

**MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Fresno Unified School District
January 25, 2017**

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Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno California, 93721.

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on January 25, 2017 there were present Student Board Members Riar and Alternate Alvarez. Board Members Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Ashjian. Superintendent Hanson was also present. Student Board Member McCoy absent.

Board President Ashjian convened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items 1 through 7. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:47 p.m.

Staff Present

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Associate Superintendent Aguilar, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Idsvoog, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Information Officer Arias, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Executive Director of Constituent Services Plascencia, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey and Chief of Staff Nelson.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Worker's Compensation Settlement on Terry West, case number 2014-0567.
- By a vote of 7-0-0-0, the Board took action in Closed Session for a Worker's Compensation Settlement on Laura Garcia, case number 2010-0984.
- By a vote of 6-0-1-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to file a writ of review with the 5th District Court of Appeals in *Vue v. Fresno Unified School District*, Fresno Superior Court Case No. 15CECG0206. ABSENTIONS: Board Member Mills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Isaac Dougherty, a recent graduate and recipient of ACSA's "Every Student Succeeding" award, led the flag salute.

APPROVE Minutes

Approved as recommended, with correction to page nine, the draft minutes for the December 14, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Member Mills requested a correction to page

nine, in the motion for approval, to reflect that there was a request to have Board Bylaw 9233 and 9140 modified. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, which carried a vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas left the dais and returned later in the meeting.

ADOPT Resolution Proclaiming the Month of February 2017 as African American History Month

The Board of Education adopted a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2017 as African American History Month. All schools were encouraged to celebrate the contributions of African Americans throughout the month of February through the use of curricular materials and other school-related activities. Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a vote of 8-0-0-1, as follows: AYES: Student Board Member Riar and Alternate Alvarez. Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas absent for the vote.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Jennifer Garcia ASB Commissioner of Link Crew and SAB Representative from Roosevelt High School provided a report to the Board of Education, sharing details from their Student Advisory Board meeting and ongoing events at Roosevelt. Jennifer Garcia thanked Trustee Jonasson Rosas for attending their SAB meeting and thanked her for answering questions. In addition, Tehipite Middle School student ambassadors were also introduced and given the opportunity to share highlights of various school activities and experiences.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Superintendent shared highlights of Addicott Elementary's open house, showing off the site's new modernized buildings and campus. Addicott serves Fresno Unified's most medically fragile and severely disabled students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The Superintendent thanked Fresno voters who passed Measure Q making the \$2.5 million modernization possible. Superintendent went on to thank Addicott Principal Katrina Pleshe, community partners who made the open house possible and the Fansler Foundation for their generous grant providing equipment for the amazing sensory room.
- With approval of agenda item A-11, the district will officially launch the new emergency notification system, "Rapid Alert". The launch will include, principal talking points, posters, fact sheets and TV commercials on a number of local stations, and in multiple languages. A test message will go out to parents and guardians with easy to follow instructions on how to Opt In.
- Superintendent Hanson ended his remarks by noting a discussion on the upcoming initiative to add Health and Wellness Centers on school campuses scheduled for the February 8th Board Meeting.

On a motion by Member De La Cerda, seconded by Member Davis, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items: A-3, A-5, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12 and A-13 which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Member Riar and Alternate Alvarez, Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1, APPROVE Personnel List

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

A-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 January 11, 2017, Regular Board Meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2016/17

PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended Budget Revision No. 2 for fiscal year 2016/17. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of Education for approval. Budget Revision No. 2 includes adjustments for updated information and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the importance of more instructional materials in the classroom, clarification on adjustments to the CTE grants, the need for two data specialist and a customer service specialist, the community school liaison expenditure, the increase to the Children's Center Fund, mobile finger printing, new hires and mobile finger printing, library supplies, several items are included in the budget revision and some the board are seeing for the first time, and why there is no backup material for each item. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ruth Quinto, Executive Officer Sally Fowler, Chief Human Resources/Labor Relations Officer Paul Idsvoog, Chief of Staff Bob Nelson, Executive Officer Tammy Townsend and Phil Skei with Reform Fresno were available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-4, APPROVE Agreement with Claremont Partners

APPROVED, as recommended an agreement with Claremont Partners to provide review and analysis of medical claims related to outpatient imaging (x-ray, MRI and CT scan) services for preferred provider (PPO) health plan participants. The goal is improved cost transparency, informed consumer purchasing and lower plan costs for these services.

