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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
November 06, 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 November 06, 2024, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present. Board Member Thomas was absent.

Board President Wittrup CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

For the record, Board Members Islas and Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Amy Idsvoog led the Flag Salute.

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 A-1, Receive the Fresno Unified School District First Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2024/25 – G2.

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

For the record, there were no report outs from Closed Session.

For the record, Clerk Davis read the approved Board Shared Agreements which are a component of the Student Outcomes Focused Governance work with the Council of Great City Schools. The Board Shared Agreements are as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

At this time, Board President Wittrup offered the Board members an opportunity to briefly share updates from the community listening sessions held as part of the Student Outcomes Focused Governance work.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on having attended two sessions and the overall engagement was great, and commended people for attending and for sharing their hopes and dreams for students. Member Jonasson Rosas said each session had about a dozen attendees and Trustee Islas facilitated one in Spanish. Member Jonasson Rosas shared that these sessions would help inform Trustees when creating goals and guardrails for their work and as part of the Superintendent Search.

Member Levine commented on attending one session so far and thanked Trustee Cazares for leading the session with First Five Fresno County. Member Levine commented it was great to meet and hear feedback from the community and is looking forward to supporting LCAP meetings at Birney Elementary School and Fort Miller Middle School later this week. Member Levine shared that the meetings are open to the public not only to people that live in a specific region.

Clerk Davis commented on having attended four sessions, one in the Edison region with Trustee Thomas, one in the Roosevelt region with Trustee Jonasson Rosas, and two in the Bullard region with President Wittrup. Clerk Davis thanked parents for being earnest and authentic with their feedback as it is exactly what the Board has asked the community to share.

Member Cazares commented on being pleased with the two sessions attended and provided information for an upcoming session at 5:00 p.m. in the Hoover cafeteria on November 13, 2024, and childcare and refreshments available. Member Cazares commented that she enjoyed partnering with Trustee Islas at Scandinavian Middle School and receiving feedback from parents, one of which was parents would like a plan on how they can be more involved in the education of their children. Member Cazares commented that during another session, she had the opportunity to receive feedback from leaders of the First Five Fresno County regarding important goals, vision, and values for Fresno Unified.

Member Islas thanked both Trustees Cazares and Jonasson Rosas for partnering two listening sessions held in the McLane region. Member Islas commented it is good to be in the community and opening up opportunities for parents and student to directly speak to the Board, commented it is definitely the right approach.

Member Islas commented that during the listening sessions the Board asks what the community's vision is for the district, what values the community would like carried forward, and how the community thinks the district should achieve that vision; as well as questions about what the community would like the district to stop doing.

Member Islas shared feedback from a few parents as follows: a request for the district to be sure teachers are adequately trained to respond to the needs of students; a request for less homework, a request for more homework, and a request for better school meals.

President Wittrup commented on attending two listening sessions and thanked Trustee Davis for attending as well. President Wittrup commented it does not matter where you live in Fresno there are repeated themes brought forward such as food, safety, the importance of learning, and extra-curricular activities. President Wittrup commented she will post the QR code for the survey on her Facebook page so it will be available to anyone who would like to take the survey.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-2, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Arts, Music, & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant - G1

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public 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 Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to if the \$30,000,000 of the \$37,000,000 was through feedback from the Fresno Teachers Association. Asked if this budget was coordinated with Community Schools? Commented in regard to washers and dryers at sites and that the community would like other options such as laundromat tokens rather than coming to the school site to do laundry. Member Jonasson Rosas would like to make sure the district is considering the feedback from the community regarding washers and dryers and is looking to meet the need in a way the parents want the need met. Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity regarding the one Full-Time Equivalent support, specifically for the Farber Campus.

Member Levine commented that it is not one size fits all and glad to see resources used as needed as long as within the requirements of the grant. Member Levine commented was glad to see resources for an alternative to suspension and specifically would like to see work for unhoused students because when suspended, they have no place to go for suspension.

Clerk Davis requested clarity as to when the grant expires, if there is a commitment from the State of California to extend funding, and after the grant expires how will the district sustain salaries for 22 Full-Time Equivalents.

Member Cazares asked Chief Financial Officer Jensen to make sure members of the Project Access team are involved with the decision-making process. Member Cazares requested that the cost of washer and dryer maintenance is budgeted as this is similar to the extra vans that were purchased, and school sites have to cover the cost to repair flat tires and Member Cazares considers this to be something that should not come from a site budget.

For the record, Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved agenda item B-2 by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Davis, and President Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

B-3, HOLD a Public Hearing and APPROVE in the Matter of the University High School Charter Renewal Petition – G2

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

“Agenda item B-3 on tonight’s agenda, pertains to the University High School Charter Renewal Petition. University High School is located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, and I am employed by Fresno State.

I did not participate in the making of the renewal petition related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State I have a remote financial interest in this item.

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

For the record, after reading the above statement, Board Member Levine left the Board Room.

For the record, Board President Wittrup opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

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

For the record, Board President Wittrup closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the University High School Charter Renewal Petition for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, by a vote of 4-0-1-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Clerk Davis, and President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Levine and Thomas.

For the record, after the vote, Board Member Levine returned to the dais.

B-4, PRESENT, DISCUSS, and HOLD a Public Hearing in the Matter of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter Renewal Petition – G2

For the record, Board President Wittrup opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

For the record, the Board received six (6) requests to address the Board on agenda item B-4. The individuals’ name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Stacy Avila spoke in support of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter.
2. Jessica Pittman spoke in support of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter.
3. Zaria Wilson spoke in support of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter.
4. Joaquin Bergstrom spoke in support of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter.
5. Sarah Vasquez spoke in support of the Aspen Meadow Public School Charter.

