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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
September 11, 2024

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

Board President Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on September 11, 2024, there were present Board Members: 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: Hotel Indigo, 1020 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226. 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.

Additionally, Trustee Claudia Cazares requested that she participate in the meeting via teleconferencing based on “Just Cause” under Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e)(2)(A)(i).

Trustee Cazares provided a brief, general reason for this request, and confirmed there were no individuals over the age of 18 at Trustee Cazares’s remote location.

This request required a majority vote under Government Code Section 54954.2, Subdivision (b)(4).

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved for Member Cazares to participate via teleconference by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

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 4:34 p.m.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved the dismissal of a classified employee by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: YES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, Board President Wittrup.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board ratified the placement of a classified employee on compulsory unpaid leave by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: YES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, Board President Wittrup.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heather Kuyper-McKeithen led the Flag Salute.

RECOGNIZE the 2024/25 Student Advisory Board Representatives

The Board and Interim Superintendent provided the students with an opportunity for introductions.

HEAR Report from Interim Superintendent

- Good evening to all joining us at Nutrition Services while the Board Room is under renovation. I want to take a quick moment to acknowledge Patriot Day, remembering and honoring those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We thank our servicemembers, firefighters, and police for their tireless efforts that day and through recovery. We will never forget.
- Over the Labor Day weekend I and the entire Board took two full days to work with board governance experts from the Council of the Great City Schools. We are committed to student outcomes focused governance, and with that we will start to see some changes in our board meetings starting on the 25th. We will be focused on monitoring our goals of improving student outcomes and our discussions and business will reflect that. We will no longer have Superintendent Remarks or Board/Superintendent Communications during board meetings, but you will continue to see our shoutouts and celebrations through our newsletters and social media channels. I look forward to bringing further data and progress monitoring to our next meeting on September 25, 2024. As a point of clarification, the board workshop on September 18, 2024, has been cancelled.

BOARD/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

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

Member Islas commended Duncan Polytechnical High School for hosting a Measure H event and the students for conducting tours to show what measure dollars can achieve. Encouraged the community to continue to learn about Measure H.

Clerk Davis shared that the Board is working with the Council of the Great City Schools and will participate in two-and-a-half years of coaching. Commented that the Board is learning that student outcomes don't change until adult behaviors change.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received one (1) request to address the Board on the Consent Agenda. The individuals name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Dan Bordona addressed items A-9 and A-11. Asked at what point does the district have the capacity to lead its own PLC work? Commented with concern about the money spent on consultants.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda item A-13, A-14, and A-19, 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 28, 2024.

A-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the August 28, 2024, Board of Education regular meeting.

A-4, ADOPT Resolution 25-12, Vehicle Procurement Delegation

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-12, Vehicle Procurement Delegation to approve the procurement of specialty vehicles required for various operational and student transportation uses.

A-5, APPROVE and ADOPT Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Revised Plan

APPROVED and ADOPTED as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District updated plan for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant.

A-6, APPROVE 2024/25 Salary Schedule Revisions Reflecting 3% Increase - Certificated Substitute Fresno Area Substitute Teacher Association Daily Salary Schedule

APPROVED as recommended, the 2024/25 Certificated Substitute Daily Salary Schedule.

A-7, APPROVE Article 20 Waiver Renewals for the 2024/25 School Year

APPROVED as recommended, waivers of Article 20 to allow alternative scheduling for the 2024/25 school year at Computech Middle School, Cooper IB Academy, and Rutherford B. Gaston Middle School.

A-8, APPROVE Agreement with CORE Districts

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with CORE Districts. CORE supports the improvement of specific outcomes by developing continuous improvement structures, mindsets, and routines that foster learning at both the district and site levels, resulting in districts and schools making progress toward producing more reliable, equitable outcomes for their students.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement with District Management Group, LLC

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and District Management Group, LLC (DM Group). The DM Group's Breakthrough Results program provides dedicated coaching, job embedded professional learning, collaboration, and data analysis and visualization. These supports improve student outcomes and build teacher and leader capacity. As a result of the services provided by DM Group, participating grade level site teams expect to improve their average distance from standard by at least fifteen points on end of year statewide summative assessments in English Language Arts.

