



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

Fresno, California
November 20, 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 20, 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, Board Member Islas participated from the teleconference location as follows: Aiden by Best Western, San Antonio Riverwalk, 1103 E. Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The meeting was open to the public and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (B)(2), all action taken during the teleconference meeting was by roll call vote.

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

For the record, Board Members Cazares, Thomas, and Levine arrived at 4:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ambra O'Connor 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, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

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

For the record, Closed Session was extended.

Board President Wittrup RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:34 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in closed session to approve the district's panel recommendation to a student records challenge appeal by a roll call vote of 7-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

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.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-1, PRESENT and DISCUSS Quarterly Customer Service Data – G2

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address the Board on agenda item B-1.

For the record, Board members had comments/questions pertaining to agenda item B-1. A summary is as follows:

Member Levine requested a status update on the anonymous tipline and will this be incorporated into Let's Talk!

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to who monitors it now. Asked staff to consolidate all surveys into one survey and asked if language needs are met.

Member Thomas asked for a level of secret shoppers to be added to the program.

Member Islas asked if people calling could connect to the school Board directly in the interest of customer service, wondering if there is an application to utilize for Board members. Wondered if there were concerns from legal counsel.

For the record, Brian Wall and Bryan Martin were available to provide clarity.

B-2, HOLD a Public Hearing and APPROVE in the Matter of the Aspen Valley Prep Academy Charter Renewal Petition and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-27, Certifying Approval of the Renewal Petition – G2

For the record, Board President Wittrup opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

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

For the record, Board President Wittrup closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

On a motion by Board Clerk Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved the Aspen Valley Prep Academy Charter Renewal Petition for the term of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2030, by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Davis, and President Wittrup. NOES: Board Member Islas.

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 Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Davis, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda items C-7, which was 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.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-3, APPROVE Personnel List – G2

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

C-4, 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 November 06, 2024.

C-5, APPROVE Meeting Minutes – G2

APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes for November 06, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

C-6, ADOPT Resolution No. 25-24 for Continued Funding from California Department of Social Services – G1

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution # 25-24 certifying the Board's approval to submit the Continued Funding Application to the California Department of Social Services.

C-7, APPROVE Agreements for Expanded Learning Winter Camp Enrichment Program – G1

APPROVED as recommended, a matrix of Expanded Learning Winter Camp Enrichment service agreements with qualified community-based partners that are Board approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 22-09 vendors.

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

“Agenda item C-7 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders for Bulldog Baseball Camps, LLC. and 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, agenda item C-7 was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

- C-8, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Delta Health Systems – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Delta Health Systems (DHS) to provide medical claims administration services on behalf of the district's self-insured medical plans.
- C-9, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Kaiser Permanente Workforce Health Program – ClassPass – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Kaiser Permanente Workforce Health Program to provide an employee wellness program called ClassPass.
- C-10, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with SimpleMSK, Formally Known as PhysMetrics – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with SimpleMSK (formally PhysMetrics) to administer chiropractic and acupuncture services on behalf of the benefit-eligible employees and retirees from January 01, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- C-11, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Standard Life Insurance Company – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a renewal agreement with Standard Life Insurance Company for life insurance coverage provided by the district on behalf of its active employees.
- C-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-12, Sunnyside High School Chiller Replacements – G-2**
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-12, Sunnyside High School Chiller Replacements.
- C-13, DENY Claim GL24-0501-12759 – G2**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Dr. Steven Spencer, case GL24-0501-12759.
- C-14, DENY Claim GL24-0925-12850 – G2**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Juana Ramirez, case GL24-0925-12850.
- C-15, DENY Claim GL24-0925-12851 – G2**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Dulce Tellez Ramirez, case GL24-0925-12851.
- C-16, RATIFY Agreement with Education and Leadership Foundation – G1**
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement between Hoover High School and Education and Leadership Foundation (ELF).

C-17, OPPORTUNITY for PUBLIC DISCLOSURE and RATIFICATION of the 2024-2027 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employee Association, Chapter 143 – G2

RATIFIED as recommended, is the negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employee Association, Chapter 143 for the 2024-2027 school years.

C-18, RATIFY Change Orders – G2

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

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

Change Order 5 (Interim Housing) presented for ratification: \$14,007

Change Order 7 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$20,964

Bid 23-33, Del Mar Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building

Change Order 4 (New Kindergarten Bldg., Admin and Library Mod)

presented for ratification: \$56,167

Bid 24-87, Gaston Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement

Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$14,604

Bid 24-96 Sections A, B, and C, King and Lincoln Elementary Schools and Cesar Chavez Adult School Playground Equipment Replacement

Change Order 1 (Cesar Chavez) presented for ratification: \$-163,294

Change Order 1 (King) presented for ratification: \$-40,601

Change Order 1 (Lincoln) presented for ratification: \$-12,498

Bid 24-97, Tehipite Middle School FUSD Technology Hub

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$14,968

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received five (5) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Leslie Lieber shared concerns of paraprofessional staffing at Ericson Elementary School.
2. Mai Xiong, a parent of a student at Ericson shared concern for the safety of child from not receiving enough one-on-one time and not enough staff.
3. Brook Acosta shared concerns of paraprofessional staffing at Ericson Elementary School.

4. Rhianna Brown shared concerns of paraprofessional staffing at Ericson Elementary School.
5. Jenetta shared concerns of paraprofessional staffing at Ericson Elementary School.

For the record, Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the regular meeting to closed session at 6:21 p.m.

For the record, Board President Wittrup RECONVENED open session at 7:30 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in Closed Session to approve providing a defense for a District employee in the case of Steven Spencer v. Joanie Difilippo, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 24CECG04676 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.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session on dismissal charges of two classified employees who failed to timely demand a hearing and waived their right to a hearing by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Davis, and Board President Wittrup.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Wittrup ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:32 p.m.