For the record, Board President Wittrup closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

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 Islas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda items C-19 and C-27 which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

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 – G2

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

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

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 meeting of the Board held October 23, 2024.

C-7, APPROVE Meeting Minutes – G2

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the October 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

C-8, ADOPT Provisional Internship Permits – G1

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-9, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Bilingual Cross-Cultural, Language and Development Authorization – G1

ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waiver requests for Bilingual Cross-Cultural, Language and Development (BCLAD) Authorization for the 2024/25 school year.

- C-10, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Career Technical Education Credential Holders – G1**
ADOPTED as recommended, Variable Term Waivers for Career Technical Education Teachers, who need the English Learner Authorization until their credential clear.
- C-11, ADOPT Resolution 25-25, Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education – G2**
ADOPTED as recommended, a Resolution Ordering the Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board as December 18, 2024.
- C-12, APPROVE Proposed Graduation Schedule for the Class of 2025- G1**
APPROVED as recommended, the proposed schedule for the Class of 2025 graduation ceremonies.
- C-13, APPROVE Addition to Legal Services Agreements for 2024/25 – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a document listing an additional legal firm recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2024/25 fiscal year.
- C-14, APPROVE Agreement with JRG Consulting a Professional Corporation – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with JRG Consulting, a Professional Corporation.
- C-15, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2024/25 – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 1 for fiscal year 2024/25.
- C-16, APPROVE Agreement with Corwin Press and John Muir Elementary School - G1**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Corwin Press to provide five Coaching Cycles.
- C-17, APPROVE Agreement with Corwin Press and Turner Elementary School – G1**
APPROVED as recommended an agreement between Turner Elementary School and Corwin Press to provide five in-person and four virtual Professional Learning Communities + (PLC+) training sessions to all classroom teachers.
- C-18, APPROVE Agreement with Instructure – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Instructure. Instructure will serve as the district's electronic transcript submission platform to ensure timely submissions to post-secondary institutions for requested transcripts as well as platform training and support for district registrars and counselors.
- C-19, APPROVE Agreement for the School Counselor Residency Capacity Grant – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School

District and California State University, Fresno to implement the School Counselor Residency Capacity Grant.

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

“Agenda item C-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California State University, Fresno to implement the School Counselor Residency Capacity Grant and I am currently employed by Fresno State.

I did not participate in the making of the agreement related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State I have a remote financial interest in the agreement.

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

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item C-19 by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

C-20, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-08, Starr Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement – G2

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-08, Starr Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement.

C-21, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies – G2

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for eight Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 3110 - Transfer of Funds’ BP 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies; BP 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts; BP 3400.1 - Audit Committee; BP 3452 - Student Activity Funds; BP 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability; BP 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment; and BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students.

C-22, RATIFY Agreement with Fresno County Probation Office for School Year 2024/25 – G1

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the Fresno County Probation Office.

C-23, RATIFY Agreement with Write Tools LLC – G1

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Write Tools LLC and Greenberg Elementary School.

C-24, RATIFY Change Orders – G2

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

Bid 22-21, Francine and Murray Farber Educational Campus
Change Order 12 presented for ratification: \$335,932

Bid 23-09, Sunnyside High School New Career Technical Education Health Science Building
Change Order 4 presented for ratification: \$34,974

Bid 23-16, Manchester, Pyle, and Vinland Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement
Change Order 2 (Manchester and Pyle) presented for ratification: \$18,959
Change Order 2 (Vinland) presented for ratification: \$-13,948

Bid 23-54, Muir and Winchell Elementary Schools and Sequoia Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement
Change Order 1 (Muir) presented for ratification: \$286,408
Change Order 2 (Winchell) presented for ratification: \$131,036
Change Order 3 (Sequoia) presented for ratification: \$9,144

Bid 24-14, Birney and Centennial Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$-11,709

Bid 24-24, Wawona Middle School HVAC/EMS Replacement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$44,540

Bid 24-26, Wolters Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$20,194

Bid 24-41, Sunset and Viking Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Energy Management System, and Boiler Replacements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$-17,419

Bid 24-55, Manchester Elementary School Portable Confidential Space Installation
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$9,166

C-25, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion – G2

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the projects which have been completed according to plans and specifications as follows:

Bid 23-16, Manchester, Pyle, and Vinland Elementary Schools Heating,

Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement

Bid 23-65, Robinson Elementary School Portable Relocation

Bid 24-14, Birney and Centennial Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacements

Bid 24-24, Wawona Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement

Bid 24-26, Wolters Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement

Bid 24-28, Lowell Elementary School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacement

Bid 24-41, Sunset and Viking Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Energy Management System, and Boiler Replacements

Bid 24-55, Manchester Elementary School Portable Confidential Space Installation

C-26, RATIFY Purchase Orders from August 01, 2024, through August 31, 2024 – Primary Report – G2

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from August 01, 2024, through August 31, 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.

C-27, RATIFY Purchase Orders from August 01, 2024, through August 31, 2024– Supplemental Report – G2

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

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

“Agenda item C-27 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders for the California Teaching Fellows Foundation, the CSU Fresno Foundation, California State University Fresno, CSUF, Fresno State University, and Friends of the Bulldog Marching Band and I am currently employed by Fresno State.

Additionally, item C-27 contains purchase orders with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, and Fresno County

EOC Food Services. 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 Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved agenda item C-27 by a vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine. ASBSENT: Board Member Thomas.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received three (3) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual’s name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Kay Bertken congratulated staff for Measure H passing.
2. Victor Ward provided a brief introduction of the company Compete EDU.
3. Leslie Lieberg shared the concerns of some Paraprofessionals at Ericson Elementary School.

For the record, Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the regular meeting to closed session at 7:04 p.m.

For the record, Board President Wittrup RECONVENED open session at 7:56 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

For the record there were no reports from Closed Session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:56 p.m.