- A-10, APPROVE Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS). FCSS Early Care and Education Division will provide funding toward an early learning instructional coach to provide technical assistance support to all child development centers and preschool sites/programs participating in the Early Stars Program. This is an existing split-funded position, and the grant will be applied to 0.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) of the position. California State Preschool Program funds will pay for the remaining FTE of the position.
- A-11, APPROVE Addendum to the Agreement with Holt Legacy Consulting, LLC**
APPROVED as recommended, an addendum to an agreement with Holt Legacy Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$151,250. The agreement with Holt Legacy Consulting, LLC will provide training, coaching and support to multiple levels of management and classified staff including the Superintendent and Executive Cabinet. Holt Legacy Consulting, LLC will deliver cultural proficiency training sessions to leaders and classified staff, coaching and support to upper and middle managers to help with strategy development and implementation in alignment with the districts two goals, and provide one-on-one mentoring to leaders. The original agreement for \$50,000 was reviewed and approved by the Board on August 14, 2024.
- A-12, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts**
APPROVED as recommended, a list of seven piggyback contracts for use during 2024/25 for efficient and cost-effective procurement. This is in addition to piggyback contracts approved by the Board previously, to allow for expedited purchases related to disposable paper products, electrical equipment and supplies, irrigation materials, and identity management software. Use of piggyback contracts is allowed under Public Contract Codes 10299 and 20118 and is a procurement best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another school district or public agency.
- A-13, APPROVE Agreement for Shared Associate Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness by Tressa Overstreet as a Fresno Unified Employee on Loan to State Center Community College District**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and the State Center Community College District for the shared services of Associate Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness, Tressa Overstreet. Tressa currently serves as Executive Director of College and Career Readiness for the Fresno Unified School District. This agreement will help expand dual enrollment opportunities for Fresno Unified students.

For the record, Board Members had comments and questions pertaining to agenda item A-13. A summary is as follows:

Member Islas commented that the district has tremendous talent and Tressa Overstreet is an example. Member Islas pulled the item not only to congratulate Ms. Overstreet but to make the public aware that the Board is trying to expand opportunities for students and has seen tremendous result in Design Science Middle College High School and hopes to grow the program at the new campus and anywhere else they can so more children may have an opportunity to participate in this wonderful program.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item A-13 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.

A-14, APPROVE State of California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant
APPROVED as recommended, the grant agreement from the Office of Traffic Safety for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. The goal of the annual grant program is to prevent serious injury and death resulting from motor vehicle crashes so that all roadway users arrive at their destination safely.

For the record, Board Members had comments and questions pertaining to agenda item A-14. A summary is as follows:

Member Islas thanked the organization contracted to complete the safe routes to school assessments and wanted the community to know that the Board continues to be diligent to improve the safety of students to and from school whether they walk or ride their bicycles. Member Islas encouraged the community to review the report and requested Ms. Idsvoog to provide information on how the community can find the report. Member Islas commented the district needs the support of our City and County partners to help make infrastructure investments.

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item A-14 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.

A-15, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policy 5141.1
APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for Board Policy 5141.1 Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting. The revisions meet the California School Boards Association recommendations and best practices. In accordance with Board Bylaw 9311 - Board Policies, the Interim Superintendent recommended the Board waive the second reading for approval.

A-16, RATIFY Change Orders

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the projects as follows: Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus, Change Order 11 presented for ratification: \$70,208; and Bid 23-33, Del Mar Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building (MPB), Change Order 3 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$41,290, Change Order 3 (New Kindergarten Bldg., Admin and Library Mod) presented for ratification: \$182,512.

