## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FARMERSVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## **April 29, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Farmersville Unified School District was held the District Office Board Room, 571 E. Citrus, Farmersville, CA on April 29, 2025.

DATE & PLACE

Trustees Attendance

Alice Lopez, President

Sabrina Gomez, Clerk

Freddy Espinoza, Trustee

Merced Zamora, Trustee

John Alvarez, Trustee

Emmanuel Lopez, Student Board Member

TRUSTEES ATTENDANCE

**ADMINISTRATORS** 

**PRESENT** 

Administration Present

Manuel Mendez, Superintendent

Eduardo Ochoa, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum/Instruction

Lilia Casillas, Director of Special Education

Janie Paz, Hester School Principal

Carlos Nevarez, Snowden School Principal

Chris Sanchez, Farmersville Jr. High School Principal

Dr. Jesus Gonzalez, Farmersville High School Principal

Dr. Cindy Monroy, Freedom Elementary School Principal

Arturo Villarreal, Deep Creek Academy Principal

Tony Melendez, Director of MOTF

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Alice Lopez

FLAG SALUTE

The members of the assemblage pledged allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina

Gomez and carried: (Ayes: Alice Lopez, Freddy Espinoza, Merced Zamora; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstentions: None), the Board approved the

agenda as presented with addendum removal of 11.4.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (4.1)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza and carried: (Ayes: Alice Lopez, Sabrina Gomez, Merced Zamora; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstentions: None), the Board approved the regular meeting minutes for April 8, 2025 with addendum

correcting minutes for April 8<sup>th</sup> 7.1 and 13.6.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

04/08/25 (5.1)

On a motion by Trustee Freddy Espinoza and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora and carried: (Ayes: Alice Lopez, Sabrina Gomez, John Alvarez; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstentions: None), the Board approved the released warrants dated:

APPROVAL OF RELEASED WARRANTS (5.2)

April 3, 2025, in the amount of \$479,538.38 April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$428,385.07 Emmanuel Lopez, Student Board Member, made a report to the Board regarding FHS activities.

AWARDS/ PRESENTATIONS (6.1, 6.2)

Carlos Nevarez, Snowden Principal covered the following topics:

- State Testing Updates At-A-Glance
- Introduced the importance of their team in Maintenance and Information Technology Departments.
- CAASPP in ELA and Math.
- Research Based Practices
- PBIS Affirmations
- K-3 Transition.

Dr. Cindy Monroy, Freedom Principal covered the following topics:

- The importance of building a positive culture at Freedom School.
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support.
- The Right Work and Addressing Tier I
- Academic Progress
- SEL and Behavior.
- Freedom Elementary School's new vision "All Students Learn at High Levels".

Alice Lopez, Board President, read the public comment guidelines.

 Nora Allstedt discussed the Fight for Schools Rally for the Department of Education on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in Hanford. PUBLIC COMMENTS (8.0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S

COMMENTS (8,1)

Manuel Mendez, Superintendent, begins by expressing gratitude to the Farmersville Unified School District (FUSD) staff for their commitment to student learning and emphasizes the ongoing goal of improving instruction and alignment from TK through 12th grade.

Highlights shared:

- Freedom School's Day of Peace
- Mr. Nelson's Guitar Presentation
- Reading on the Lawn at Hester School.

The speech concludes with appreciation for the School Principals.

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SPSA Revision to move Title I Funds.

On a motion by Trustee Freddy Espinoza and seconded by Trustee John Alvarez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CATA Conference to Cal Poly, June 22-26, 2025, in San Luis Obispo, CA.

On a motion by Trustee Freddy Espinoza and seconded by Trustee Merced Zavala, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Field Trip to The Getty Center on May 27, 2025, in Las Angeles, CA.

APPROVAL OF SPSA REVISION TO MOVE TITLE I FUNDS (10.1)

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP TO CATA CONFERENCE (10.2)

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP TO THE GETTY CENTER (10.3)

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On a motion by Clerk Sabrina Gomez and seconded by Freddy Espinoza, and carried: (Ayes: Alice Lopez, Merced Zamora; Noes: None; Abstentions: John Alvarez) to approve Donation from LP West Logistics for Farmersville High School Athletics Program.

APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM LP WEST LOGISTICS FOR FHS ATHLETICS (11.1)

On a motion by Trustee Merced Zamora and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza, the Board voted unanimously for approval of FHS Guitar Presentation at the Next Board Meeting on May 13, 2025.

APPROVAL FHS GUITAR PRESENTATION AT NEXT BOARD MEETING (11.2)

On a motion by Trustee Merced Zamora and seconded by Trustee John Alvarez, the Board voted unanimously for approval of FHS CTE Agriculture Pathway Concrete Slab as a foundation for Horticultural and Rabbit Facility, not for Hog.

