



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

Fresno, California

June 18, 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 18, 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 4:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ambra O'Connor led the Flag Salute.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2024/25 RETIREES

The Board recognized and celebrated the Fresno Unified School District 2024/25 Retirees.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received one (1) request to address the Board on Closed Session items. The individual's name with a summary of topic

1. Daymani W. Dequisha requested an expungement of expulsion from cumulative record.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of agenda item A-1, Receive Constituent Services Quarterly Reporting.

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:57 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session extended to 7:03 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- The Board acted in closed session on a Workers' Compensation Settlement for Don Sommarstrom, Case No. WC23-1128-11598, 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1087048, 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 Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Clerk Islas the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1083433, 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1064856, 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 Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1077758, 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 Member Levine, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1083454, 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 Thomas, the Board acted in closed session to approve dismissal charges for a classified employee, identification number 1065881, 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 Member Cazares, seconded by Board Clerk Islas, the Board acted in closed session to approve the appointment of Marie Williams, Ed.D., to Associate Superintendent, 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 Jonasson Rosas, the Board acted in closed session to approve appointment of Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., to Chief Academic Officer, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

At this time, the Board watched a brief video highlighting the closing of the 2024/25 school year and the celebration of the Class of 2025.

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 ADOPT the 2025/26 Local Control and Accountability Plan

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

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board Approved agenda item B-1, Discuss and Adopt the 2025/26 Local Control and Accountability Plan, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

B-2, DISCUSS and ADOPT the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-2, Discuss and Adopt the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board Approved agenda item B-2, Discuss and Adopt the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

B-3, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Fresno Unified School District 2025-2028 Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union Local 521

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-3, Discuss and Approve the Fresno Unified School District 2025-2028 Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union Local 521.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board Approved agenda item B-3, Discuss and Approve the Fresno Unified School District 2025-2028 Initial Proposal to Service Employees International Union Local 521, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

B-4, CONDUCT and APPROVE the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation

For the record, the Board received zero (0) requests from the public to address agenda item B-4, Conduct and Approve the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation.

For the record, Sue Deigaard was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board Approved agenda item B-4, Conduct and Approve the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation, by a vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

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 Thomas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item C-13 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 regular meeting of the Board held June 04, 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 that were held May 28 and June 04, 2025.

C-4, ADOPT Resolution 25-93, Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution 25-93, Authorizing Fresno Unified School District to transfer funds as needed for cashflow purposes and to repay those transactions as funds become available for the 2025/26 Fiscal Year. Education Code Section 42603 authorizes inter-fund transfer loans to cover such temporary cash flow transfers.

C-5, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for three Board Bylaws (BB) and one Exhibit (E) as follows: BB 9002 Constituent Services; E 9002 Constituent Services (New); BB 9310 Board Policies; and BB 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials.

C-6, APPROVED Proposed Revisions for Board Policies

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for fourteen Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 0440.1 Use of District Technology Networks Internet Services and Information Services; BP 1250 Visitors Outsiders; BP 3515.5 Sex Offender Information; BP 5113 Absences and Excuses; BP 5113.1 Chronic Absence and Truancy; BP 5131 Conduct; BP 5144 Discipline; BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process; BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination-Harassment; BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment; BP 5148.2 Before/Afterschool School Programs; BP 6158 Independent Study; BP 6163.4 Student Use of Technology; and BP 7310 Naming of Facility.

C-7, APPROVE the Progress Monitoring Calendar

APPROVED as recommended, the draft monitoring calendar which outlines the goals and guardrails monitoring schedule for 2025/26.

C-8, APPROVE the Fall 2025 California Dashboard Local Indicators

APPROVED as recommended, updated information on the Fall 2025 California Dashboard Local Indicators and associated local indicator mandates. These local indicators include Basic Instructional Materials, Teachers, Facilities; Implementation of Academic Standards; Parent and Family Engagement; Local Climate Survey; and Access to a Broad Course of Study.

C-9, APPROVE the Fresno Unified Special Education Local Plan Area's Local Plan for the 2025/26 School Year

APPROVED as recommended, the Fresno Unified School District 2025/26 Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan. The Local Plan is made up of four sections: contacts and certifications, governance and administration, the annual budget plan, and the annual service plan.

C-10, APPROVE Comprehensive Safe School Plans for the 2025/26 School Year

APPROVED as recommended, the 2025/26 Comprehensive Safe School Plans for all schools.

C-11, APPROVE Retiree Contracts for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 School Years

APPROVED as recommended, is a list of retiree contracts recommended for approval to provide services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 School Years.

C-12, APPROVE Annual Service Agreements - Primary Report

APPROVED as recommended, annual service agreements – primary report. Agreements will begin after Board approval and will end no later than June 30, 2026.

C-13, APPROVE Annual Service Agreements - Supplemental Report

APPROVED as recommended, annual service agreements – supplemental report.