A-17, RATIFY the Filing of a Notice of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, a Notice of Completion for the project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications as follows: Bid 24-69 Sections D, E and F, Exterior Painting at Various Sites, Lawless and Malloch Elementary Schools and Yosemite Middle School.

A-18, RATIFY Purchase Orders from June 01, 2024, through June 30, 2024 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from June 01, 2024, through June 30, 2024 – Primary Report. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

A-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from June 01, 2024, through June 30, 2024 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from June 01, 2024, through June 30, 2024 – Supplemental Report.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read the statement as follows:

“Agenda item B-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains agreements with Hands-On Central California. Hands-On of Central California, operates as the fiscal agent for the Fresno Street Saints. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Street Saints. I did not participate in the making of the agreements related to this agenda item; however, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

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

“Agenda item A-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders for the CSU Fresno Foundation, CSUF Association, the CSUF/Downing Planetarium, and the Trustees of the California State University. I am currently employed by Fresno State.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State 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 approved agenda item A-19 by a roll call vote of 5-0-2-0, as follows: AYES: Members: Cazares, Islas, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Members Jonasson Rosas and Levine.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-20, DISCUSS and APPROVE Proposition 28 Annual Report

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-20.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-20. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if some of the Arts programs could take place after school. Asked for a creative way to utilize after school hours which might help hire the thirty staff needed.

Member Cazares would like to see arts education programs linked to student outcomes to help the Board see where to make better investments. Member Cazares shared a personal analogy related to the importance of arts education.

Member Islas commented on being excited about what these opportunities and resources will do to expand arts education for students and asked if there is a deadline to expend funds. Member Islas requested clarity as to reasons for delays in hiring. Member Islas requested clarity as to credentials need to fill position.

Member Levine echoed Member Cazares comment of linking to student outcomes. Member Levine requested clarity as to the status of the Waiver and the Waiver process; asked if there is a need to intentionally rebuild a pipeline for

the arts education program due to minimal funding over past years.

Clerk Davis requested clarity as to the different genres of dance and where they fall.

For the record, Heather Kuyper-McKeithen was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved agenda item B-20 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.

B-21, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2023/24 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, 2023/24 Year-End Budget Revision, and 2024/25 Gann Limit

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-21. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-21. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to information presented on slide No. 3. Requested clarity as to the reserve specifically related to unrestricted. Member Jonasson Rosas requested a board communication on the potential impact to the district on the rising minimum wage. Member Jonasson Rosas shared concern that not enough scrutiny is placed on contracts, especially if the minimum wage proposition passes, and concern with the admin ratio as it is the highest it has been in twenty years.

Member Thomas requested clarity as to how the district plans to spend outdoor support space funds and requested the information be provided in a board communication.

Clerk Davis requested clarity as to savings from investing in solar power and asked what the district spends annually on PG&E. Clerk Davis asked when health care incurred but not paid items will be paid.

President Wittrup shared appreciation for a well-prepared presentation. President Wittrup shared concerns related to the admin ratio and commented it is close to levels seen when the district was near receivership.

Member Cazares commented on the surplus in the health fund and being confident that our health Board partners will contemplate how to reinvest those funds to increase student outcomes. Member Cazares commented on not being able to fathom leaving \$80 million on the table without a plan on how to invest in students and teachers. Member Cazares requested a report to inform the Board

if our health Board is willing to come to the table for discussions on how to reinvest in our schools.

For the record, Patrick Jensen and Kim Kelstrom were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item B-21 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.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of items C-22, RECEIVE the Fresno Unified School District Fourth Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2023/24; and C-23, Receive Constituent Services Quarterly Report.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received two (2) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications.

1. Alisha Dunlop requested the district hire two vice-principals on special assignment to support the Fresno Unified Arts Education programs.
2. Sharon Weaver with the San Joaquin River Parkway shared appreciation of opportunity to work with the district.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:42 p.m.