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Fresno Unified School District, Nutrition Services, 4480 N. Brawley Avenue, Fresno, CA 93722.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on August 28, 2024, there were present Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present.

For the record, Member Islas participated from the teleconference location as follows: St. Francis Retreat Center, 549 Mission Vineyard Road, San Juan Bautista, California 95045. This meeting was open to the public and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (B)(2), all action taken during this teleconference meeting was by roll call vote.

Board President Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:34 p.m.

For the record, Board Member Cazares and Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:36 p.m. and Member Thomas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

For the record, Board President Wittrup read a statement as follows:

It has come to the district's attention that we need to add an item to the closed session agenda of this evening's Board meeting.

Specifically, the District needs to add the following item:

"Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)): N.F., a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Rachel Ferry v. Fresno Unified School District, a public entity, County of Fresno, a public entity, Lea Gruber, an individual, and DOES 1-50, inclusive; Fresno County Superior Court Case Number 24CECG01966.

The Brown Act, at Government Code section 54954.2, allows the addition of an item to the agenda by a 2/3's vote, if the Board finds that there is a need to take action as soon as possible and that the need for action came to the district's attention subsequent to the

agenda being posted. In the case of this proposed agenda item immediate action by the Board is necessary to respond timely to the lawsuit.”

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved the addition of the item to the closed session agenda by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Board Clerk Davis, Board President Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:38 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 6:20 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 6:50 p.m.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:51 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- The Board voted in closed session to issue 998 offers in the matter of Joni Kolb, an individual, Janell Beamon, an individual, and Heidi Sagaser, an individual vs. Fresno Unified School District, Fresno Superior Court No. 24CECG00947, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTION: Board Clerk Davis.
- On a motion by Board President Wittrup, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board voted in closed session to provide a defense to an employee under a reservation of rights in the case of N.F., a minor, by and through the guardian ad Litem, Rachel Ferry vs. the Fresno Unified School District, County of Fresno, Lea Gruber, and DOES 1-50, inclusive, by the following roll call vote of 5-1-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. NOES: Board Member Veva Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board voted in closed session to approve dismissal charges of twelve classified employees who failed to timely demand a hearing and waived their right to a hearing, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Islas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patrick Jensen led the Flag Salute.

HEAR Report from Interim Superintendent

- Good evening to all joining us here at our Nutrition Center while our Board Room is under renovation.
- As you heard last meeting, and you will likely hear from me during every single meeting, we are focused on two goals this year. Improving student outcomes and achieving operational excellence through high quality customer service. We just finished our 8th day of school, and I am thoroughly impressed with the amazing work happening from day 1! You will see data coming through from me on a monthly basis, but I also want to share some examples of our work in action. Because of the intentional work to find every student, Yokomi had only one no-show the first week of school. Amazing culture work at Hoover resulted in just one tardy the entire week as students moved between classes. Hamilton K-8 starts every day with a drop off “valet” where staff and students are literally opening doors and welcoming students to campus. When we talk about improving academics and amazing customer service – these are the seemingly “small” things that make a huge difference.
- I also want to send my love and strength to the entire McLane community. After a student involved shooting after school at the Auto Zone near campus last Wednesday, we know the fear that courses through any parent. While there are still many questions as the investigation continues, I want to thank our partners at the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office and the Fresno Police Department for their swift action and the commitment of additional resources to continue supporting McLane during this time. I am incredibly proud and grateful to our entire McLane team led by Principal Brian Wulf. They leaped into action immediately, supporting our students and families and each other as a team. I also want to thank our district leaders and teams who stepped in to provide additional support to McLane and who are continuing to do so now including Safety, Supervisors of Schools, Leadership Development, Human Resources, and many more.
- Out of scary moments like this, I have one major ask of our parents, families, community, students, and staff – if you see something, SAY SOMETHING. When you hear a rumor of a potential fight, you hear about a weapon, you hear about someone wanting to do harm to themselves or others, or you just notice something that is off, and your gut tells you something is wrong – SAY SOMETHING. We have the resources and staff to investigate and provide the proper support and intervention before something terrible happens. While we take a lot of safety precautions and measures, there is none more effective than information. We all have a part in keeping our kids, our staff, and our campuses safe places.
- Switching gears, I would like to share a few timely reminders and resources.
- It is Fresno Unified Night at the Fresno State women's soccer match tomorrow Thursday, August 29. This means free admission to students in kindergarten through eighth grade! Students will need to check in at a table outside the entrance, which will be clearly marked.

