Fresno, California  
March 7, 2018  
Office of the Board of Education, Fresno Unified School District Board Room, 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 7, 2018, there were present Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and President Jonasson Rosas. Superintendent Nelson was also present. Absent: Board Member De La Cerda.

Board Member Johnson arriving at 5:31 p.m.

President Jonasson Rosas convened the Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room and Adjourned to Closed Session to address items 1 through 6. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

Staff Present  
Deputy Superintendent/CFO Quinto, Chief Academic Officer Mecum, Administrator Christensen, Chief Operations Officer Temple, Chief Technology Officer Madden, Chief Information Officer Arias, Executive Director of Student Services Dorsey, Executive Director Wendy McCulley, Administrative Analyst Bonilla and Chief of Staff David Chavez.

Reporting Out of Closed Session
- On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Ashjian, by the following vote of 5-0-0-2, the Board took action to non-reelect four probationary certificated employees at the conclusion of the 2017/18 school year. Absent: Board Member De La Cerda and Johnson.
- By a vote of 5-0-1-1, the Board took action to issue notice to employee 1053262 that they may be released from their administrative position and reassigned to a classroom teaching position. Absent: Board Member De La Cerda. Abstention: Board Member Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Sharhonda Mahan, a parent that has had a positive impact at Williams Elementary School led the flag salute.
RECOGNIZE Mr. John Lawson for His Contributions to the Fresno Community

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognized Mr. John Lawson who attended Fresno High School before leaving in 1956 without having attained his diploma. Through his hard work and perseverance, Mr. Lawson has achieved a high level of success in the trucking business and has contributed generously to the Fresno Community.

Public Comment:

Howard Watkins – Congratulated Mr. John Lawson and thanked the district for honoring Mr. Lawson with an honorary diploma.

The Board took a ten-minute recess.

RECOGNIZE North Yosemite League Unified Sports Soccer Co-Champions

The Board of Education and Fresno Unified School District congratulated Hoover and Sunnyside High Schools for becoming the inaugural North Yosemite League Unified Sports Soccer Co-Champions for 2017/2018. Fresno Unified is dedicated to embracing inclusionary practices, where it is not about including students with disabilities, but embracing all students and celebrating diversity.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

Student Spencer Jarocki from Bullard High School provided a report to the board. At the SAB meeting, students discussed the potential for a student walkout but decided the most effective plan of action was to encourage students to work with site leaders to create on-campus student voice opportunities. Spencer thanked the district for recent new construction on Bullard’s campus and for providing buses for the Bullard Basketball Valley Game. He also shared recent news from Bullard High School including approximately 500 students turning out for the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance, a successful blood drive and a new outlet to provide student voice on campus called a “TOWN HALL” discussion. Seniors are excited to be receiving decisions from colleges and are thankful for counselors for pushing them to succeed. Currently, Bullard has 68 potential valedictorians. Also, students from Baird Middle School shared with the board the extracurricular activities they are involved in and what they love about their school.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Recognized National School Social Work Week (March 5-9). The district appreciates all of our school social workers who make an impact on students, families and staff every day. School social workers enhance our district’s ability to meet our academic mission, especially where home, school and community collaboration is key to achieving student success. School social workers treat the whole child. This year’s theme for School Social Work Week is “United to Make a Better World” and every day in our schools, Fresno Unified social workers make a better world for our students, their families and staff. They are vital, valuable and visible on our campuses.
- Recognized Kings Canyon Middle School landscape students who swept the top three awards in the high school division at the 9th annual Mini Landscape Competition at the Fresno Home and Garden Show.
- Recognized Bullard Knights basketball team who gave it their all this past weekend in the Central Section Division I Boys Basketball Championship at Selland Arena. Nelson says he enjoyed watching the game and the team played like champions.
- Recognized Unified Sports League teams for giving students in special education an opportunity to play sports alongside students in general education in a competitive environment. Soccer
teams from Roosevelt, Fresno High, Hoover and McLane all had an opportunity to play against one another.

