



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
2309 TULARE STREET
BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
FRESNO, CA 93721
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AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025
***4:30 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION) *5:30 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

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***4:30 P.M. OPEN MEETING**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nikki Henry will lead the flag salute.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this section of the agenda.

RECESS to Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. Student Expulsions Pursuant to Education Code Section 35146.
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6); Fresno Unified School District Negotiator(s): David Chavez and Paul Idsvoog; Employee Organizations(s): FTA, CSEA, Chapter 125, CSEA, Chapter 143, SEIU, Local 521, FASTA/SEIU, Local 521/CTW, CLC, Fresno Unified Building & Construction Trades/FTA; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), Unrepresented Employees: All Management, Confidential, and Supervisory Employees.
3. Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Reassignment, Resignation (Government Code Section 54957).
4. Public Employment/Appointment (Government Code Section 54957).
 - a. Executive Director (General) – Safety and Security Office
 - b. Principal
 - c. Superintendent Search
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)).
 - a. Nathan Gonzalez, a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem Lindsay Parman vs. Fresno Unified School District
Fresno Superior Court No. 23CECG03640
Claim No. GL23-0608-9292
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated, Pending, Threatened Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)).
 - a. Potential Case (one)

***5:30 P.M., RECONVENE** and report action taken during Closed Session, if any.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

*** 5:35 P.M.**

B-1, PRESENT and DISCUSS Interim Goals and Guardrails – G1

Interim Superintendent Her will provide an overview of the draft Interim Goals and Guardrails developed in collaboration with staff following the December 19, 2024, Board of Education goal setting workshop as part of the Student Outcome Focused Governance process. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her, telephone 457-3884.

*** 6:05 P.M.**

B-2, DISCUSS and ADOPT Goals – G1

Interim Superintendent Her will present for discussion the draft Goals developed during the December 19, 2024, Board of Education goal setting workshop as part of the Student Outcome Focused Governance process. The Interim Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her, telephone 457-3884.

*** 6:35 P.M.**

B-3, DISCUSS and ADOPT Guardrails – G1

Interim Superintendent Her will present for discussion the draft Guardrails developed during the December 19, 2024, Board of Education goal setting workshop as part of the Student Outcome Focused Governance process. The Interim Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her, telephone 457-3884.

*** 7:05 P.M.**

B-4, HOLD a Public Hearing in the Matter of the Sierra Charter School Charter Renewal Petition – G2

Included in the Board binders is a copy of the Sierra Charter School (SCS) renewal petition. SCS has been a district authorized charter school since August 2007 and is applying for the renewal of their charter. The SCS charter petition was submitted to Fresno Unified School District on December 02, 2024, and will be presented to the Board for a decision at the February 12, 2025, board meeting. Fiscal impact: The estimated fiscal impact for the renewal to Fresno Unified School District for 2025/26 is \$3M, following an estimated fiscal impact of \$3.4M in 2026/27, following an estimated fiscal impact of \$3.7M in 2027/28 and \$3.9M in 2028/29. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3750.

*** 7:35 P.M.**

B-5, CONDUCT and APPROVE the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation -G1

The Board will participate in a discussion facilitated by Sue Deigaard from the Council of the Great City Schools. The Board President recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Ambra O'Connor, telephone 457-3838.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

ALL CONSENT AGENDA items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be acted upon 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.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-6, APPROVE Personnel List – G2

Included in the Board binders is the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3713.

C-7, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board – S

The Board of Education received and considered 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 January 08, 2025. The Interim Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3750.

C-8, APPROVE Meeting Minutes – G2

Included in the Board binders are draft minutes for the January 08, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of Education. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person: Interim Superintendent, Mao Misty Her, telephone 457-3884.

C-9, ADOPT Resolution No. 25-42, Office of Public-School Construction Master Plan Requirement Acknowledgment – G2

Included in the Board binders is Resolution No. 25-42, Office of Public-School Construction Master Plan Requirement Acknowledgment. The Interim Superintendent recommends adoption. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact to the district at this time. Contact person; Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

C-10, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2024/25 – G2

Included in the Board binders is Budget Revision No. 2 for fiscal year 2024/25. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 2 includes adjustments for updated information regarding expense changes to reflect items reported in the First Interim Financial Report and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: As a result, the Unrestricted General Fund Reserve for Economic Uncertainties is estimated at approximately \$121.5 million at June 30, 2025. Contact person: Patrick Jensen, telephone 457-6226.