- The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students invites employees to be part of "Giving Day: Peak Potential" on Thursday, August 29, an all-day virtual giving event supporting our schools. Donations go directly to the Adopt-A-School initiative to impact school communities. The Foundation matches donations to specific school needs and you can support your favorite region or foundation's choice! Check the Foundation's website tomorrow, August 29 at foundation4fUSD.org to contribute!
- Staff, make sure you are checking out Employee Zone each week on ParentSquare – there are a lot of great resources, learnings, and opportunities for you!
- Next week, Wednesday, September 4, we will hold an open house at Duncan Polytechnical High School where folks will get the chance to learn about the bond measure investments that have absolutely changed the school over the past several years, and they will learn about the upcoming Measure H to continue additional investments in our schools. If you are interested in an invitation, please reach out to our Communications Office at (559) 457-3733 or at communications@fresnounified.org.
- Congratulations and thank you to the entire Farber community for an amazing opening of schools for the first time ever! On Friday, we will hold a ceremonial grand opening, and the Farber team will continue the celebration with a block party Friday night. Join us!
- A big thanks to the Edward M and Jeanne C Kashian Family Foundation for bikes and backpacks to start the new academic year at Williams Elementary School! The Hot Diggity Dog event prior to school starting is an annual favorite at Williams, bringing families together for hotdogs, connecting and school supplies. Students could take home new coats, too!
- To wrap up, I want to share a quick video. Normally we show a video on the first week of school, which we have, and I encourage you to go watch it on our social media, but I am doing something a little different. I want to share our recap of Summer Camps 2024. These camps happen when we are on a break from our board meetings and often, we do not get to see the recap of these amazing experiences. Let us take a look.
- Amazing work to our Expanded Learning team and all of our amazing community partners who made these camps a reality. And thank you to everyone who made this the best opening of schools ever!

BOARD/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Board members had the opportunity for Board/Interim Superintendent communications. A summary is as follows:

Member Islas commented on feeling hurt and disturbed by the recent shooting near McLane High School and is a firm believer in gun control one reason is too many students internationally and locally are harmed or injured as a result of guns. Member Islas commented on the need for honest conversations and set plans to stop it from continuing.

Member Islas commented that the students and families in the McLane region deserve to live in peace and safety. The students rank among the best in the district, they are high achievers, and families work hard to ensure their children will have better opportunities than they had. What happened near McLane can happen anywhere and it will take the community to work together to create greater safety.

Member Islas commented with support for an anonymous community hotline, to allow students or parents to report issues of concern directly to the schools and district as communication is the best alert to threats, if you know something, please say something it can save lives.

Member Islas asked the district to make it a priority for principals to know of community partnerships like Advance Peace. Member Islas asked Interim Superintendent Her to provide space at district events for principals and school staff to learn about these partnerships and provide an invitation to community groups to talk about how they can partner.

Member Islas commented that the district needs to have more dialogue with parents on how to reduce violence in the community. Parents want to know what the district has in place, and parents also have ideas about creating greater safety. Member Islas mentioned a recent poll of parents in the region that found parents do want to participate, and students as well have ideas regarding concerns related to safety.

Member Islas commented on the reality that we do have gangs in the community, and the wish that schools could be off limits and safe zones but there is more work needed to get there.

Member Islas called for improvement in our system relating to transfers, and for the district to take care to not inadvertently create instability or chaos with campus transfers, and asked to see case studies to ensure the district is creating the best opportunities for students who may have had behavioral issues. Member Islas commented that vulnerable students need more opportunities of support not a system that will label or profile them but will understand the complexities of their lived experiences.

Member Islas commented that though the district is facing budget cuts, she hopes the Board will prioritize programs that keep students engaged, the Board needs to find a way to continue to expand CTE, sports, arts, paid internships for students to keep them on track to brighter futures.

Lastly, Member Islas commented on the need to think about having the right people on campus and creating dialogue to build trust and respect with students.

