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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Virtual Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2022

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3:00PM OPEN SESSION

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 840 9695 6464

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. [Nancy Akhavan](#), Susan Anderson, Dr. Dominic Dizon (3:11p), Dr. Saul Jimenez-Sandoval, Dr. [Rajee Amarasinghe](#), Michael Stain (3:29p) and Dr. Xuanning Fu.

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

Visitors Present: Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative), Paulina Median (UHS Alumni), and Jaidaa Hussein (UHS Alumni).

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Speech & Debate: Assistant coach Aubrey Der Torosian introduced the current school year's Speech and Debate team. She explained how much the team has grown and the accomplishments the team has achieved so far this school year. The students each spoke about their experiences as being part of the team.

5. Executive Reports

a. Student Report (Sran): Ms. Sran reported that the co-ed volleyball team won the championship game. She spoke of the upcoming AP testing and that students are working on preparing themselves for the tests. Ms. Sran explained about Spirit Week and the student involvement with the dress-up days. Additionally, Ms. Sran reported that the senior class beat the junior

class during the final game of UHS Powderpuff. Ms. Sran concluded her report with nervous excitement about the quickly approaching prom, college signing day and graduation.

b. Superintendent Report (Hickman): Superintendent Hickman reported that enrollment is currently 483. She reported that they have accepted 135 incoming freshmen students and are still entertaining applications after the close of the application period.

Superintendent Hickman gave a brief COVID update and reported no new COVID cases on campus since masking requirements were lifted. She also shared and showed the Board the new revamped look of the UHS website.

Superintendent Hickman reported on the State's approval of the Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) funds. The funds will be used to assist with providing free breakfast and lunch meals to all students regardless of program eligibility. Superintendent Hickman shared the overall outcome of the annual Phoenix Phling and that approximately \$23,000 that was raised at the event.

Superintendent Hickman concluded her report with brief updates on different activities and accomplishments around campus - Kindness Expo, College Fieldtrip, Senior Award night, College signing day, Academic Decathlon small school champions, Science Olympiad and Speech & Debate national qualifier.

c. Budget (Bryson): Mrs. Bryson reported that the state legislature is currently reviewing budget proposals made by the Governor and that there is a proposal of a large Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). She reported that charter schools currently receive ADA funding based on the current school year's attendance rate. She reported that UHS has a 97% attendance rate and because of this rate the funded ADA amount will increase.

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 March 3, 2022 meeting
- b. Approve the Minutes of March 29, 2022 meeting
- c. Approval of Total Payments Report

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

7. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

a. Review of Board Member terms (Discussion item):

The Board discussed the members whose terms are expiring at the end of school year and the future plans of the members.

b. Overnight field trip during Elective Session (Voting item):

Superintendent Hickman presented the proposed scuba diving elective course and addressed the Board's questions.

The Overnight Field Trip was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Anderson - motion / Jimenez-Sandoval - second

c. Long term substitute pay adjustment (Voting item)

Superintendent Hickman proposed an increase to the UHS long term substitute pay rate. The proposed rate adjustment is \$225 a day for 11+ consecutive days or more.

The Long Term Substitute pay rate was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Anderson - motion / Stain - second

d. Updated Uniform Complaint Policy (Voting item)

Superintendent Hickman presented the adjustments and additions to the Uniform Complaint Policy.

The Updated Uniform Complaint Policy was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Anderson - motion / Amarasinghe - second

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.