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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
May 14, 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 May 14, 2025, there were present Board Members Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Mao Misty Her was also present.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas attended from the teleconference location as follows: Monterey Plaza Hotel, 400 Cannery Row, Monterey, California 93940. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(B)(2) all action taken during the teleconferenced meeting was by roll call vote.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marie Williams, Ed.D., led the Flag Salute.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received two (2) requests to address the Board on Closed Session items. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Emma Villa spoke of concerns of district leadership pertaining to Claims for Damages listed on the closed session agenda.
2. Tammy McMahon-Gorans spoke of concerns of racism within 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 4:38 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:49 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- Clerk Islas reported the Board received notification in Closed Session of the Principal lateral of Kevin Her as Principal II to Kirk Elementary School.

- On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board acted in Closed Session to hire Maribel Tostado to Principal II at Norseman Elementary School through the standard hiring process, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: 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 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, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2025/26 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-1, Discuss and Approve the 2025/26 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item, B-1, Discuss and Approve the 2025/26 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

B-2, **PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2025/26 Strategic Budget Development Phase II**

For the record, the Board received one (1) request from the public to address agenda item B-2, Present and Discuss the 2025/26 Strategic Budget Development Phase II. The individual's name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Brenda Quispe had questions regarding the budget.

For the record, Board members had comments pertaining to agenda item B-2. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares requested a brief explanation of programs such as Break Through Success Community to help inform the public. Member Cazares referenced slide No. 14 regarding a one-time investment in the Department of Prevention and Intervention of $4 million and asked what the investment will go towards, and why only one-time. Member Cazares provided a shout out to Duncan Polytechnical High School for the Duncan Showcase.

Member Cazares spoke of the need for more athletic referees within the district as schools have had games canceled due to the lack of referees. Member Cazares suggested to staff the idea of partnering with California State University, Fresno to see if referee/officiating internships for university students is an option.

Member Levine thanked staff for categorizing the budget according to the goals. Referenced slide No. 12 and asked what the teacher supply allotment would now look like. Asked about the reduction of Department of Prevention and Intervention staff as well as English Learners, specifically what is the district losing. Referenced the College and Career Readiness goal and asked with the investments, is there a goal of how many additional students will be able to enroll.

Member Jonasson Rosas referenced rising energy costs and asked if there has been a cost benefit analysis for solar.

Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Member Thomas left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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 Wittrup, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda items C-20 by a vote of 5-0-0-2, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Levine, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Members Jonasson Rosas and Thomas.

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 April 30, 2025.

C-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the regular meetings of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education held April 23 and April 30, 2025, as well as the draft minutes for special meetings held April 03 and April 09, 2025.

C-4, 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 bi-monthly basis.

C-5, APPROVE Proposed Board Policy Revisions

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for five Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan; BP 3100 – Budget; BP 3250 – Transportation Fees (NEW); BP 3540 – Transportation; and BP 6020 – Parent Involvement. These revisions meet the California School Boards Association recommendations and best practices.

C-6, APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Optum Insight, Inc.
APPROVED as recommended, Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Optum Insight, Inc. to provide health plan audit services to the Joint Health Management Board.

C-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-34, Sections A and B, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Hidalgo and Leavenworth Elementary Schools
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-34, Sections A and B, Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Hidalgo and Leavenworth Elementary Schools. The project consists of the rehabilitation of asphalt play courts. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Section A (Hidalgo), Doug Ross, Inc. dba Central Valley Asphalt (Lindsay, CA) $240,500; Section B (Leavenworth), Doug Ross, Inc. dba Central Valley Asphalt (Lindsay, CA) $ 164,300.

C-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-37, Gibson and Mayfair Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacements
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-37, Gibson and Mayfair Elementary Schools Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Energy Management System Replacements. This project will improve classroom ventilation and air conditioning by replacing air handlers, heat pumps, energy management systems, and central plant equipment. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) $2,305,000.

C-9, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaw Utility Distribution Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Authorize the Superintendent or Designees to Sign the Agreement Granting the Easement Deed
APPROVED as recommended, information regarding the granting of an easement deed to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the installation of a new electric meter, transformer, electric box, and related utility improvements at the Operational Services Center.

C-10, DENY Claim GL24-1008-12780
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL24-1008-12780.

C-11, DENY Claim GL25-0311-14232
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL25-0311-14232.

C-12, DENY Claim GL25-0314-13967
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by a minor, case GL25-0314-13967.

C-13, DENY Claim GL25-0311-14231
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Blanca Gutierrez Munguia, case GL25-0311-14231.

C-14, DENY Claim GL24-0412-14238
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Heidi Sagaser, case GL24-0412-14238.

C-15, DENY Claim GL21-0801-14235
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Janell Beamon, case GL21-0801-14235.

C-16, DENY Claim GL24-0821-14236
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Stephanie Vasquez, case GL24-0821-14236.

C-17, RATIFY Change Orders
RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects:

- Bid 23-46, Jefferson Elementary School T-K Portable Improvements; Change Order 2 presented for ratification: $7,502.

- Bid 24-18, Farber Educational Campus South Building A, Modernization; Change Order 2 presented for ratification: $175,629

- Bid 24-35, Roosevelt High School Administration Building, Library, West Hall, and Theater Modernization; Change Order 3 (Admin Bldg. and West Hall) presented for ratification: $17,969; Change Order 4 (Admin Bldg. and West Hall) presented for ratification: $33,477; Change Order 3 (Library) presented for ratification: $154,401; and Change Order 4 (Library) presented for ratification: $54,108

- Bid 24-87, Gaston Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement; Change Order 6 presented for ratification: $3,897

C-18, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion
RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for projects which were completed according to plans and specifications as follows: Bid 23-46, Jefferson Elementary School T-K Portable Improvements; Bid 24-78 Sections A, B, and C, Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Sunset Elementary School, Tatarian Elementary School, and Hamilton K-8 School; Bid 24-87, Gaston Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement; and Bid 24-95, Addicott Elementary School Shade Structures and Site Improvements.

C-19, RATIFY Purchase Orders from February 01, 2025, through February 28, 2025–Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from February 01, 2025, through February 28, 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-20, RATIFY Purchase Orders from February 01, 2025, through February 28, 2025– Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from February 01, 2025, through February 28, 2025-Supplemental 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.

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

> **Agenda item C-20** on tonight's Consent Agenda contains a purchase order between Fresno Unified School District and California Teaching Fellows Foundation.
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> I did not participate in the making of the purchase order related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the purchase order.
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> 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 Cazares, the Board approved agenda item C-20, by a vote of 5-0-1-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. ABSTENTION: Board Member Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas

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. Jason Stansell shared information pertaining to an ADA complaint as well as concerns pertaining to accessibility to district departments and communication from the district.
2. Eileen Giron asked for the cost of feedback sessions and parent engagement sessions and shared concern about the use of budgets.
3. Isabel Corrales shared concerns related to the complaint process.
4. Brenda Quispe shared several requests as follows: asked if school sites could put student photos on certificates; if the Parent University website could be updated; if summer school pamphlets could have more cultures represented; asked if more special education programs could be offered during summer school; asked if more swim lesson sessions could be offered for those in the special education program; requested feedback on the Dual Language Immersion Byback day and for information on if there will be a Dual Language Immersion conference. Commented that paraeducators need a pay increase.
5. Ayden Cortez ceded time to Brenda Quispe.

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

For the record, there were no Board reflections shared.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:49 p.m.