MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Fresno Unified School District

Fresno, California
February 10, 2021

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the February 10, 2021 Board of Education Special Meeting was held via teleconferencing and was available for all members of the public seeking to observe via http://go.fresnounified.org/ustream/, or on the Ustream App on your Android or Apple device, Comcast Xfinity Channel 94 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or through the following teleconference line:

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At a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on February 10, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatik, Thomas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

Board President Davis CONVENEDE the Special Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSS and Establish the Superintendent’s Goals for 2021
The Board of Trustees of Fresno Unified School District will discuss and establish the Superintendent’s Goals for 2021.

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for this agenda.

For the record, Legal Counsel Mary Egan provided a process overview for the meeting. Superintendent Dr. Nelson provided a response to his evaluation and debriefed the analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT). Superintendent Dr. Nelson provided a brief overview of goals established in 2020 and provided an opportunity for the Board to decide which goals to revisit in 2021 and what other goals, if any, the Board may wish to identify.

For the record, Board Members had questions/comments. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to the metrics and data presented when measuring if a goal is met and by what percentage. Requested a copy of the meeting presentation to help facilitate the conversation. Commented that goals established in 2020 should still apply to 2021.
Requested clarity as to what is being done for Alternative Education. Requested metrics pertaining to lost learning during COVID-19; what resources do we see coming, how will the district use resources, what is the district assessing, how far is the district behind, what does the district need and how much will it cost. Commented on the amount of poverty in the district, and the need for the district to create pathways through the Adult School which could create viable employment opportunities for residents. Commented that utilizing one-time resources to help put students through college would provide long-term benefits. Recommended the district address learning loss during distance learning. Requested a system and protocol be followed for ensuring equal language access. Requested a conversation with community engagement pertaining to police reform. Thanked Superintendent for quick pivot pertaining to Board Member communications. Suggested response to COVID-19 may need to be a separate goal, dividing the health and mental health aspects from the educational. Suggested the need to hire someone to help with management of school reopening. Shared the need for the district to improve on outreach to students.

For the record, Board Members requested to set aside another workshop to discuss the results of this meeting.

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:04 p.m.