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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Virtual Meeting Thursday, March 3, 2022

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3:00 PM OPEN SESSION Meeting ID: 845 8976 0018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nancy Akhavan (3:06p), Susan Anderson, Dr. Rajee Amarasinghe, Dr. Dominic Dizon, Dr. Xuanning Fu, and Michael Stain.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Saul Jimenez-Sandoval

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm.

Visitors Present: Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative), Felicia Olais (FUSD Charter School Representative).

2. Approval of the (Revised) Agenda

The (Revised) Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Amarasinghe - motion / Dizon - 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.

There was no public comment.

4. Student Presentation - Mock Trial: Mrs. Elizabeth Downer, current UHS Latin 2 teacher, is the current coach for the UHS Mock Trial team. She introduced the Mock Trial team and gave a brief summary of Mock Trial. Each team member shared their experiences with being part of the Mock Trial team and their future endeavors.

5. Executive Reports

a. Student Representative (Sran): Ms. Sran reported on the success of the girls volleyball team, the upcoming co-ed volleyball team and the Powderpuff team. She spoke of the Honor Commission and the activities they have planned for the upcoming week of kindness. She shared that the Winter Formal was a huge success and the students had a great time. She concluded her report with the upcoming Spirit Week and that ASB is currently working on ideas for dress up days.

b. Superintendent/Principal (Hickman): Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported on the success of the UHS Academic Decathlon team and a special opportunity/visitor for the UHS Chamber Choir. She reported on upcoming activities - Phoenix Phling, Senior Awards Night, & Graduation.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported that there has been a cost adjustment/increase to the proposed shade structure. She reported on the results of the SY 22/23 application period - received 147 applications; 139 qualified. The decision was made to not hold a lottery for incoming students due to low enrollment.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported on Senate Bill 328 (Late Start) and shared a recommendation from the auditor to adjust the class periods to include period 0 (zero).

Superintendent/Principal Hickman concluded her report with an update regarding COVID cases and all school vaccination status.

c. Budget (Bryson): Mrs. Bryson reported that there is discussion within the legislature that might adjust the ADA funding amounts for Charter schools and she will keep us updated. She reported that there are no areas where the budget is over and that overall the budget is doing well.

6. 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 February 3, 2022 Meeting
- b. Approval of Total Payments Report
- c. Audit contract for 2021-22 approval

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

7. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **Approval of 2nd Interim Budget Report (voting item):** Mrs. Bryson re-presented the 2nd Interim Budget report and addressed questions from the Board members.

The 2nd Interim Budget Report was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Anderson - motion / Stain - second

- b. **Mask requirement (voting item):** The State of California will move to voluntary masking effective March 11, 2022, for K-12 public school settings. The UHS Board of Directors voted to allow students and staff to move to voluntary masking. Additionally, the UHS Board of Directors, as well as the Fresno County Public Health Department, reserves the right to reimplement the mask policy if COVID-19 rates in the community reach a certain threshold. While masks will no longer be required through policy, we encourage their use, as a valuable tool in the fight against COVID-19.

Move to Voluntary Masking while on the UHS campus was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Dizon - motion / Stain - second

c. Board Member Terms update (discussion):

Superintendent/Principal Hickman discussed with the Board which members terms conclude in June and which members would like to remain.

d. Approval of Revisions to the COVID Teacher Sick Leave Policy (voting item): As requested at the February board meeting, Superintendent/Principal Hickman presented the revised version of the COVID Teacher Sick Leave Policy. The Board reviewed the revisions.

The COVID Teacher Sick Leave Policy was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Stain - motion / Anderson - second

e. Approval of A-G Improvement Grant plan (voting item):

Superintendent/Principal Hickman presented the A-G Improvement Grant plan with the Board and addressed their questions regarding the use of the funds. Superintendent/Principal Hickman explained the funds will be spent towards tutorials for students/ summer school and professional development.

The A-G Improvement Grant was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Stain - motion / Dizon - second

8. Future Meetings: April 7, May 5, & June 2

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13p.