Member Levine expressed appreciation for the comments of Trustee Islas and added to comments relating to Advance Peace and said it is important the district is doing more to be intentional about community-based partners and balance prevention organizations. Shared that Fresno High School has started a partnership that has led to a full-time case worker that has Advanced Peace change agents that Fresno High can call at times when an incident may become violent and requested the district to look for more opportunities for partnerships.

Member Levine commented the anonymous tip line is not only to address concerns about violence and safety and requested the district be sure to enlist student leadership in the process to include their knowledge and connections to peers and ideas of what the tipline could look like to be effective and successful. Member Levine shared on meeting with students that were concerned about vaping on school campuses and how tobacco companies are marketing products for teenagers and how do students feel safe to call out places where vaping is taking place. Member Levine commented on the need to enlist the help of the student advisory board to update or create a policy for the district pertaining to cell phones during the school day.

Clerk Davis congratulated the Interim Superintendent and staff on a fabulous start to the new school year. Shared Back-to-School Nights are taking place and there is excitement in our community about the start of school. Commented that safety staff and bus drivers were in place doing their part for students. Shared that site principals are tremendous and are learning new ways to look at things, and she is excited and looking forward to how the district will achieve its two goals. Provided a shout out to Sunnyside Region. Encouraged Human Resources to hire as many teachers as possible as enrollment is up across the district.

Member Cazares extended heartfelt love to students affected by the incident at McLane and thanked staff who acted quickly in response and continue to do so to bring calm back to the neighborhood. Encouraged the district to consider deploying services to other high schools as students at other schools have friends at McLane and what happened at McLane can affect them as well. Encouraged staff to reach out to the Youth Leadership Institute and Parent University to make sure Hear Something, Say Something is accessible to students.

Member Cazares commented that over the past eight years, the Board has increased investment in Dual Enrollment courses and asked the district to be intentional about messaging the availability of dual enrollment in a timely manner. Commented that in addition to summer camps the district also does impressive work with the winter camps and thanked staff and community partners for making them happen.

Member Cazares shared information related to the Fresno County Library with the League of Mexican American Women hosting the first ever Betty Rodriguez Day! The day will celebrate the life of Betty Rodriguez and talk about what she gave to the community with the hope people will learn from her life and carry the torch. There will also be a book giveaway! The event will take place at the Betty Rodriguez Library, at 12:00 p.m. on September 28, 2024.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda item A-5 and A-15, which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

ALL CONSENT Agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

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 regular Board meeting on August 14, 2024.

A-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the August 14, 2024, Board of Education regular meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Waiver Requests for Myra Stephanie Rubio and Zoraida Rodriguez Velasco

ADOPTED as recommended, waiver requests for Myra Stephanie Rubio and Zoraida Rodriguez Velasco to serve in a hard-to-fill position, Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher.

- A-5, APPROVE the Proposed 2024/25 Special Education Local Plan**
APPROVED as recommended, the proposed Fresno Unified 2024/25 Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item A-5. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares commented on pulling agenda item A-5 to provide staff with an opportunity to share with the public more information about the Special Education Local Plan and what the Board is asked to approve.

Member Levine asked how the \$240 million compared to previous years.

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if the budget reflected everything spent for special education, such as supplies teachers or school sites might buy and facilities upgrades.

Member Islas requested information pertaining to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) specifically to ensure the CAC accurately represents families and language support is available. Member Islas asked for the number of people that usually attend the CAC meetings.

President Wittrup asked where the CAC meetings take place.

For the record, Patrick Morrison Shertao Vang, and Tangee Pinheiro, Ed.D., were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item A-5 by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and President Wittrup.

- A-6, APPROVE the 2024/25 Spring Release Consolidated Application to the California Department of Education**
APPROVED as recommended, a budget summary for the Consolidated Application (Con App).

- A-7, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Eugene Ho Park (dba) Parsec Education Inc.**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Eugene Ho Park dba Parsec Education Inc.

- A-8, APPROVE Board Meeting Calendar Date Change**
APPROVED as recommended, a change to the Board meeting calendar, changing the originally scheduled June 11, 2025, meeting to June 4, 2025.

A-9, APPROVE Revised Academic Calendar for 2024/25

APPROVED as recommended, the revised Academic Calendar for 2024/25. Through a joint agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno Teachers Association, the date of the March 2025 Buyback will move from Friday, March 14, 2025, to Monday, March 10, 2025.

