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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California

June 04, 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 June 04, 2025, there were present Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Her was also present.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tami Lundberg 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 agenda item A-1, Receive Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws and agenda item A-2, Receive Proposed Revisions for Board Policies.

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session extended to 5:45 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:48 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

On a motion by Board President Davis, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a permanent certificated employee, identification number 1041664, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a permanent certificated employee, identification number 1071199, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and 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, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS 2025/26 Local Control and Accountability Plan

For the record, Board President Davis opened the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-1, Hold Public Hearing, Present and Discuss the 2025/26 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

For the record, Board members had comments pertaining to agenda item B-1. A summary is as follows:

Member Cazares referenced the substantial investment the Board made into Food

Services and requested a status check. Additionally, Member Cazares commented on chronic absenteeism and asked if staff could share with schools what is working so schools would not need to use their equity multiplier funds.

Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

For the record, Board President Davis closed the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

B-2, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, Board President Davis opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

For the record, the Board received one (1) request from the public to address agenda item B-2, Hold Public Hearing, Present and Discuss the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account. The individual's name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Ana Bustos advocated for more resources for the second grade in reference to the K-1 Literacy Initiative.

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

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to reductions to Foundation and Community Engagement and asked how much the district continues to provide and recommended the Foundation staffing be funded by fundraising.

Member Cazares requested clarity as to the budget reduction in English Learners Services and asked staff to ensure that the level of service for English learners will not be affected. Asked the same for the reductions listed for the Special Education budget. Commented that not every activity in every grade can be listed in the budget and asked staff to explain how although not listed specifically, how second grade fits into the budget.

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

For the record, Board President Davis closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

**B-3, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Fresno Unified School District 2025-2028 Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union Local 521
ITEM PULLED BY STAFF, no discussion or action taken.**

B-4, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Draft Student Outcomes Focused Governance Dashboard

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-4, Present and Discuss the Draft Student Outcomes Focused Governance Dashboard.

For the record, Board members had comments pertaining to agenda item B-4. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas commented from the perspective of the Americans with Disabilities Act it does not appear that the contrast requirement is being met.

Member Wittrup asked if there is a way to filter students with disabilities by eligibility.

Member Levine asked once live, where will the dashboard live on the website. Suggested the Board's view be the version used for the public or as community facing as possible.

Superintendent Her, Zerina Hargrove-Brown, Ed.D., and Todd Prieto were available to provide clarity.

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 Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item C-6 and C-19 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-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 Board meeting held May 28, 2025.

C-3, ADOPT Resolution 25-72, Approving the Self-Certifying Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-72, to approve the self-certifying increase of the micro-purchase threshold when utilizing federal funding. The current micro-purchase threshold which requires multiple quotes is \$10,000 or more. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Section 200.320, non-federal entities, including local public-school districts, may annually self-certify a micro-purchase threshold of up to \$50,000.

C-4, APPROVE the 2025/26 School Plans for Student Achievement

APPROVED as recommended, information for the 2025/26 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA).

C-5, APPROVE Agreement with Dr. Megan Stone, M.D.

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Dr. Megan Stone, M.D., for ordering, referring, and prescribing services specifically related to Occupational and Physical Therapy treatments. Approval of this agreement will enable Fresno Unified to receive Medi-Cal reimbursement for services provided by both Fresno Unified School District providers as well as eligible contractors providing these services.

C-6, APPROVE Reading Difficulties Risk Screener

APPROVED as recommended, DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) as a reading difficulties risk screener. In alignment with California Education Code Section 53008, beginning in the 2025/26 school year, districts are required to screen students in kindergarten, first and second grades for risk of reading difficulties, including dyslexia, with a screening instrument pre-approved by California Department of Education.

For the record, the Board received one (1) request to address the Board on agenda item C-6. The individual's name with a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Ana Bustos expressed gratitude for the committee. Commented the district is not limited to one screener but may use two, and shared concerns from teachers in the dual immersion program regarding time constraints related to the screener.

For the record, Board members had comments and questions pertaining to agenda item C-6. A summary is as follows:

Member Jonasson Rosas asked if there is a reason two tools could not be used for one year. Asked if the district finds the screener is not working if the district can then pivot.

Member Thomas requested clarity as to whether there were problems with the technology.

Member Wittrup commented on being pleased DIBELS was selected as it is a great instrument and very well respected.

For the record, Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., and Pamela Taylor were available to provide clarity.

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

C-7, APPROVE Addendum to the Operating Agreement with the Center for Advanced Research and Technology

APPROVED as recommended, an addendum to the Operating Agreement between Fresno Unified School District, Clovis Unified School District, and the Center for Advanced Research and Technology.