- Commended the district’s Transportation team, headed by Reggie Ruben, for safely transporting all sixth grade students at Muir Elementary School home from Calvin Crest during last week’s extreme weather and snowy road conditions. Our bus drivers also took charge and shuttled Madera Unified students who were stranded to meet their buses in Oakhurst. Thank you for your professionalism and putting students first!

- The district recently launched a new video series called “Faces of Fresno Unified.” Every Monday, the weekly series highlights one of our many dedicated employees and the work they do on behalf of our 74,000 students. You can find the videos on our district website and social media pages. This past weekend, Fresno Unified’s Building Futures newspaper won an Award of Merit for Excellence in Communications from the California School Public Relations Association or CalSPRA. Building Futures is published 11 times per year and distributed to 155,000 residences and businesses in Fresno. Thank you to Anne Ellis, Community Relations Officer who facilitates and writes a majority of the stories you see in Building Futures.

- Thanked Joel Baum from Gender Spectrum for facilitating workshops at the Education Center on the Foundations of Gender Inclusive Schools. The workshops were designed to establish a basic understanding of gender diversity, approaches to apply to professional practice in schools, basic gender concepts and terminology as well as provide resources and tools for working with students, parents and colleagues.

- Encouraged all district employees and community members interested in becoming a teacher to attend the Aspiring Teacher Expo on Tuesday, March 20 at McLane High School. Find out about the district’s teacher pipeline programs and opportunities to connect with university representatives.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no individuals for this portion of the agenda.

On a motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Cazares, the consent agenda, exclusive of agenda items A-13, A-17, and A-18 which were pulled for further discussion, was approved on a roll call vote of 8-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Student Board Members Riar and Rivera, Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.

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 February 21, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

A-3, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meetings
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the November 15, 2017 Regular Meeting.
A-4, APPROVE the Proposed Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2018/19 and the 2019/20 School Years
APPROVED as recommended, the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years. These dates will not preclude either additions or changes any time throughout the year.

A-5, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fortson Consulting, LLC
APPROVED as recommended, an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Fortson Consulting, LLC for assistance in the Administrative Services Division. The term of the contract is March 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and will not exceed 46 days.

A-6, APPROVE Agreement with Wonder Valley Ranch (River Way Outdoor Education)
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Wonder Valley Ranch for the purpose of hosting outdoor education school for Roeding Elementary. Roeding Elementary was scheduled to attend sixth grade camp at Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School (Camp Green Meadows) October 9-13, 2017; however, due to the Railroad Fire in the Sierras, Roeding had to cancel their reservation. Due to impacted camp schedules and site activity/testing calendars, Roeding was unable to reschedule with any of the other established outdoor education facilities. Wonder Valley Ranch (River Way Outdoor Education) is able to accommodate Roeding for the dates of March 19-21, 2018, which aligns with the site’s master calendar and assessment schedules.

A-7, APPROVE Addendum to Independent Contractor Services Agreement and New Independent Contractor Services Agreement with California Teaching Fellows Foundation
APPROVED as recommended, an addendum to an existing Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the California Teaching Fellows Foundation in the amount of $63,373 and a new Independent Contractor Services Agreement in the amount of $18,087 to provide tutoring and support services for students as outlined in each schools Single Plan for Student Achievement. In addition, some of the services provided by this vendor will support the Board’s investment to increase personalized learning after school targeted to serve English Learner, foster, and socio-economically disadvantaged students to promote academic achievement and reduce disproportionality.

A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid E21001, Point to Point Connection for load-balanced FCOE Internet Connection
APPROVED as recommended, Bid E21001, for Point to Point Connection for load-balanced FCOE Internet Connection. This data connection provides another connection to FCOE for a load-balanced Internet connection. The request for bids was lawfully advertised on January 30, 2018 and February 6, 2018 and also posted on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) website on January 24, 2018 per FCC rules. Notifications were sent to 23 vendors, and the district received one response. Bids were opened on February 23, 2018. This bid response included the costs over 20 years with an initial 5-year contract.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Vast Networks (CVIN) (Fresno, CA) $255,500
A-9, APPROVE Award of RFP E21002, Network Equipment and Optics for Internal Network Connections
APPROVED as recommended, RFP E21002, to provide network equipment and optics for the network that connects all school sites and the Education Center. The equipment includes carrier-grade routing switches and high-speed optical transceivers. The request for bids was lawfully advertised on January 25, 2018 and February 1, 2018 and posted on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) website on January 22, 2018 per FCC rules. Notifications were sent to fifteen (15) vendors, and the district received nine (9) responses. RFP’s were due February 21, 2018.