A-10, DENY Claim GL24-0124-11978

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Patricia Anguiano Villa, case GL24-0124-11978.

A-11, DENY Claim GL24-0124-11979

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL24-0124-11979.

A-12, DENY Claim GL24-0124-11980

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL24-0124-11980.

A-13, RATIFY Change Orders

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the projects as follows:

Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization

Change Order 15 presented for ratification: \$70,033

Bid 23-23, Ericson Elementary School New Multipurpose Building and Interim Housing

Change Order 6 (Multipurpose Building) presented for ratification: \$25,591

Bid 24-16, Roeding Elementary School Confidential Spaces and Administration Building Modernization

Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$22,954

A-14, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 01, 2024, through May 31, 2024 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from May 01, 2024, through May 31, 2024, Primary Report.

A-15, RATIFY Purchase Orders from May 01, 2024, through May 31, 2024– Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from May 01, 2024, through May 31, 2024-Supplemental Report.

For the record, Member Levine read a statement as follows:

“Agenda item A-15 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders for the California Teaching Fellows Foundation, the CSU Fresno Foundation, California State University, Fresno, CSUF Association Food Services, CSUF Association, and the CSUF/Downing Planetarium. I am currently employed by Fresno State.

Additionally, item A-19 contains purchase orders with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, and I am employed by Fresno County EOC, which is a nonprofit corporation.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with both Fresno State and Fresno County EOC I have a remote financial interest in those purchase orders.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board ratified agenda item A-15, by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows, AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTNETIONS: Board Member Levine

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-16, PRESENT and DISCUSS Potential 2024 Bond Measure Project Priority List

Staff presented for discussion potential 2024 bond measure projects and priorities. Future project implementation will depend on project definition and scoping, funding availability and Board approval.

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-16.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-16. A summary is as follows:

Member Levine commented on being glad the district is leaning into the equity tool that RSCC put in place so the district can look objectively at where the most urgent overdue facility needs exist. Commented on deferred maintenance, specifically supports the intent of it being flexible and a little open ended. Commented on supporting the Board moving into the equity mindset as much as possible and truly looking objectively at where are the facilities, buildings, neighborhoods with the most urgent needs.

Member Levine commented that he would like to make sure all regions have representation reflected in the bond and would support something that has more parity around the amount each region is allocated within the \$101 million, and then to make sure the Board is not working subjectively but really using the equity framework to look within the regions to find the most urgent needs.

Member Jonasson Rosas referenced a conversation held with a voter who asked why they should give more money to Fresno Unified when southeast Fresno does not get any of the money. Member Jonasson Rosas commented this is a very pervasive sentiment in the region and Fresno, after years of strong bond support because of the belief that education is an opportunity provider that they do not get their fair share, and this is proven by the data.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented, with due respect, that the regional approach has gotten the district into a situation of inequity because everyone is promoting their own school and not where the greatest need exists and the impact to students.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on being firmly supportive of a project list even when it does not primarily benefit the Roosevelt region, as it is driven by a third-party, objective metric, that is not driven by politics, it is an assessment of where the equity score is and that is what is driving the investment and is what kids deserve.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on being firmly against the regional approach as it furthers the inequities, particularly those in the Roosevelt region that has more schools than the other regions. Member Jonasson Rosas asked where the equity is in dividing a sum of money between regions, and the Roosevelt region has more schools and older schools. Commented on removing politics and taking an objective measure which is to demonstrate the impact, which is what we are here for, the facilities are in service to the impact targets.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on appreciating the focus on elementary schools where the bulk of students and needs are. Commented on understating the need for maintaining operation flexibility with the small capital projects but this is sometimes where politics come into factor. Jonasson Rosas would like to have a balance of operational flexibility with an understanding there are small capital projects at every school and the process to determine which project is completed first is of the utmost importance to Member Jonasson Rosas because there is a little lack of trust in the Roosevelt region on how decisions are made. Member Jonasson Rosas commented on good steps taken to determine the order of projects and coming back to the Board for approval every time is good, but more work is needed on what determinations are used to move a project.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented that \$80 million for turf, tracks, and lights is a lot of money when compared to the priorities and the list of portables that are well past their life span.