C-11, APPROVE Grant Application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - 2024 Teacher Residency Expansion Grant – G1

Included in the Board binders is a request to write the grant application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - 2024 Teacher Residency Expansion Grant. The \$8 million grant proposes to enroll 200 candidates over the two project years in a multiple subject, single subject, or special education pathway in partnership with Fresno State University, Fresno Pacific University, or National University. Enrolled candidates commit to work in Fresno Unified schools for a minimum of four years after the candidate obtains their preliminary credential. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: The grant award is up to \$8 million over the two-year grant extension from 2027/28 to 2028/29. Contact person: David Chavez, telephone 457-3713.

C-12, APPROVE Amendment to Agreement with Hanna Interpreting Services – G1

Included in the Board binders is an amendment to the agreement with Hanna Interpreting Services. The request is to cover the additional expenses resulting from the increased number of newcomer students enrolled in Fresno Unified. The original agreement amount, approved by the Board on June 20, 2024, was \$100,000. The requested increase brings the total to \$150,000. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Sufficient funds in the amount of \$150,000 are available in the Title III Immigrant budget. Contact person: Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., telephone 457-3750.

C-13, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts – G2

Included in the Board binders and recommended for approval is a list of nine 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 technology equipment, maintenance equipment/supplies, natural gas /energy and library/ professional development books. 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. The Interim Superintendent recommends approval. Fiscal impact: Estimated annual expenditures for each piggyback contract (if utilized) are indicated in the backup material; funding will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

C-14, RATIFY Change Orders – G2

Included in the Board binders is information on Change Orders for the following projects:

Bid 21-10, Ewing Elementary School Early Learning Building and Parking Lot Improvements

Change Order 6 presented for ratification: \$-162,448

Bid 24-25, Education Center Board Room Remodel

Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$42,888

Bid 24-51, Wawona Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement

Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$-139,924

Bid 24-61, Kirk Elementary School Sitework and Portable Improvements

Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$-75,644

Bid 24-67, Bullard High School Confidential Space Installation

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$-41,769

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

Change Order 2 (Cesar Chavez) presented for ratification: \$84,117

Change Order 2 (King) presented for ratification: \$18,241

Change Order 2 (Lincoln) presented for ratification: \$314

The Interim Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: A credit of \$162,448 will be applied to the School Facilities Fund for Bid 21-10, sufficient funds in the amount of \$42,888 are available in the General Fund for Bid 24-25, a credit of \$257,337 will be applied to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund for Bids 24-51, 24-61, and 24-67, and \$102,672 is available in the Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant for Bid 24-96 Sections A, B, and C. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

C-15, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion – G2

Included in the Board binders are Notices of Completion for projects which have been completed according to plans and specifications as follows:

Bid 24-61, Kirk Elementary School Sitework and Portable Improvement

Bid 24-67, Bullard High School Confidential Space Installation

Bid 24-78 Section D, Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Tioga Middle School

The Interim Superintendent recommends ratification. Fiscal impact: Retention funds are released in accordance with contract terms and California statutes. Contact person: Paul Idsvoog, telephone 457-3134.

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

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Individuals who wish to address the Board on topics within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, but **not** listed on this agenda may do so at this time. If you wish to address the Board on a specific item listed on the agenda, you should do so when that specific item is called. Individuals shall submit a speaker card specifying the topic they wish to address. The card must be submitted before the Board President announces unscheduled oral communications. While time limitations are at the discretion of the Board President, generally members of the public will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker for a total of thirty (30) minutes of public comment as designated on this agenda.

The Board recognizes that individuals may ask the Board to answer questions or respond to statements made during unscheduled oral communications and in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, the Board shall take no action or discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law.

Members of the public with questions on school district issues may submit them in writing. The Board will automatically refer to the Superintendent any formal requests brought before them at this time. The appropriate staff member will furnish answers to questions.

D. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025**