Based on an extensive review, staff recommends award to the best value respondent.

Development Group Inc. (Redding, CA) $500,222

A-10, APPROVE Adoption of Resolution HR 17-40 Food Service Operator – Education Center Position, Job Description, Designation as Classified, Non-Exempt
APPROVED as recommended, Resolution HR 17-40 to create the position and adopt the job description of Food Service Operator – Education Center. In collaboration with the California School Employees Association, Fresno Chapter 143, Food Services Unit the Food Service Operator job description has been revised with updated language specific to the Education Center related to duties, licenses and other requirements, requisite knowledge and abilities. In addition, this job description has been updated to reflect the Board’s Core Beliefs and Commitments and District Goals. The Food Service Operator – Education Center position is designated Classified, non-exempt and to be placed on F-10 of the Classified Salary Schedule.

A-11, APPROVE Submission of Grant Applications to the California Department of Education Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant Program
APPROVED as recommended, the submission of grant applications to the California Department of Education for the 2018/19 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). The FFVP provides funding for individually packaged fresh fruit and vegetable snacks daily at elementary schools. Funding is sought for all 66 elementary schools that meet the eligibility criteria of 50% or more students eligible for free/reduced-price meals, and grant awards will be based on these percentages. Fresno Unified has received FFVP grant funding for multiple years, and leads the state in the number of schools participating. There is no required district match.

A-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 18-16, Kings Canyon Middle School Underground Water Piping Replacement
APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-16, to replace the underground hot/chilled water piping at Kings Canyon with new welded steel piping infrastructure. The existing underground piping requires replacement due to corrosion, leaking, and lack of reliability. The new piping is essential for the unit ventilators (components of the HVAC system) to provide cold and warm air for the entire school site, and will also improve energy efficiency and conserve water.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Strategic Mechanical, Inc. (Fresno, California) $765,750
A-13,  APPROVE Award of Bid 18-20, Gaston Middle School Portable Classroom Relocation and Infrastructure

APPROVED as recommended, Bid 18-20, for relocation of four portable classrooms from Wishon Elementary School to Gaston Middle School, and construction of related infrastructure including concrete pads with ramps and utility hook-ups. The portable classrooms were master planned into the campus design for potential future installation, and are now needed to accommodate additional teaching staff based on projected enrollment and associated class size impacts. The site map in the Board binders shows the location of the portables, which has been identified in collaboration with site administration.

Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

    Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. (Fresno, California) $683,000

Prior to the vote Board Member Ashjian read the following statement:

"Davis Moreno Construction, Inc., is one of the bidders for Bid Number 18-20 identified in Item A-13. I have done business with Davis Moreno in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified beginning at least five years prior to my election to this Board. I did not participate in making this contract. Therefore, I am abstaining from the vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270."

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Cazares, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.

A-14,  RATIFY California State University, Fresno Foundation Sub-Award Agreement

RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement from the California State University, Fresno Foundation. Fresno Unified will receive funding through a grant awarded to the university by the S. D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation.

The New Generation Educator’s Initiative Grant will provide funding to create a collaborative learning environment between districts and institutions of higher education to improve the capacity for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) instruction, co-teaching, enhanced fieldwork, and action research across multiple districts.