Member Cazares shared appreciation for the buckets staff presented and the way the Board has moved forward through an equity-based lens, working with RSCC on an assessment tool the Board could use to benefit the neediest schools, and in which the Board agreed is meaningful. Member Cazares thanked the Fresno Teachers Association for their help in identifying sites and commented there are several projects on the list related to safe routes to school and thanked staff for their support of safety for students.

Member Cazares asked if there was a need for the Board to decide today regarding the \$101 million, and if not, what is the timeline. Member Cazares commented on originally supporting the option of dividing resources by district areas and Trustees working with their area leaders to identify projects, but the Board has dedicated themselves to using the equity lens and Member Cazares is now having a harder time moving towards what are called “pork barrel projects” when there are buildings that may have higher needs in another region; students going to school where it is rat infested, moldy, or wood needs to be replaced, playgrounds that are years old and need to be replaced, and if that is being weighed against something that does not affect a child’s health and safety as detrimental Member Cazares will lean towards making sure a child’s health and safety is attended to first versus making a political decision.

Member Cazares requested a list of equity-based projects based on the highest need in the district, on which FTA collaborated.

Member Islas commented that when people speak without coming to the microphone, she cannot hear. Member Islas commented that the Board made an investment for an assessment tool to help inform the Board and the objectivity of the tool is important. Commented that in options one and two there are schools that rise above others and are on both lists and feels the Board should rely heavily on the assessment tool as a basis for decision making.

Clerk Davis commented the Board could have it both ways, per region and per need. If given \$500 million dollars split seven ways with each region prioritizing the projects, Member Davis feels the communities would feel empowered. Member Davis commented that if a need in another region is more urgent than a need of another region, there might be room for negotiation.

Member Davis asked staff, if taking the \$500 million and setting aside the eight year, \$10 million, will it be feasible to ask the community for another bond. Member Davis commented that the district can do it if our community knows the district is equitably prioritizing needs.

Member Thomas commented that the Board committed to using the equity tool, committed to first serving underserved schools, and the Board needs to stand on this commitment and be sure to first take care of the lowest served.

President Wittrup referenced a facilities walk taken when first elected and the mold seen in the second gym at Bullard High School and commented on not seeing the gym listed on the priority list. President Wittrup commented that when elected parents in the community brought forward concerns about the black mold and the dilapidated condition of the gym and yet the gym did not make the list although in poor condition.

President Wittrup commented when looking at the FTA project list, there are schools listed in southeast and southwest of Fresno that could basically be mowed down and start from the beginning because if those facilities fail, they will fail and there will not be a school for children to attend. Wittrup commented on being very much in support of fixing those schools and making them safe, clean, engaging, and healthy. Wittrup commented there is research that shows students outcomes improve when they are learning in positive conditions.

President Wittrup shared concerns that this project list is uneven when working with \$500 million bond. Commented on knowing there are equity issues to address, but there are also failing facilities in the Bullard region that did not make the equity list simply because the community is seen as higher functioning and of a higher socioeconomic background and if this same gym existed in another part of town given it's condition it would be on the list.

President Wittrup asked why the second gym at Bullard did not make the list and if the district is going to close the gym due to the condition. Wittrup commented on posting pictures of the gym on social media while campaigning because the appalling condition. President Wittrup again referenced the facilities walk when first elected and none of the priorities pointed out during the walks made the list. President Wittrup mentioned that while talking to constituents preparing to vote, she will say northwest voter need to feel like they will see something for the bond and right now Bullard is at \$25.7 million and the Roosevelt region at \$114.6 million, and Sunnyside at \$9 million. So, voters expect something when they vote for a bond and as a Board, we need to think about that as well.

President Wittrup referenced a ballot measure pertaining to state education facilities and asked if it will help the district. President Wittrup commented that a Board approved project list will help voters feel confident that if they vote for this bond, they will see something in their region, their children will have an enriching experience, and there are projects in every region that urgently need attention. President Wittrup supports Trustee Levine's idea of using the equity lens within each respective region, as voters will feel more inspired to vote yes on the bond. President Wittrup commented on fearing that with this current project list, for a

\$500 million bond for Bullard to pull \$25.7 million Wittrup worries about the bond passing.

