



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
September 25, 2024

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 September 25, 2024, there were present Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present.

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

For the record, Member Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:33 p.m., Member Cazares arrived at 4:40 p.m., and Member Thomas at 4:50 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ambra O'Connor led the Flag Salute.

For the record, Board President Wittrup announced staff pulled agenda item C-19, Approve Potential 2024 Bond Measure Project Priority List from the Consent Agenda.

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.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of item A-1, RECEIVE Results of Issuance and Sale of the General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2020, Series C, and Refunding Bonds.

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

For the record, Board President Wittrup announced staff pulled agenda item C-19, Approve Potential 2024 Bond Measure Project Priority List from the Consent Agenda.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board President Wittrup, the Board voted in closed session to promote Carmen Rodriguez to Executive Officer in Analysis, Measurement, and Accountability, by a vote of 4-0-0-3 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Clerk Davis, and President Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Members Cazares, Levine, and Thomas.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-2, PRESENT and DISCUSS 2024 Student Achievement Data

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-2.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-2. A summary is as follows:

Member Islas shared appreciation for Dr. Baker's comment of sharing the positive. Requested a glossary of assessments accompany presentations. Referenced slide no. 5 and the intensity areas listed, commented the monitoring calendar is helpful not only to members of the Board put to parents and members of the community as well as the calendar references assessments happening between the three intensity areas. Referenced slide no. 10 and asked when the monitoring calendar will be finalized and commented it would be helpful to have a legend to define what each color represents. Member Islas requested a breakdown of principals by region.

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if the Framework presented on slides no. 21-22 are new or continuing. Referenced the monitoring calendar and commented is not sure a video focus is needed for all meetings, would rather have a communication focus than a video focus, how do we communicate to the community and what is discussed at meetings.

Member Jonasson Rosas shared concern related to the concentration of new teachers to one area or school. Member Jonasson Rosas asked to hear what success looks like when implementing these strategies, what worked, what did not, what will change.

Member Levine thanked staff for the presentation, new model, and monitoring calendar and would like staff to ensure it is inclusive in language, sees this as an opportunity to advertise what is up for discussion. Potential topic not on calendar is college and careers.

Member Thomas asked if the data is live, and if not, when.

Clerk Davis referenced the book, *Leveraged Leadership*. Commented that it is particularly important that the community knows we are all looking at the same thing, all have the same story. Clerk Davis would like to be sure principals are well trained and difficult conversations are taking place. Clerk Davis expressed appreciation for the Student Outcomes Board Governance Strategies Monitoring calendar.

President Wittrup asked when discussion of the literacy initiative will take place. Commented on not being able to wait to hear about student outcomes.

For the record, Interim Superintendent Her was available to provide clarity.

B-3, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Charter School Renewal Process Review for 2024/25

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-3.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-3. A summary is as follows:

Member Islas asked at what point does the Board have discretion to deny a charter school renewal petition.

Clerk Davis asked for criteria to deny a charter school renewal petition under Dashboard Alternative School Status.

For the record, Felicia Olais and Susan Hatmaker were available to provide clarity.

B-4, HOLD a Public Hearing and ADOPT Resolution 25-17, Certifying Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

For the record, Board President Wittrup opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-4.

For the record, Board President Wittrup closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted Resolution 25-17, Certifying sufficiency of Instructional Materials, 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.

For the record, Board President Wittrup announced the Board pulled C-6 from the Consent Agenda for discussion and action in Closed Session.

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 Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Islas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda item C6 and C19, which were pulled, 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.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-5, APPROVE Personnel List

APPROVED as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

C-6, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

ITEM PULLED for discussion and action during Closed Session.

C-7, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the August 31 – September 01, 2024, special meeting and the September 11, 2024, Board of Education regular meeting.

C-8, ADOPT Resolution 25-16 in Support of Proposition 2

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-16, in support of Proposition 2: Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.

- C-9, ADOPT Provisional Internship Permits**
ADOPTED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) recommendations to rehire or hire teachers for the 2024/25 school year due to hard-to-fill credential positions.
- C-10, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver Requests for Bilingual Cross-Cultural, Language and Development Authorization**
ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waiver requests for Bilingual Cross-Cultural, Language and Development (BCLAD) Authorization for the 2024/25 school year.
- C-11, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver Requests for Career Technical Education Credential Holders**
ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waiver Requests for Career Technical Education teachers, who need the English Learner Authorization until their credential is cleared.
- C-12, APPROVE Certificated Retiree Contracts for Elementary Music**
APPROVED as recommended, certificated retiree contracts to address staffing shortages in elementary music. Specific assignments include Kratt and Starr Elementary for band and strings in grades five and six, and Turner and Thomas Elementary for classroom music in grades one through three.
- C-13, APPROVE Agreement between Fresno Unified School District, Department of Prevention and Intervention and Parent Project, LLC**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District, Department of Prevention and Intervention, and Parent Project, LLC. Parent Project, LLC will train district Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists and certify them to facilitate two parenting courses: Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior and Loving Solutions.
- C-14, APPROVE Agreement with Council of the Great City Schools**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Council of the Great City Schools to provide executive coaching services for the Interim Superintendent.
- C-15, APPROVE Agreement with Identity Automation LP for Rapid Identity Software**
APPROVED as recommended, a three-year agreement with the software provider Identity Automation LP to purchase Rapid Identity Software. Rapid Identity will automate account creation and manage access to digital applications for all staff and students. This platform replaces the district's aging digital identity management processes and improves single sign-on into district applications. Rapid Identity also provides temporary access for vendors and community partners, self-service password resets, faster changes to system access, and increased visibility and reporting. These improvements strengthen the district's cybersecurity posture.

- C-16, APPROVE Agreement with Nightingale Dispute Consultants, Incorporated**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Nightingale Dispute Consultants, Incorporated to provide certain conflict resolution services, including, without limitation, certain assessment, consulting, facilitation, training and other related products and services as delineated in the Consulting Agreement.
- C-17, APPROVE Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement with Pinnacle Training Systems, LLC**
APPROVED as recommended, Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Pinnacle Training Systems, LLC. This amendment will increase the contract cost by \$11,130 and Pinnacle Training Systems will begin including prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests during the onsite wellness events for Fresno Unified Staff. The current agreement with Pinnacle Training Systems, LLC is from July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2027. The new total with this amendment will be approximately \$320,870 for the first year.
- C-18, APPROVE Partnership with Fresno County Cradle to Career**
APPROVED as recommended, a sponsorship with the Cradle to Career (C2C) Partnership for Fresno County. C2C is a community wide partnership of public, private, nonprofit, and philanthropic leaders who are organizing efforts and resources around building a shared community vision that all Fresno County youth will realize success and good health at every age, from cradle to career.
- C-19, APPROVE Potential 2024 Bond Measure Project Priority List**
PULLED BY STAFF. NO DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN.
- C-20, RATIFY the Completion of Measure X Project Funding**
RATIFIED as recommended, a transfer from Measure M to Measure X to complete the Measure X bond measure allocations.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA
(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

For the record, Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the regular meeting to closed session at 7:08 p.m.

For the record, Board President Wittrup RECONVENED to open session at 7:57 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

On a motion by Board Member Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board voted in closed session to Adopt Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board (agenda item C-6) 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.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:58 p.m.