

Fresno Unified School District  
Board Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: October 07, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM A-13**

**AGENDA SECTION: A**

(A – Consent, B – Discussion, C – Receive, Recognize/Present)

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approve**

(Adopt, Approve, Discuss, Receive, etc.)

**TITLE AND SUBJECT: Approve Award of Bid 21-08, Sunnyside High School Installation of Stadium Turf**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Included in the Board binders is information on Bid 21-08, to install district-supplied synthetic turf at Sunnyside High School Stadium. The project includes removing the existing grass, re-grading the field, improving field drainage, and installing synthetic turf. The new turf will make the stadium available for unlimited football, lacrosse and soccer activities including practices, physical education and band, as well as other district, regional and community events, without the need for routine maintenance such as mowing, edging, over-seeding, leveling, fertilizing and watering. The specified AstroTurf 3D3 system, selected after evaluating multiple options to mitigate concerns with injuries, heat and maintenance, was installed at McLane Stadium in 2019 and is performing well. It provides a heavy root zone and foam underlayment to absorb impact, contains granular rubber infused with organic compounds to reduce field temperatures, and provides a manufactured field design not requiring paint before every game. The turf is in use and recommended by schools throughout the Valley such as Exeter, Madera, Mendota and Tulare. It is also in use at Fresno State's Bulldog Stadium.

The request for bids was lawfully advertised on August 7, 2020. Notifications were sent to 527 firms plus five construction trade publications, and the district received three responses. Bids were opened on September 1, 2020. Staff recommends the Board reject Ardent General Inc.'s bid as non-responsive for listing non-qualified subcontractors to perform related demolition and earthwork, and recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Valley Precision Grading, Inc. (Rancho Cordova, California) \$1,310,000

The district purchased the turf for \$663,000 utilizing a Board approved piggyback contract to mitigate long lead times. The total construction cost of the project is \$1,973,000. The tabulation is attached and bid specifications are available for review in the Purchasing Department.

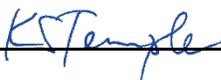
**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:** \$1,310,000 will be made available from Measure M funding.

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**CABINET APPROVAL:** Karin Temple,  
Chief Operating Officer

**SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL:**

  
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**From:** [Communications](#)  
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**Subject:** Summary of the Board of Education Meeting on October 7, 2020  
**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 9:43:34 AM

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## **Summary of the Board of Education Meeting on October 7, 2020 Virtual Meeting**

The October 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education began with the following announcement out of Closed Session

- The Board took action on one workers' compensation settlement

Next, Genevieve Saldaña, SAB representative from Roosevelt High School, shared that they are one of sixteen high schools participating in the Central Valley California Activities & Culture 2020 LEAGUE. Instead of having their traditional "Friday Night Lights and evening sporting events students will be having four weeks of challenges with each day focused on a different population on their campus so they can be participants in challenges of their expertise. Currently, school administration have been surveying students, parents, and teachers to discuss the amount of assignments that are being given to our students on a daily and weekly basis. This will help us understand the stress that all stakeholders have about assignments and class projects.

The School Student Ambassadors from Tehipite Middle School also shared what they love about Tehipite Middle School.

Next, Superintendent Nelson provided a brief report to the Board of Education including:

- Superintendent started by honoring and recognizing our amazing principals across the district during National Principals Month. If you would like to make a "shout out" to a principal, email your "shout out" and a picture to our Communications team at [communications@fresnounified.org](mailto:communications@fresnounified.org) and it might be featured on our district's social media.
- Next, the Superintendent recognized that today is California Clean Air Day, and with the terrible air quality as of late there is no better time to reflect on our work as individuals and as a district to help improve the air quality in our area. A few tips for us all we do our part:
  - Bundle your online purchases to once a week delivery to cut down on transportation and pollution
  - Don't idle your engine
  - Buy your produce locally
  - Bring your own lunch
  - Walk or ride your bike to work
  - And, replace your gas-powered tools with electric or hand operated tools
- Superintendent Nelson reminded everyone that last week we shifted the focus of our

IPledge campaign in October to focus on our support of the Class of 2021. We are making our pledges to support our seniors and specifically we are gathering our teams to join in our Virtual Run/Walk for the Class of 2021 fundraiser for our Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. Normally, at this time each year we are gathering for our State of Education Luncheon, which raised over \$46,000 for our scholarship fund last year. This year we have pivoted to our virtual Run/Walk as we are unable to gather in large groups, and I'm proud to say we have already raised over \$47,000 in sponsorships and tickets sales for the Class of 2021! You have until October 16 to get your tickets for the November 14 virtual run/walk, which includes an awesome swag bag for all participants. So, please head to [Fresnounified.org](https://www.fresnounified.org) to join in.