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

“Agenda item C-13 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the CSU Fresno Foundation.

I did not participate in the making of the agreement related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, 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 approved agenda item C-13, Approve Annual Service Agreements - Supplemental Report 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.

C-14, APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding between Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Teachers Association regarding Elimination of the Designated Schools Program

APPROVED as recommended, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Teachers Association (FTA) regarding the elimination of the Designated Schools Program.

C-15, APPROVE Agreement with California Office to Reform Education for Shared Principal II Services on Loan to California Office to Reform Education

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement between Fresno Unified School District and the California Office to Reform Education (CORE) for the shared services of Principal II, Maria Lynn Rocha Salazar, on loan to CORE as of August 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

C-16, APPROVE Agreement with Career Nexus

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Career Nexus to continue the sub-lease agreement for the College and Career Readiness Center, located on the corner of Shields and Millbrook Avenues.

C-17, APPROVE Agreement with DoubleTree by Hilton

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with DoubleTree by Hilton to host the Nutrition Services Mandatory All Staff Meeting for the 2025/26 School Year.

C-18, APPROVE Agreement with Exceptional Parents Unlimited

APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Exceptional Parents Unlimited. Exceptional Parents Unlimited will receive funding from the Fresno Unified Early Learning Department through the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program Grant. Grant funding will be used to improve instruction and accessibility to indoor and outdoor environments at Exceptional Parents Unlimited classrooms to increase participation of children with disabilities, including severe disabilities.

C-19, APPROVE Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Valley State University

APPROVED as recommended, an Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Fresno Unified School District and Fort Valley State University, a public Historically Black College and University (HBCU)

C-20, APPROVE Workers' Compensation Insurance

APPROVED as recommended, a quotation received from the district's insurance broker, Marsh & McLennan Agency, for the district's Excess Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage. The policy period will extend from July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

C-21, Approve Legal Services Agreements for 2025/26

APPROVED as recommended, a list of legal firms recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2025/26 fiscal year. The list includes the firm name, location, and the 2024/25 and 2025/26 attorney hourly rate(s).

C-22, APPROVE Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts in 2025/26

APPROVED as recommended, two piggyback contracts for use during 2025/26 for efficient and cost-effective procurement. This is in addition to the piggyback contracts approved by the Board previously, to allow for expedited purchases related to delivery services of disposable paper products and food items. Use of piggyback contracts is allowed under Public Contract Codes 10299 and 20118 and is a procurement best practice that takes advantage of competitive pricing from a contract formally bid by another school district or public agency.

C-23, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-41, Fresno High School New Cafeteria

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-41, Fresno High School New Cafeteria. The project consists of a new 17,017 square foot cafeteria building.

The new two-story cafeteria includes a fully functional kitchen with a walk-in refrigerator, freezer and dedicated dry storage space. Staff recommend the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Marko Construction Group, Inc. (Fresno, California) \$14,182,452.

C-24, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-45, Hoover High School Concrete Sidewalks and Seat Wall Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, is information on Bid 25-45, Hoover High School Concrete Sidewalks and Seat Wall Replacement. This project consists of concrete improvements in the quad to allow for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, including an ADA parking stall and ramp. Also included are concrete seat walls for upgraded outdoor student seating. Staff recommend award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: BDM, Inc. (Hanford, California) \$424,875.

C-25, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-61, Bullard High School Pool Shade Structure Installation

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-61, Bullard High School Pool Shade Structure Installation. The project consists of installing a shade structure at the west pool bleachers and miscellaneous accessibility upgrades. Staff recommend the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Landmark Associated Builders, Inc. (Downey, California) \$247,500.

C-26, APPROVE Award of Bid 25-62, Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Calwa, Homan, and Mayfair Elementary Schools and Ahwahnee and Fort Miller Middle Schools

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-62, Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Calwa, Homan, and Mayfair Elementary Schools and Ahwahnee and Fort Miller Middle Schools. The project includes rehabilitating ball fields, restoring running lanes, pitching mounds, batter boxes, and adding infield mix. Staff recommend the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder: Briner & Son, Inc. (Fresno, California) Section A Calwa Elementary School \$125,414, Section B Homan Elementary School \$104,322, and Section C Mayfair Elementary School \$69,452; Elite Landscape Construction, Inc. (Fresno, California) Section D Ahwahnee Middle School \$336,600 and Section E Fort Miller Middle School \$406,100.

C-27, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 25-14, Security Guard Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-14, to provide security patrol and standing guard services for district schools and facilities.

C-28, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 25-20, USDA Commodity Prepared Foods

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-20, to establish fixed pricing for USDA commodity processed beef, chicken, pork, egg, and cheese products for delivery to the Nutrition Center.