Member Cazares requested an allocated list, by region, of what this bond will cover aside from the \$101 million, and also a total from past bond measures. Member Cazares commented this is helpful when a constituent calls and has incorrect information.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented there are diverse ways to view data and the number of schools in a region and new facilities built in a region can skew the data. Member Jonasson Rosas suggested per pupil, per age of the building.

For the record, Paul Idsvoog was available to provide clarity.

B-17, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2024 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Results

The Interim Superintendent presented an overview of the 2024 district Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) results, new data resources to support sites and planned action steps to improve student outcomes.

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-17.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-17. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares commented that using data is not new and referenced visiting a kindergarten class at McCardle six years ago where they were adjusting educational goals and guard rails for students as they discussed data. Member Cazares commented that what is new is the district pushing with emphasis on the tools, here is the data how can we get DFS fifteen points or how does this help with the call on customer service which go hand in hand.

Member Cazares asked Interim Superintendent to briefly comment on ninth grade on track and commented on interest in seeing it in grades ten, eleven, and twelve. Member Cazares asked for a brief description of the raw data generator. Member Cazares provided a shout out to schools represented in the presentation and shared that principals are constantly adjusting how data is interpreted and applied to a student's learning environment, and they work hand in hand with teachers and instructional learning teams to make sure they are part of the process. Member Cazares requested the district to purposefully involve staff and teachers in the models developed.

Member Islas thanked Interim Superintendent Her for sticking to her commitment and commented that for the first time it feels as if the Board is getting data in real-time and is provided the opportunity to celebrate all the work happening in the

regions. Member Islas commented that the district does do good things and students do have improved outcomes, despite the bad wrap and negativity we hear.

Member Islas provided a shout out to the McLane region for the gains they made, and commented there are great administrators and teachers that are working hard to change outcomes for the students and families they serve.

Member Jonasson Rosas expressed appreciation for the laser focus on the data. Asked if the data can track a student's enrollment in various programs, similar to a component to AROI, we know a student's academics but sometimes there are interventions or mentoring involved and how is the district tracking the portfolio of services provided to monitor relative gains and impact to student outcomes. Member Jonasson Rosas commented that the ideal is to look at a student's time with Fresno Unified and see all the programs or interventions provided and the relative impact they had to the student's achievement.

Member Levine thanked Interim Superintendent Her for the presentation and Her's leadership and laser focus over this area. Expressed gratitude to the AMA team for their work as it is incredibly valuable to the Board and to sites.

Member Levine asked if a case study of schools which made double-digit gains in both English Language Arts and mathematics could be brought to the upcoming workshop to learn from what was done in the classroom and at the school site.

Member Levine provided a shout out to schools in the Fresno High region for gains made and commented on being curious about schools that saw gains only in distance from standards and asked staff to run numbers, is a distance from standard gain one year an indicator of gains in future years.

President Wittrup expressed appreciation for the work Interim Superintendent Her has done and commented on being impressed with the work done over the summer to put this work together. President Wittrup commented that students will benefit from this work, and it is good to be talking about it in a Board meeting. President Wittrup asked for a way to recognize teachers who are making these tremendous gains and asked to visit classrooms where they are taking place.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented that one of the two goals is customer service and suggested there be a component for a teacher's customer service to parents.

Clerk Davis commented on viewing the data from the perspective of who has the most need and asked if with the first minimum day the principals were tasked with having those hard conversations, and sharing what resources and supports are available to teachers per grade level. Member Davis commented that teachers are waiting to be inspired, encouraged, and acknowledged for their work and this puts

ownership on principals to be the instructional leaders at their school sites. Clerk Davis asked how the district is supporting our principals with having those difficult conversations, as a leadership team what type of supports are provided to principals.

For the record, Interim Superintendent Her, Zerina Hargrove-Brown, Ed.D., and Marie Williams, Ed.D., were available to provide clarity.

B-18, DISCUSS and APPROVE the California School Employees Association - Chapter 143 Initial Proposal to Fresno Unified School District for the 2024/25 Reopener Agreement

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-18.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item B-18, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows, AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

B-19, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Fresno Unified School District Initial Proposal to California School Employees Association, Chapter 143 for the 2024/25 Reopener Agreement

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-19.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-19. A summary is as follows:

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item B-19, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows, AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:20 p.m.