A-5, APPROVE Annual Agreement with the California Office to Reform Education
PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended an Independent Contractor Services Agreement and Statement of Work with the California Office to Reform Education (CORE) Districts to provide support to Fresno Unified School District's collaboration with the other CORE districts. The CORE districts are a collaboration of school districts working together to improve student achievement through highly productive, meaningful partnership and learning between member school districts. Currently eight school districts serving more than one million students participate in the collaborative: Fresno, Garden Grove, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Ana Unified.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the cost of the annual agreement, the lateness of receiving the agreement and if the board will be able to review again in June. Superintendent Hanson, and Executive Director Dave Calhoun, were available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-6, APPROVE Agreement for External Audit Services

APPROVED, as recommended a Request for Proposal (RFP) for external auditing services. Request for Proposal (RFP) 17-08 was lawfully advertised on September 26 and October 3, 2016, with proposals due October 31, 2016. Two firms responded to the RFP. The Audit Committee met on December 7, 2016 where the two firms presented their proposals. After careful consideration and based on their superior qualifications, the Audit Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Education that Crowe Horwath be awarded the external audit services contract pending contract term negotiations.

A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 17-02, Bread Products

APPROVED, as recommended Bid 17-02 to establish pricing for bread products, such as whole wheat sandwich bread and hamburger buns, served in the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program. The request for bid was lawfully advertised on July 20, 2016 and July 27, 2016. The bids were opened on August 3, 2016. Notifications were sent to six (6) vendors, and the district received three (3) responses. The bid is for a one-year term price agreement with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Bimbo Bakeries USA, (Fresno, California)	\$491,720
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A-8, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Good Company Players

PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended a comprehensive, standards-based production for all fifth grade students to be produced and performed by Good Company Players in April 2017.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the importance of this item for all fifth graders, a thank you to the Farber's for their contribution, and it was suggested by Board member Johnson to recognize Audra McDonald as a Roosevelt graduate and product of the Good Company Players. Manager Catherine Aujero was available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Johnson moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 5-0-0-2 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda and Jonasson Rosas.

A-9, APPROVE Agreement with Hanover Research

PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended an agreement with Hanover Research. Hanover Research (HR) will support Fresno Unified in exploring a number of initiatives, which may include but not limited to, data analysis and assessment practices evaluation.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the data information that was requested for each of the high schools and middle schools. Superintendent Hanson, Associate Superintendent Aguilar, and Executive Director Calhoun were available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Ashjian moved for approval, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 5-0-0-2 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas and Mills.

A-10, APPROVE Renewal of Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Panorama, Inc. for Survey Administration and Reporting Service

PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended a contract for Panorama Inc. to provide support to the Fresno Unified School District's student, staff, and parent survey initiatives. Pursuant to this agreement, the contractor will support online student, staff, and family survey programs for the district, including survey administration and reporting.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding concerns around work already being done prior to the contract coming to the board and if the contract will come back to the board for review at the end of the school year. Associate Superintendent Aguilar, and Executive Director Calhoun were available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-11, APPROVE Service Agreements with Media Partnerships for Community Outreach and Communication

PULLED for discussion

APPROVED, as recommended Service agreements from KFSN, KSEE/KGPE, Univision and AMP TV to facilitate a comprehensive information and outreach effort in the areas of the Emergency Text Notification System, Cyber Safety, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, CTE programs, enrollment dates and partnerships, opportunities to recover student credits and district employment recruitment.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding concerns about the type of work that would be conducted using these funds and whether or not we reached out to our media outlets for free air time. Administrative Analyst Idsvoog was available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 4-2-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, and Johnson. NOES: Board Member Mills and President Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

A-12, RATIFY the Filing of Notice of Completion for the Following Project

PULLED for discussion

RATIFIED, as recommended Notice of Completion for the following project, which has been completed according to plans and specifications:

Bid 16-18 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Conversion 2016 Row 2

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding if fueling our buses is faster now that we have our own pumps, and reasons for abstaining to the vote. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member De La Cerda, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Mills. ABSTENTION: President Ashjian. ABSENT: Jonasson Rosas.