Utilizing USDA commodity foods allows schools to contract with state approved commercial food processors to convert raw bulk foods into more convenient, ready-to-use end products to be served in student meals funded by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Commodity foods are offered at a significantly discounted price from commercial products. Staff recommend award of Schedule A line items to the best value bidders: Acxion Foodservice; B&S Marketing, Inc.; Brookwood Farms, Inc.; Buena Vista Foods; Cargill Kitchen Solutions; ES Foods; Goodman Food Products, dba Don Lee Farms; Hormel Food Sales, LLC; J&J Snack Foods Sales Corp.; JTM Provisions Company, Inc.; Let's Do Lunch, Inc.; MCI Foods, Inc.; Out of the Shell, LLC dba Yangs 5th Taste; Red Gold LLC; Rich Chicks, LLC; Richandre, Inc.; S.A. Piazza & Assoc., LLC; Savory Life, LLC; Schwan's Food Service, Inc.; Smucker Foodservice, Inc.; Sysco; Tasty Brands; Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.; Wawona Frozen Foods.

C-29, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 25-51, Natural Gas

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-51, Natural Gas, to purchase core natural gas at a capped or fixed rate for all district sites. The procurement of natural gas from a direct supplier allows the district to better manage energy costs, reduce exposure to market fluctuations, and enhances the accuracy of budget forecasting. Staff recommend award to Commercial Energy of Montana, Inc., Commercial Energy of California (Oakland, California) for the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.

C-30, APPROVE Rejection of Bid 25-39, Roosevelt High School New Auxiliary Gym

APPROVED rejection as recommended, Bid 25-39, Roosevelt High School New Auxiliary Gym. The project, as part of an ongoing effort to increase the equity of athletic facilities throughout the district, will add a new 13,300 square foot gymnasium with retractable bleachers which will allow a 918-spectator capacity. Staff recommend rejecting all bids. The project scope will be evaluated for modification and rebid in the future.

C-31, APPROVE Rejection of Bid 25-54, Fresno High School Pool Improvements

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 25-54, Fresno High School Pool Improvements. The project consists of resurfacing the pool, replacing mechanical equipment, diving boards, and miscellaneous accessibility upgrades. Staff recommend rejecting all bids. The project scope will be evaluated for modification and rebid in the future.

C-32, RATIFY Acceptance of Award Letter from Menlo EDU

RATIFIED as recommended, an award letter from Menlo Edu approving Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning's grant application. The award amount is \$29,130. Funds will be used to support the development of a theory of action aligned with the Fresno Unified School District's Mathematics Vision Statement. The period of performance aligned with funds ends September 30, 2025.

C-33, RATIFY Agreement with Black Students of California United

RATIFIED as recommended, a request for the Board to ratify an agreement with Black Students of California United (BSCU) to continue supporting the Bullard High School Social Justice Project, which was started during the 2023/24 Academic Year. The Bullard High School Social Justice Project initiatives began early in the 2024/25 Academic Year to ensure continuity of learning and build upon the progress made in the prior year. The request to ratify the agreement with BSCU is based on the timeline of the Provident National Corporation (PNC) Foundation Grant disbursement, which occurred in February 2025, with funds becoming available in March 2025. In order for the work to be completed this year, the work had to begin as soon as possible.

C-34, RATIFY Agreement with California School Management Systems, Inc.

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with California School Management Systems, Inc. (CSM, Inc.) CSM facilitates the district's federal E-Rate program for school internet access, telecommunications, bus wi-fi, internal connections, and basic maintenance. The federal E-Rate program funds between 85% and 90% of the cost of these services for the district.

C-35, RATIFY Agreement with the San Diego County Office of Education

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) to provide subcontracted support to Fresno Unified School District in the development of the California Department of Education 2026 Personal Finance Curriculum Guide. SDCOE will assist with implementation strategies, instructional approaches, community outreach models, and post feedback revisions. The \$20,000 subcontract is funded by the California Department of Education (CDE) agreement and supports final approval of the curriculum by May 2026.

C-36, RATIFY Change Orders

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

- Bid 23-23, Ericson Elementary School New Multipurpose Building and Interim Housing
Change Order 10 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$48,483
- Bid 23-33, Del Mar Elementary School New Multi-Purpose Building
Change Order 5 (MPB) presented for ratification: \$101,426
Change Order 6 (New Kindergarten Bldg., Admin and Library Mod) presented for ratification: \$165,272
- Bid 24-92, Cambridge High School Sitework and Portable Improvement
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$-5,059
Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$73,951

- Bid 24-94 Section A, Burroughs Elementary School Playground Replacements
Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$19,570
- Bid 25-12, Sunnyside High School Chiller Replacements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$43,951

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. Jacquelyn Fargano asked that the Tiger Rescue Team be allowed to reestablish work to trap two community cats on the Edison High School campus.

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 7:45 p.m.