APPROVAL FHS CTE PATHWAY FOR NEW HOG AND RABBIT FACILITY (11.3)

Addendum to Remove FHS CTE Agriculture Pathway Concrete Slab as Foundation for New Hog and Rabbit Facility.

ITEM REMOVED: APPROVAL OF FHS CTE PATHWAY FOR HORTICULTURE (11.4)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza, the Board voted unanimously for approval of FHS Field Trip to CSU Monterey Bay, May 15, 2025, in Monterey, CA.

APPROVAL FHS FIELD TRIP TO CSU MONTEREY BAY (11.5)

On a motion by Trustee Merced Zamora and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza, the Board voted unanimously for approval of Trio Summer Program Students to Attend COS on June 9 – July 18, 2025.

APPROVAL OF TRIO SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENTS TO ATTEND COS (11.6)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously for approval to Attend AVID Summer Institute July 30-August 1, 2025, in San Diego, CA.

APPROVAL TO ATTEND AVID SUMMER INSTITUTE (12.1)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously for approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030.

APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT (12.2)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza, the Board voted unanimously for approval of the Sandy Hook Promise Agreement.

APPROVAL OF SANDY HOOK PROMISE AGREEMENT (12.3)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously for approval of Solution Tree Contract.

APPROVAL OF SOLUTION TREE CONTRACT (12.4) On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Freddy Espinoza the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certificated Personnel Report (Item 13.1.1 through 13.1.6).

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT (13.1)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina Gomez the Board voted unanimously to approve the Classified Personnel Report (Item 13.2.1 through 13.2.4).

APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT (13.2)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora and carried: (Ayes: Alice Lopez, Freddy Espinoza Sabrina Gomez 13.3.1 – 13.3.2; Noes: Sabrina Gomez to 13.3.3 only; Absent: None; Abstentions: None),

APPROVAL OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ACTIV ITY COACHING PERSONNEL REPORT (13.3)

The Board reviewed the Personnel Action Report.

PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT REVIEWED (13.4)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina Gomez the Board voted unanimously to approve Adoption of Resolution #18-04-29-25 for Placing a Classified Employee on a 39-Month Re-Employment List.

APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-04-29-25 TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE ON 39-MONTH RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST (13.5)

On a motion by Clerk Sabrina Gomez and seconded by Trustee John Alvarez the Board voted unanimously to approval of Nurse Internship Program and Supervised Fieldwork Agreement between Capella University and Farmersville USD.

APPROVAL OF NURSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AGREEMENT (13.6)

## Trustee John Alvarez

- 1. Requesting new bill for solar panels; site specific.
- 2. Requesting a bond report.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING (14.1)

Maintenance Department Efforts to Support Grounds Upkeep Across FUSD Presentation

MAINTENANCE DEPT PRESENTATION (15.1)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fire Alarm System Change Order-ELOP.

APPROVAL OF FIRE ALARM CHANGE ORDER-ELOP (15.2) On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina Gomez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Ratification of Service Agreement for COLBI System, Simplifies Compliance with CUPCCAA Adherence.

APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COLBI SYSTEM (15.3)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Trustee Merced Zamora, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Ratification for Sierra Range Construction Change Order for Hester School TK-K Modular Buildings.

APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION FOR SIERRA RANGE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER (15.4)

On a motion by Trustee John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina Gomez, the Board voted unanimously for approval of the Legal Services Agreement for the Tulare County Office of Education Legal Services Consortium.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (16.1)

Future regular board meetings will be held on May 13, 2025 and May 27, 2025.

FUTURE MEETING DATES (17.1)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54956.7). It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to review its position and to instruct its designated rep: Agency Designated Representative: Manuel Mendez; Name of Organization: FTA/CSEA/Management; Public Employee Discipline/ Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code §54957); Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) and (e) of section 54956.9: (1 case) and Expulsion of STU 2.

CLOSED SESSION (20.0)

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION** 

The Board did not take action regarding Item 21.1: Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54956.7). It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to review its position and to instruct its designated reps: Agency Designated Representative: Manuel Mendez; Name of Organization: FTA/CSEA/Management.

NO ACTION TAKEN RE: ITEM 21.1

The Board did not taken any action regarding Item 21.2: Public Employee: Discipline/ Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Gov. Code 54957).

NO ACTION TAKEN RE: ITEM 21.2

The Board did not take action regarding Item 21.3: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) and (e) of section 54956.9: (1 case).

NO ACTION TAKEN RE: ITEM 21.3

On a motion by Trustee by John Alvarez and seconded by Clerk Sabrina Gomez, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (22.0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by,

Sabrina Gomez, Clerk of the Board

Manuel Mendez, Superintendent