A-15,  RATIFY Amended Agreement Between Fresno Unified School District and State Center Community College District for Adult Education Consortium Staff Reimbursement of Costs

RATIFIED as recommended, the 2017/18 agreement between Fresno Unified School District and State Center Community College District for the reimbursement of a loan of staff to the State Center Adult Education Consortium (SCAEC). The district will be reimbursed for the full salary and benefits from the SCAEC funding (Assembly Bill 104 Adult Education Block Grant). Additional reimbursement in the amendment will total $31,873.
A-16, RATIFY the CalEd Grant Application: Helping School Districts Address the Demand for Credentialed Teachers and Highly Qualified Administrators
RATIFIED as recommended, an award from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – California Center on Teaching Careers for the CalEd Grant: Helping School Districts Address the Demand for Credentialed Teachers and Highly Qualified Administrators.

The $524,315 in grant funds will provide targeted professional learning, clinical experiences, and principal mentoring in support of aspiring and new site administrators. The program runs through the 2019/20 school year and is designed to enhance and develop the existing leadership development pipeline.

A-17, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below
RATIFIED as recommended, Change Orders for the following projects.

Bid 17-27R, Section A-B, Edison and Roosevelt High Schools Tennis Courts Improvements Rebid
   Change Order 2: $ 9,920 (Roosevelt)
   Change Order 1: $62,605 (Edison)

Bid 17-30, Design Science High School Portable Campus Addition
   Change Order 4: $ 2,250

Bid 18-02, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Modernization Project
   Change Order 1: $ 9,273

Prior to the vote Board Member Ashjian read the following statement:
"Included in item A-17 are change orders for construction projects involving Davis Moreno Construction (Bid No. 17-27R and 17-30) and Mark Wilson Construction (Bid No. 18-02).

I have done business with Davis Moreno and Mark Wilson Construction in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified beginning at least five years prior to my election to this Board. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of my relationship with these companies, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270"

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.

A-18, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion for the Following Projects
RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications.

Bid 16-31, Turner Elementary School New Classroom and Administration Buildings
Bid 17-24, Centennial, Del Mar, & Roeding Elementary Schools Chiller Replacements
Bid 17-30, Design Science High School Portable Campus Addition
Bid 17-39, 2017 Summer Portable Relocation and Infrastructure
Prior to the vote Board Member Ashjian read the following statement:
“Included in item A-18 are notices of completion for construction projects involving Davis Moreno Construction (Bid No. 17-30 and 17-39).

I have done business with Davis Moreno in my private capacity on other projects not involving Fresno Unified beginning at least five years prior to my election to this Board. I did not participate in making these contracts. Because of my relationship with Davis Moreno, I have a remote financial interest in these contracts. Therefore, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Mills, which carried a 5-0-1-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Ashjian. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Andrew Fabela – Spoke about safety and cited an example from an Oregon district who is trying to do something innovative by providing police officers meals.
Pastor D.J. Criner – Spoke about African American Student Academics. Kids are graduating but they do not have the knowledge required for success. Encouraged the district to invest more resources to African American students.
Bishop Jerold Westbrooks – Spoke about the community helping the district help them in support African American students. Encouraged other community members to get involved.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5 all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative.

Presentation by Administrator Brian Christensen

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

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Mills moved for ratification, seconded by Member Davis, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.
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An opportunity was provided to hear questions/concerns from members of the Board and staff was available to respond.

For the record, there were no comments/questions. Member Mills moved for ratification, seconded by Member Ashjian, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.

Agenda Item B-21, Present and Discuss the 2018/19 Strategic Budget Development
At the January 24, 2018, February 7, 2018, and February 21, 2018 Board of Education meetings, the 2018/19 Governor’s Proposed Budget and the District’s preliminary strategic budget development were discussed. On March 7, 2018, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

