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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2021

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3:00 PM OPEN SESSION

Join Zoom Session

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Meeting ID: 823 2550 5575

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nancy Akhavan, Susan Anderson, Dr. Xuanning Fu, Dr. [Dominic Dizon](#) and Dr. Rajee Amarasinghe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Stain, and Dr. Saul Jimenez-Sandoval

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

Visitors Present: Paulina Medina (DON representative), and Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Fu - motion / Anderson - second

3. Public Comment

Public comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard. At this time, anyone present may speak for up to three minutes. Those who wish to speak may **voluntarily** sign in on the Sign-In sheet (or in the Chat if the meeting is held via Zoom).

There was one public question from Paulina Medina regarding when UHS will recharter? Superintendent Hickman addressed the question, stating that due to AB 130 UHS rechartering has been postponed for two years.

4. Executive Reports

- A. ASB President (Sran):** Miss Sran reported that the boys and girls basketball team are doing well this season. She stated that the air quality has had a negative impact on students' quality of life outside. She expressed the stress and excitement the senior class is experiencing as they start to find out which college's they were accepted to attend.

Miss Sran reported about Character week, community service day and the different field trips the Freshmen, Sophomore, and Juniors participated in. Miss Sran concluded her presentation with a description of the upcoming Magic of the Arts (MOTA) performance and the Harvest Dance.

- B. Superintendent/Principal Report (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman reported that the student body population has decreased slightly in part to students declining to be vaccinated. Overall the UHS campus vaccination rate is currently at 85%. Superintendent Hickman explained the different arrangements for Magic of the Arts (MOTA) this year. The performance is going to be broken down into four different performances rather than the traditional all school performance. Additionally, MOTA will take place in the UHS courtyard instead of the traditional large venue.

Superintendent Hickman informed the Board that UHS was selected to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C.. Mrs. Hayden was selected to attend and receive the award on behalf of UHS. Superintendent Hickman is extremely proud of the student body and the teachers for all of their diligent hard work.

Superintendent Hickman concluded her report by explaining the Niche.com rating system and reviewed the schools current rating.

- C. Budget Review (Bryson):** Mrs. Bryson reports that there hasn't been much change to the budget. She stated that the ESSR III funds have been added to the budget report and that the LCAP monies have started to be received. She reviewed the 5-year budget and explained the small increases to the ADA amount in future years and the depletion of the SPED funds.

5. Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Governors and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve the Minutes of September 2, 2021 Meeting
- b. Total Payments Report
- c. Budget
- d. State and Federal Tax forms

The Consent Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Dizon - motion / Fu - second

6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **Dashboard Information (share and discuss):** Superintendent Hickman reviewed the CA School Dashboard. She explained that this document is used as a self reflection tool and shows areas of strengths/weaknesses.
- b. **SB 95/Employee Covid Leave adjustment (discuss and vote):**
Superintendent Hickman explained that SB 95 which provided supplemental paid COVID sick leave to employees expired on Sept. 30, 2021. She requested from the Board to continue this type of leave program and presented the proposal. The Board discussed the proposal and requested the addition of additional verbiage. The revised proposal will be presented at the next scheduled Board meeting.

- c. **Substitute Teacher pay (discuss and vote):** Superintendent Hickman presented the Board with the current substitute teacher pay rate and requested an increase from \$150 per day to \$175 per day.

The Substitute Teacher Pay rate was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Anderson - motion / Fu - second

- d. **SB 328 Discussion (share and discuss):** Superintendent Hickman explained the potential impacts to UHS with the passing of SB 328. The Board recommended sending multiple letters to the State Senators office requesting exemption.

7. Future Meetings: November 4th, December 2nd

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.