



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

Fresno, California

March 12, 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 March 12, 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.

For the record, Board Member Islas arrived at 4:39 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patrick Jensen 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 items as follows:

- A-1, RECEIVE** Resolution 25-55, Making a Determination to Submit a Waiver Request to the California State Board of Education with Respect to Certain Provisions of the California Education Code Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, and Approving Related Documents and Actions
- A-2, RECEIVE** Resolution 25-56, Authorizing Debt Service Information to be Provided to the County of Fresno Respecting Unsold General Obligation Bonds of the Fresno Unified School District for Fiscal Year 2025/26

A-3, RECEIVE Resolution 25-57, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2024, Series A, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$30,000,000, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith

A-4, RECEIVE Resolution 25-58, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2025 Refunding General Obligation Bonds to Refund Outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2010, Series E, and Outstanding Election of 2010, Series F, and Approving Related Documents and Actions

A-5, RECEIVE Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 5:56 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:59 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Levine, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve Resolution No. 25-60, Reduction and/or Elimination of Classified Positions for the 2025/26 School Year, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis.
- On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in closed session to approve Resolution No. 25-61, Reduction and/or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services for the 2025/26 School Year, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve Resolution No. 25-62, Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees for the 2025/26 School Year, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis.
- On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve charges for dismissal of a classified employee 1080784, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis.

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 with the exception of agenda item C-15 by a vote of 6-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

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-1, APPROVE Personnel List

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

- C-2, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**
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 February 26, 2025.
- C-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes**
APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes for the Board workshop held February 18, 2025, and the regular meeting of the Board of Education held February 26, 2025.
- C-4, ADOPT Resolution 25-43 and Resolution 25-44, Measure H Bond**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-43 and Resolution 25-44 for adoption by the Board, which will complete the process for the passage of Measure H.
- C-5, APPROVE Student Outcomes Focused Governance Implementation Timeline**
APPROVED as recommended, the updated Student Outcomes Focused Governance implementation timeline, established by the Board of Education in collaboration with the Council of the Great City Schools. The timeline will be presented as a routine item for review and approval on a monthly basis.
- C-6, APPROVE Proposed Amendment to the 2024/25 Board Meeting Calendar**
APPROVED as recommended, a request to amend the 2024/25 Board Meeting Calendar. Approval of this item will reschedule the regular meeting of the Board of Education from Wednesday, April 09, 2025, to Wednesday, April 30, 2025.
- C-7, APPROVE the Fresno Unified School District 2024-25 Second Interim Financial Report**
APPROVED as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District Second Interim Financial Report. California school districts are required to approve interim financial reports twice each fiscal year. The Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Second Interim Financial Report was presented for approval and reflected a positive certification of the district's financial condition. The report was based on January 31, 2025, year-to-date revenue and expenditures as required by state law.
- C-8, APPROVE Grant Application to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program**
APPROVED as recommended, information about the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) through the California Department of Education. The FFVP provides free fresh fruit or vegetable snacks to elementary school students, during the school day, outside of the School Breakfast and National School Lunch (NSLP) Programs.

C-9, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 25-13, Art Enrichment Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 25-13, to prequalify a pool of vendors in the categories of Professional Learning and Indirect/Direct Student Services. Services include high-quality arts instructional practices that are equity-centered and based on the California State Standards and professional development that include culturally relevant practices within the context of Arts. The term is a three-year period with the option to renew for two one-year periods and will begin July 01, 2025.

C-10, DENY Claim GL24-1001-13664

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Curtis Carton, case GL24-1001-13664.

C-11, RATIFIED Agreement with The Law Office of Mark T. Harris

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the Law Office of Mark T. Harris to provide an independent assessment of matters that arise from within the district pertaining to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and sexual orientation involving employees and students.

C-12, RATIFY Change Orders

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

Bid 23-12B, Design Build Services for the Multi-Site Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Design and Replacement Project (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund)

Change Order 1 (Kirk) presented for ratification: \$-172,421

Change Order 1 (Powers) presented for ratification: \$-178,819

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

Change Order 4 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$120,791

Change Order 5 (New Kindergarten Bldg., Admin and Library Mod) presented for ratification: \$79,251

Bid 24-12, Ahwahnee and Fort Miller Middle Schools Confidential Spaces Installation

Change Order 1 (Ahwahnee) presented for ratification: \$59,684

Change Order 1 (Fort Miller) presented for ratification: \$9,523

Bid 24-16, Roeding Elementary School Confidential Spaces and Administration Building Modernization

Change Order 7 presented for ratification: \$1,533

Bid 24-39, Dailey Elementary Charter School Multipurpose Building Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Improvements

Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$96,749

Bid 24-66, Edison High School Athletic Field Improvements

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$76,858

Bid 24-86, Nutrition Center Facility Upgrades

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$4,680

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

Change Order 5 presented for ratification: \$-1,708

Bid 24-94 Section B, Sunset Elementary Schools Playground Replacements

Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$23,880

C-13, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

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

Bid 23-12A, Design Build Services for the Multi-Site Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Design and Replacement Project (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund)

Bid 23-12B, Design Build Services for the Multi-Site Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Design and Replacement Project (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Federal Fund)

Bid 24-12, Ahwahnee and Fort Miller Middle Schools Confidential Spaces Installation

Bid 24-16, Roeding Elementary School Confidential Spaces and Administration Building Modernization

C-14, RATIFY December Purchase Orders Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from

December 01, 2024, through December 31, 2024, Primary Report. Two 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-15, RATIFY December Purchase Orders Supplemental Report

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

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

Agenda item C-15 on tonight's Consent Agenda, contains purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and Bulldog Baseball Camps, CA teaching Fellows Foundation, and Fresno County EOC.

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, a non-profit corporation, 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board ratified agenda C-15, Ratify December Purchase Orders Supplemental Report, by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSTENTION: Board Member Levine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received one (1) request to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Michael Seely: Shared Council updates from City of Fresno, Office of Council member Nelson Esparza

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

For the record, no sharing.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:11 p.m.