



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

March 26, 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 26, 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 participated from teleconference location as follows: Avila Center, 711 Mason Road, Durham, North Carolina 27712.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:32p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Marie Williams led the Flag Salute.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received zero (10) requests to address the Board on Closed Session items. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Lisa Pierce shared support for Designated Schools and concerns of the burden and stress of lost learning time.
2. Chrysann Johnston shared support for Designated Schools and shared information of teachers working outside the workday.
3. Brenda shared being a first-year teacher not welcomed back for the next school year.
4. Maryan Riojas shared support for Designated Schools and concerns about the lack of transparency and the amount spent on consultants.
5. Claudia Silva commented on equity and support for Designated Schools.
6. Carolyn Flores commented as a parent of students at Rowell Elementary School and support for Designated Schools.

7. Nydia Hernandez commented as a parent and requested the allocation of district funds be to classroom needs.
8. Ana Bustos advocated for the Board to put the interest of students before the interest of consultants.
9. Zaki Armas commented on personal experience as a student of Fresno Unified and shared support for teachers.
10. Sonia Jauregui responded with concern to a comment made by a leader.
11. Peter Chan commented as a parent of a student attending Fresno Unified, commented on truancy guidelines and in support of teachers.
12. Erlinda Lagunes commented as a parent of a student attending Fresno Unified and shared concerns that her daughter who is in second grade has already had three placements.
13. Manual Bonilla offered another time to partner together with the district.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

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

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 6:36 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:37p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

For the record, there were no report outs from closed session.

For the record, Trustee Levine 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, CONDUCT Public Hearing on School Bond Waiver Request to DISCUSS and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-55 Regarding Bonding Capacity Waiver: 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 under Measure H, and Approving Related Documents and Actions

For the record, Board President Davis opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-1.

For the record, Board President Davis closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

B-2, DISCUSS and ADOPT 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

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

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted Resolution 25-55, 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.

B-3, DISCUSS and ADOPT 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

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

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas the Board adopted Resolution 25-56, 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.

B-4, DISCUSS and ADOPT 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

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-4.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted Resolution 25-57, 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.

B-5, DISCUSS and ADOPT 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

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-5.

For the record, Paul Idsvoog presented items B-1 through B-5.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board adopted Resolution 25-58, 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.

B-6 CONDUCT and APPROVE the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation

For the record, the Board received zero requests to address the Board on agenda item B-6.

For the record, Sue Deigaard with the Council of the Great City Schools, facilitated the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board Approved the Quarterly Self-Evaluation, by a roll call vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Board Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSTAINED: Board Member Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member Wittrup.

For the record Trustee Wittrup left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

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

1. James Binion commented that item C-7 is creating entitlement and is a liability issue.

For the record, Interim Superintendent requested staff to address some of the criteria used in selecting families and some of the liability issues already researched while preparing agenda item C-7.

Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., Arii, and Patrick Jensen, were available to provide clarity.

Member Cazares shared that people are fighting for the vouchers because there are not enough vouchers in Fresno County as there are thousands of people on the waiting list. Member Cazares added this is a very easy decision to make.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item C-7 by a vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosa, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Member 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-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 March 12, 2025.

- C-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minute for the regular meeting of the Board of Education held March 12, 2025.
- C-4, ADOPT Resolution 25-64, Proclaiming April 2025 as School Library Month**
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-64, Proclaiming April as School Library Month.
- C-5, APPROVE Amendment of the 2025/26 Academic Calendar**
APPROVED as recommended, Amendment of the 2025/26 Academic Calendar
- C-6, APPROVE the Revised 2024/25 Classified Hourly Salary Schedule Reflecting a 3% Increase**
APPROVED as recommended, the Revised 2024/25 Classified Hourly Salary Schedule Reflecting a 3% Increase
- C-7, APPROVE Agreement with Crossroads Village Fresno LP**
APPROVED as recommended, Agreement with Crossroads Village Fresno LP.

For the record, Board Members had comments and questions pertaining to agenda item C-7. A summary is as follows:

Member Thomas shared a personal anecdote of family receiving services from the Crossroads Village program and the importance of the services the program provides.

Member Cazares shared that the program is for families experiencing homelessness to help keep the family together and the owner of Crossroads Village Fresno provides vouchers for specific spaces saving units for Fresno Unified families.

Member Levine shared full support of this partnership to provide stable housing for two years for ten unhoused Fresno Unified families. Member Levine commented this is just the start and the district will be intentional about measuring broader student outcomes and hopes this will be a model for the future. Member Levine acknowledged Darrin Person and Tumani Heights for their work on this matter.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved agenda item C-7 by a vote of 6-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Member Wittrup

- C-8, APPROVE Renewal Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency**
APPROVED as recommended, the Renewal Agreement with Marsh & McLennan Agency.
- C-9, APPROVE Agreement with TransTax Advisors, LLC**
APPROVED as recommended, the Agreement with TransTax Advisors, LLC.
- C-10, APPROVE Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Benedict College**
APPROVED as recommended, Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Benedict College.
- C-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-21, Baird Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacements**
APPROVED as recommended, Award of Bid 25-21, Baird Middle School Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacements.
- C-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-22, Terronez Middle School Kitchen, and Locker Room Make-up Air Unit Replacements**
APPROVED as recommended, Award of Bid 25-22, Terronez Middle School Kitchen, and Locker-Room Make-up Air Unit Replacements.
- C-13, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 25-19, Investigation Services**
APPROVED as recommended, Award of Request for Qualifications 25-19, Investigation Services.
- C-14, APPROVE Request for Qualifications and Proposals 25-09, CalShape Ventilation Program Assessment, and Implementation Project Design Build Services**
APPROVED as recommended, the Request for Qualifications and Proposals 25-09, CalShape Ventilation Program Assessment, and Implementation Project Design Build Services.
- C-15, APPROVE Property Liability and Cyber Insurance**
APPROVED as recommended.
- C-16, DENY Claim GL24 0301 13850**
DENIED as recommended.
- C-17, DENY Claim GL24-1218-13368**
DENIED as recommended.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received ten (10) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Monica Apodaca spoke about bus drivers and the community they serve.
2. Christina Stanley spoke as a bus driver for First Student.

For the record, at this time Member Cazares commented that her understanding was the Board had not yet voted on the First Student contract and clarified the Board had not voted on the transportation contract.

3. Jeffery Stanley spoke as a bus driver for First Student and shared personal experiences from the job.
4. Jenna Williams spoke as a bus driver for First Student and shared personal experiences from the job.
5. Cynthia Romero spoke as a bus driver and shared personal experiences from the job.
6. Rosa Miranda spoke as a bus driver and shared personal experiences from the job.
7. Rebecca Doughty spoke as a bus driver and shared personal experiences from the job.
8. Jacole Paul thanked the Board for hearing from the public and shared biggest concern is that students need consistency.
9. Steven Fabela spoke on the importance of credit cards for the Transportation Department.
10. Alicia Crispin shared concerns related to the principal of Jackson Elementary School.

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

For the record, no reflections were shared.

D-1, PRESENT and DISCUSS Goals and Guardrails Monitoring Process

For the record, Sue Deigaard and Greg Klein facilitated the Board Training on Goals and Guardrails Monitoring and discussed the following:

1. What is goal monitoring?
2. How is goal monitoring beneficial?
3. What is an effective goal monitoring report?

For the record Trustee Islas left the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:16 p.m.