Superintendent Hanson left the board meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto assumed his seat on the dais.

A-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders from October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016

PULLED for discussion

RATIFIED, as recommended purchase orders issued from October 1, 2016, through October 31, 2016. Purchase orders for \$10,000 or more are presented first, followed by purchase orders for less than \$10,000. A list of purchase orders issued for Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts is also provided.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding reasons for abstaining to the vote. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, De La Cerda, Johnson, and Mills. ABSTENTION: President Ashjian. ABSENT: Jonasson Rosas.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Francine and Murry Farber – Spoke about Agenda Item A-8 - Approve Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Good Company Players. Mr. Farber wanted to clarify that the \$28,000 for this item would not be coming out of district funds that it was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Farber, and the importance of exposing your young students to the Arts.

Chrissy Kelly – Spoke about the inadequate facilities and the segregation of students at Starr Elementary.

Kenneth R. Mackie from the law firm of Canelo, Wallace, Padron & Mackie speaking on behalf of Fresno Watchdogs for Ethical Bidding – Spoke about his complaint filed with the Fair Political Practice Commission regarding alleged conflict of interest violations by a trustee.

Willie Lopez from the Fresno Immigration Coalition – Would like the district to adopt a resolution recognizing the Fresno Unified School District as safe haven for students and families.

Board Member Jonasson Rosas returned to the board meeting at 7:54 p.m.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Agenda Item B-14, Present Update for the Joint Health Management Board

The Board of Education was provided an update regarding the Joint Health Management Board's (JHMB) strategic work for the past year, which included a short financial summary of the Health Fund's performance during a period of intense cost pressures and regulatory reform. In addition, the overview discussed processes to maximize outcomes, highlight JHMB's strategy and goals for 2016/17 and recognize health/wellness champions for their work and site contributions toward improved employee health and long-term sustainability of the medical benefit.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Ruth F. Quinto

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the board and staff was available to respond.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding the Wellness Program and the March of Dimes Walk, challenges the schools put on, and a thank you to all the individuals who give of their time to serve on the JHMB committee. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto and JHMB committee member Viola Schubert were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required for this item.

Agenda Item B-15, Present and Discuss Overview of Governor's 2017/18 Proposed Budget

Governor Brown released his proposed 2017/18 State Budget on January 10, 2017. Staff attended a School Services of California workshop focused on the new budget on January 17, 2017 to receive the most updated information. This information was presented to the Board of Education at the January 25, 2017 Board meeting. The presentation and discussion outlined the Governor's 2017/18 Proposed Budget.

Presentation by Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Ruth F. Quinto

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the board and staff was available to respond.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding concerns that we are still not reaching all of our targeted groups, what are we doing differently, have we addressed the ACLU's complaint, concern that the Board needs to be cautious when looking beyond the 2017/18 fiscal year as the economy is not as robust as before, clarity on proposition 51, Student Advisory Board and their involvement in the LCAP, and clarification on the additional cost to Fresno Unified for CalSTRS and CALPERS. Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Executive Officer Jacquie Canfield, Executive Officer Tammy Townsend, and Chief Operations Officer Karin Temple were available to answer questions and provide clarification. No action was required for this item.

Agenda Item B-16, Discuss and Approve the Appointments of Board Members to Committees and Organizations

The Board of Education received a roster of organizations and committees to which Board Members are appointed each year. The Board President solicited input from members as to their preferences and announced the appointments.

Presentation led by Board President Ashjian

An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the board.

For the record, comments/questions were made regarding concerns that each board member was not polled or solicited for their preference, that there is an unequal distribution of board members to board committees, the commitment to some committees may be too much for some board members, correction to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Trustee Mills is the voting representative and Trustee Ashjian is the alternate. Board President Ashjian was available to answer questions and provide clarification. Member Mills moved for approval, seconded by Member Jonasson Rosas, which carried a 6-1-0-0 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, De La Cerda, Johnson, Jonasson Rosas, Mills and President Ashjian. NOES: Board Member Davis.

The Board of Education recessed back to Closed Session to discuss the remaining items at 9:19 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

There was nothing to report out of the remaining closed session agenda.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ashjian declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2017 – OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.