welcomed Mr. Ward and Mr. Castillo to the Board meeting. Congratulated students that participated in College Signing events. Requested staff to look into Sex Education for Special Education students.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Issued invitation for Fundraiser of Inauguration of Roosevelt Pool.

Member Major Slatik: Starr Elementary and opportunity of staff to provide input on changes at the site. Requested a communication to site administration at Starr asking staff to hold off packing boxes until there is an agreed upon plan.

Board President Cazares: Requested a board communication by Friday regarding timeline of plans for Starr Elementary. Thanked parents and students that attended the District's Student Send-off event and encouraged fellow board members to attend.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Cazares declared the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 10:45 p.m.