



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

Fresno, California

January 08, 2025

Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on January 08, 2025, there were present Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Interim Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present.

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

For the record, Member Islas arrived at 4:51 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marie Williams 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 acknowledged receipt of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee's Annual Report, which is available for public review and posted on the district's website.

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

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:18 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

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

For the record, Clerk Islas 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

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

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 Islas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda except for agenda item C-19, which was pulled for further discussion, by a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis.

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-2, APPROVE Personnel List – G2

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

C-3, 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 December 18, 2024.

- C-4, APPROVE Meeting Minutes – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes for the December 18, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education and the December 19, 2024, Board of Education Workshop.
- C-5, ADOPT Resolution No. 25-34, Reaffirming Fresno Unified School District as a Safe Place School District for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement – G2**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 25-34, reaffirming Fresno Unified School District Board of Education will remain committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs.
- C-6, ADOPT Resolutions Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District – G2**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolutions xx-xx through xx-xx presented for adoption to update authorized officials to sign various business transactions on behalf of Fresno Unified School District.
- C-7, 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-8, ADOPT Provisional Internship Permits – G1**
ADOPTED as recommended, Provisional Internship Permit recommendations to rehire or hire teachers for the 2024/25 school year due to hard-to-fill credential positions.
- C-9, APPROVE Retiree Contract for Nancy Harris – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, a certificated retiree contract with Nancy Harris in the amount of \$29,902. Ms. Harris will provide speech language services at various school sites for a total of 99 duty days, at eight-hour days. The term of the contract is January 13, 2025, and ends June 12, 2025.
- C-10, APPROVE Agreements with Bertz-Rosa – Marketing Advertisement – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, agreements between Fresno Unified School District and Bertz-Rosa. Bertz-Rosa will provide marketing advertisement for Career Technical Education (CTE).
- C-11, APPROVE Amendment to Agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Head Start 0-5 – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) Head Start 0-5. This agreement is an existing partnership with Fresno EOC Head Start 0-5. The original agreement in the amount of \$1,396,058 has increased to \$1,451,818.

- C-12, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Career Nexus – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the agreement with Career Nexus for the completion of the college and career experience and support center, previously called the IDEA (Innovation, Design, Experience, and Apprenticeship) Center.
- C-13, APPROVE Award of RFP 25-16, Fresh Bread Products with Site Delivery Services – G1**
APPROVED as recommended, is information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-16, Fresh Bread Products with Site Delivery Services, to provide fresh bread products with site delivery services served in the district's school meal programs.
- C-14, APPROVE Proposed List of Board Member Committees and Organizations – G2**
APPROVED as recommended, a proposed list of committees and organizations to which Board Members are appointed each year.
- C-15, RATIFY Retiree Contract for Estella Reyes – G1**
RATIFIED as recommended, a retiree contract for Estella Reyes to serve as a certificated tutor. The certificated tutor is responsible for Response to Intervention (RTI) in literacy for students in kindergarten through 6th grade. The focus of the RTI certificated tutor is to lead small group, intentional reading instruction, four days per week for 45 minutes each day. Strategies include guided reading and foundational reading skills practice. Student progress is monitored using Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) in Spanish.
- C-16, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below – G2**
RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the projects as follows:
- Bid 24-39, Dailey Elementary Charter School Multipurpose Building Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Improvements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$1,111
- Bid 24-54, Bullard High School Fencing Improvements
Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$2,330
- Bid 24-56, Fresno High School Auxiliary Gym, and Site Improvements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$84,190
- Bid 24-65, Tehipite Middle School Confidential Space Installation
Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$ -22,530
- Bid 24-72, McLane High School New Gymnasium
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$13,425

Bid 24-78 Section D, Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Tioga Middle School
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$26,710

Bid 24-87, Gaston Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement
Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$33,835

Bid 24-97, Tehipite Middle School FUSD Technology Hub
Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$29,542

C-17, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion – G2

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

Bid 22-01, Addams Elementary School Building Additions and Modernization

Bid 23-54, Muir and Winchell Elementary Schools and Sequoia Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Energy Management System Replacement Project

Bid 24-60, McCardle Elementary School Portables Improvement

Bid 24-65, Tehipite Middle School Confidential Space Installation

C-18, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 01, 2025, through October 31, 2025- Primary Report – G2

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from October 01, 2025, through October 31, 2025, - 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-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 01, 2025, through October 31, 2025– Supplemental Report – G2

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from October 01, 2025, through October 31, 2025, Supplemental Report.

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

“Agenda item C-19 on tonight’s Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and California Teaching Fellows Foundation, California State University, Fresno, California State University, CSUF Association Food Services, CSUF/Association, Fresno State Alumni Association, and Fresno State University. I am employed by Fresno State.

Additionally, item C-19 contains purchase orders with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission and Fresno County EOC/Food Service. 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, agenda item C-19 was ratified by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

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. Saul Quantinilla requested Fresno Unified to review bids for Transportation carefully and advocated for First Student.
2. Monica Apodaca requested Fresno Unified to review bids for Transportation carefully and advocated for First Student.
3. Jacole Paul requested Fresno Unified to review bids for Transportation carefully and advocated for First Student.

For the record, Board Members reflected on the Shared Agreements. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares shared on the opportunity to speak with Sue Deigaard and work the Board will do around time management.

Member Jonasson Rosas shared the need to have a clock in the Board Room.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 5:37 p.m.