C-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-40, Edison High School Locker Room Modernization

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-40, Edison High School Locker Room Modernization. The project consists of the modernization of the existing boys and girls locker shower rooms. Staff recommend the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Better Enterprises, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$2,155,850.

C-9, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-43, Fresno Unified Service Center Bus Wash Facility

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-43, Fresno Unified Service Center Bus Wash Facility. This project will add a bus wash facility, allowing employees to clean buses more efficiently while significantly reducing water usage. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Harris Development Corp. dba HBC Enterprises (Clovis, California) \$1,174,449.

C-10, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-53, Sequoia Middle School Dance Room Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-53, Sequoia Middle School Dance Room Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Replacement. This project will replace a failed air handler, enhancing indoor air quality with MERV 13 filtration and increased ventilation rates. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$404,000.

C-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-56, Kratt Elementary School Chiller Phase 1 Hydronic Lines

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-56, Kratt Elementary School Chiller Phase 1 Hydronic Lines. This project will remove the existing library chiller and connect the library building to the Multipurpose Room central plant chiller, improving overall efficiency by balancing the load and ensuring adequate cooling for the library. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$249,000.

C-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-60, Aynesworth and Calwa Elementary Schools Unit Ventilation, Energy Management Systems, and Central Plant Equipment Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-60, Aynesworth and Calwa Elementary Schools Unit Ventilation, Energy Management Systems, and Central Plant Equipment Replacement. The project consists of the replacement of classroom ventilators, heat pumps, energy management systems, and central plant equipment. Staff recommend the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: New England Sheet Metal and Mechanical Co. (Fresno, California) \$2,768,000.

C-13, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 25-23, Leadership Development and Coaching Services

APPROVED as recommended, a Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-23, Leadership Development and Coaching Services, to coach and support leaders in alignment with the Equity Centered Pipeline Leadership Initiative (ECPI). The term is a one-year period beginning July 01, 2025, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was lawfully advertised on January 31, 2025, and February 07, 2025. Notifications were sent to 243 vendors, and the district received 26 responses. The evaluation of proposals was based on qualifications, insurance and regulatory matters, overall project approach, and pricing structure. The evaluation panel, comprised of Fresno Unified Professional Development staff, recommends approval of the following vendor: Men of Color in Educational Leaders (MCEL) United, Inc. (Riverview, Florida) est. annual \$443,250.

C-14, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2025/26

APPROVED as recommended, a list of piggyback contracts recommended for utilization by the district during 2025/26 for efficient and cost-effective procurement. Piggybacking is allowed under Public Contract Codes 10299 and 20118 and is the best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another school district or public agency.

C-15, DENY Claim GL24-0821-14470

DENIED as recommended, a late Claim for Damages by Stephanie Vasquez, case GL24-0821-14470.

C-16, DENY Claim GL25-0131-14460

DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by Oscar Gutierrez, case GL25-0131-14460.

C-17, 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 24-54, Bullard High School Fencing Improvements and Bid 24-73, Fresno High School Varsity Baseball and Softball Scoreboards.

C-18, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2025, through March 31, 2025, and Zero Dollar Contracts – Primary Report

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

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

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

Agenda item C-19 on tonight's Consent Agenda contains purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and the CSU Fresno Foundation, the California Teaching Fellows Foundation, California State University, Fresno, the CSU Fresno Association Food Services, the CSUF/Association, the CSUF Downing Planetarium and Fresno State University.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the 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 Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board ratified agenda item C-19 by a vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received three (3) request to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. America Cabrales Garcia commented on topics as follows: better training for school staff when helping special needs students with mental health issues, special education classrooms need more support staff, classrooms need working air conditioners, overcrowding in special education classrooms, health and safety issues need to be addressed, parents are not being notified about meetings, parents should receive parent teacher conferences when requested as well as student information, proper investigations by school when looking into issues of bullying. America requested support for parents in the Spanish community.
2. Livier Padilla commented on student progress in reading. Requested more structure in the reading program at school site. Requested a group be created of parents and teachers to collaborate to help students.
3. Johana Matute shared concerns her child is facing at school related to bullying and sexual harassment and requested support from the school and the district.
4. James Cardoza spoke of code enforcement issues, absent fathers, the failure of school districts, and the Superintendent's salary.

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

For the record, there were no Board reflections shared.

Member Cazares commented that due to a technology issue student athletes are not properly recognized during awards ceremonies when said student plays sports at a different school other than their school of attendance.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:03 p.m.