Presentation by CFO/Chief Financial Officer Ruth Quinto and staff

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

Department of Prevention and Intervention:
For the record, there were comments/questions regarding how many people would be added to the SARB/Attendance department, what is your projected increase that you expect to see in ADA days with the added FTE, if we are successful there will be no cost and we could make this a net neutral, review of the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), how will students be identified, who is going to take responsibility and how quickly will we react, does this system of support work at all grade levels, who is going to connect the dots when we have an eighth graders who move to high school, how many CWA positions (Child Welfare Attendance) will we have, will we have enough with the existing and proposed numbers, the need for a continuum of service, is the MTSS for students with behavior and grades, need to listen to our parents, will peer mentoring be expanded, what background will the Behavior Intervention, Child Welfare and the Attendance Specialists have, will the Project Access Counselors be available at the elementary level, what will the job responsibilities be for the Instructional Specialists and Education Specialist, would like to see what your goals are with the requested investment, how are we involving Ms. McCulley and our African American students, Parent University meeting that connect our parents to resources and partnerships should be conducted in different languages other than Spanish, student expulsions and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools responsibility, how many of your 45 FTE will be deployed to school sites, what type of training will the specialists have provided to them, will they be working with the parents, are we taking into consideration space needed at the sites, data systems, and growing our own.

Department of Early Learning:
For the record, there were comments/questions regarding why the Teen Parent Navigator position is in Early Learning, what is the focus of the position, do we have someone on staff who addresses the needs
of the teen (mother & father), PACE centers, where are the five childhood development centers located, is there any opportunity to expand our centers, how many teen moms with children do we have in our system, where would those students fall in the MTSS, a suggestion that one of the Child Welfare & Attendance Specialist work specifically with the teen parents, do we work with Pregnancy Care Centers, a comment that one specialist is not enough, have we considered creating childcare centers, what kind of supports do we have in Alternative Education, do we prioritize our students at our childcare centers, what are the challenges for a childcare center, we need to invest in childcare centers, and a comment that we need to keep these students academically on track.

**Class Size Reduction Investments:**
For the record, there were comments/questions regarding facility costs due to the recent class size reductions, enrollment of 68,000 students vs. 74,000 which is stated by the district, preschool is included in the 74,000, do all elementary schools have preschools, do we have wait lists for our pre-k programs, and do we offer full day learning.

There is no action required on this item.

**Public Comment:**
**Andrew Fabela** – Asked if the 90 additional teachers that are to be hired due to the class size reduction is above the 63 teachers that will resign by the end of this school year. Suggested that the district may want to reconsider expanding our healthcare clinics and use the money to offer services to our teen parents. Lastly asked if title one funds could be used by parents to request tutoring for their children.

**Agenda Item B-22, Discuss and Approve the 2017/18 Second Interim Financial Report with a Positive Certification**
California school districts are required to approve interim financial reports twice each fiscal year. Fresno Unified School District’s 2017/18 Second Interim Financial Report is presented for approval and reflects a positive certification of the district’s financial condition. The report is based on the January 31, 2018 year-to-date revenue and expenditures as required by state law. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools. A positive certification reflects that the district has the required reserve for economic uncertainties (2%) and has a positive cash balance for the current year and two subsequent years. In addition, the support material reflects a multi-year projected budget for the Unrestricted General Fund and utilizes the state assumptions developed by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.

Presentation by CFO/Chief Financial Officer Ruth Quinto and staff

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

For the record, there were no comments/questions regarding Speech Language Pathology done remotely, would like the district look in how it is done, Speech Language Pathologist being a hard-to-fill position, possible hiring bonus or wage increase, a problem that we need to fix, 24-hour call back policy, captured savings – salaries and benefits of $1.5 million, weight rooms, ADA going down and enrollment going up, and vacant positions and potential positions that can be reclassified. Member Davis moved for approval, seconded by Member Johnson, which carried a 6-0-0-1 vote. AYES: Board Members: Ashjian, Cazares, Davis, Johnson, Mills and Board President Jonasson Rosas. ABSENT: Board Member De La Cerda.
C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS
There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS
Board Member Ashjian – Recognition of city bus driver who assisted a Fresno Unified student, thanked all staff for the great work they are doing and the progress the district is making, special education quick response time, and African America Studies, we need more money and more staff.
Board Member Mills – Would like to see board meeting minutes brought to current, and would like staff to be available to provide clarity when a constituent has misinformation about a topic. The district needs to communicate to the community about what it is doing about safety in our schools.
Board Member Cazares – Have we set a date when the weight rooms are coming back to the board, congratulated the Edison High soccer girls, and asked about college signing day.

D. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to come before the Board, Board President Jonasson Rosas declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.