- Superintendent reported the recent successful General Obligation (GO) bonds sale and several refinancing opportunities, including the central kitchen. Timing on the bond sale was impeccable with an all-time low interest rate environment. Although comments from the Federal Reserve regarding the national inflation policy and the general national economic outlook resulted in investor uncertainty, the district was able to produce a great result. The refinancing GO bonds generated excess demand of 2.5 times the orders with all maturities 100% filled and generated \$10.7 million in savings to the taxpayers at 2.27% interest rate. The measure X bonds generated 2.7 times demand again with all maturities 100% filled at a 2.39% interest rate. And the central kitchen lease refinance resulted in a \$1.2 million savings to the district. In most exciting news, the sale included several local investors including the City of Clovis and Bank of the Sierra. We are fortunate to have these excellent results.
- Superintendent called out the great work of our DEI Praxis Collaborative in getting out the first DEI Newsletter at the end of September. Fresno Unified staff you should have received the link to the newsletter to your district email from Communications. If you click the link, you'll see the great interactive newsletter through Microsoft Sway with recommendations on ways to engage with your own DEI work through the categories of Watch, Read, Act, Celebrate and joining in upcoming events. This work is crucial for each every one of our Fresno Unified staff to be engaged in and you will see this newsletter link in your inbox every other month.
- Superintendent Nelson shared information regarding our students and families utilizing district provided hotspots. We heard from some of our families and students that their hotspot usage slowed down at times and we wanted to provide a bit of clarity. The hotspots provided have 10 gigabytes of data available on them each month, which is more than enough to participate in distance learning. However, it is not more than enough data to utilize other streaming sites for personal use such as downloading movies or watching Netflix. We encourage all of our students and families to ensure that hotspots are being utilized for educational purposes only to avoid any slowdowns in data throughout the month. As always, if you need a hotspot or are having trouble with the hotspot you have been issued please reach out to our FLATS Center at 559-457-3939.

Last, Superintendent Nelson provided a quick update to our entire Fresno Unified Family regarding the County's current status in the State's Reopening tiers and what that means for schools. This Tuesday in the state's update of each county's progress, our case rate per 100,000 residents raised back into the purple tier from the red tier and the positivity rate raised from the orange tier to the red tier. This unfortunately means that our rates are trending upwards and in the wrong direction. We are still in the red tier, but if on Tuesday, October 13 we are still in the purple tier for one or both of the metrics that means our county as a whole moves back to the purple tier, This means that we cannot continue moving forward in any school reopening plans without a waiver and jeopardizes our progress in even our smallest cohorts of high-need students returning for on-campus supervision and support. Please, ensure that you and your loved ones are taking this seriously by continuing to wear your masks, practicing physical distancing of at least 6 feet, and not socially mixing with those outside of your own household. We will keep you all updated as we get more information so stay tuned to our district website, social media, and make sure you're signed up for the ATLAS and EduText with accurate phone numbers to reach you.

Next, the Board of Education took the following action on the below consent agenda items:

- Approved Personnel List
- Approved Minutes from Prior Meeting
- Adopted Resolution in Support of the Declaration of Being an Anti-Racism Institution
- Adopted Resolution in Support of the California Proposition 15, Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative
- Adopted Resolution Delineating Authorized District Agents to Sign on Behalf of Fresno Unified School District
- Approved Use of Individual Piggyback Contracts
- Approved Center for Leadership Equity and Research Service Agreement
- Agreement with City of Fresno Police Department for Student Neighborhood Resource Officers at Middle Schools and DeWolf High School (pulled from agenda)
- Agreement with County of Fresno Sheriff's Office for a Deputy Sheriff at Wawona K-8 School (pulled from agenda)
- Approved Amendment with Education Leadership Foundation Independent Contractors Services Agreement for InterAct Fellows
- Approved Amendment with Rosetta Stone Independent Contractors Services Agreement
- Approved Award of Bid 21-07, McLane High School Fire Alarm Upgrade
- Approved Award of Bid 21-08, Sunnyside High School Installation of Stadium Turf
- Ratified Grant Agreement with Fresno County Transportation Authority for Two New Low Emission School Buses
- Ratified Agreement with Dr. Graphix
- Ratified Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below
  - Bid 19-31 Sections B and C, Lighting Improvements Phase 2: (Section B) Burroughs, Jefferson, and Turner Elementary Schools and Kings Canyon Middle School; (Section C) Ginsburg, Holland, King, and Pyle Elementary Schools
  - Bid 19-42 Sections B, C and D, Lighting Improvements Phase 3: (Section B) Heaton, Manchester, Mayfair, Norseman, Phoenix Academy Elementary Schools and Fresno High School; (Section C) Balderas, Calwa, Greenberg, Storey Elementary Schools, Terronez Middle School and Sunnyside High School; (Section D) Hidalgo, Leavenworth, Lowell Elementary Schools, Edison High School, Cesar Chavez Adult School and The Center for Professional

#### Development

- Bid 20-11, Ericson Elementary School Early Learning Building Construction and Interim Housing Infrastructure
- Bid 20-20, McLane High School Library Modernization
- Bid 20-25, Ahwahnee Middle School HVAC Replacement for Classroom Building
- Bid 20-42 Section C, Exterior Painting at Leavenworth Elementary School and Scandinavian Middle School
- Bid 20-48, Computech Middle School Parking Lot Improvements and Modular Classroom Infrastructure
- Ratified the Filing of Notices of Completion
  - Bid 20-25 Ahwahnee Middle School HVAC Replacement for Classroom Building
  - Bid 20-42 Section B, C, and E, (Section B & E) Exterior Painting at Anthony, Homan, King Elementary Schools and Ventura and 10th; (Section C) Exterior Painting at Leavenworth Elementary School and Scandinavian Middle School
  - Bid 20-43 Section A, B and C, Playground Equipment Installation for Various Elementary Schools
- Ratified Purchase Orders from July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 – Primary Report
- Ratified Purchase Orders from July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 – Supplemental Report (Board member Jonasson- Rosas abstain pursuant Board Bylaw 9270)

Next, the Board of Education discussed the below conference/discussion agenda items:

- Presented and Discussed Fresno Unified School District Transfer Overview

Finally, the Board of Education received the following Information and Reports:

- Received Results of Issuance and Sale and Refunding of General Obligation Bonds and Refinancing of Lease Revenue Bonds

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be a teleconference meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Complete minutes and agendas are available online at [board.fresnounified.org](http://board.fresnounified.org)