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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Virtual Meeting Thursday, September 2, 2021

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3:00 PM OPEN SESSION

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 883 7179 9941

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. [Nancy Akhavan](#)

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting called to order at 3:06pm.

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 / Stain - 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 Box via Zoom.

There was no public comment.

4. Executive Reports

- a. **ASB President (Sran):** Miss Sran gave a brief introduction of herself to the Board and spoke on the transition back to life on campus. She reported that the welcome back rally was a huge success amongst the student body and that the Ice Breakers event was a great opportunity for the students to meet each other.

Miss. Sran reported that Club Rush was another event that was a huge success with the student body and that some clubs experienced their highest sign up ever. Miss. Sran concluded with a description of the Scout Island field trip that the Freshmen and Sophomore students will be attending, as well as the ropes course activity the Junior students participated in.

b. Superintendent/Principal Report (Hickman):

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported that the student body is currently holding steady at 492 total students. She reported that this is the largest Freshman class currently at 137 students.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman informed the Board of the upcoming annual campus visit from Fresno Unified School District. She spoke of the upcoming Character Week agenda and the different guests/activities the students will listen to and participate in. She concluded upcoming events with the new format for Magic of the Arts. She explained how the event will be spread across four days and will be held in the UHS quad.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman explained some of the guidelines put in place by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. She explained some of the benefits of having the UHS campus 80% vaccinated and how UHS is currently handling contact tracing and positive COVID cases on campus.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman explained the intended use of the Federal ESSER III funds. Ms. Hickman reported that the current UHS campus has very limited eating and outdoor areas for students to congregate. She is currently working with Fresno State and Robert Boro Landscape Architect to design and install the proposed structure.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman concluded her presentation by reporting that the current non-advanced placement (AP) courses have been approved to be Honors courses instead of regular courses.

c. Budget Review (Bryson): Ms. Bryson reported that there has not been any additions to the budget since last month. She explained that there is discussion for schools to use their reported ADA from 2019 due to the extended amount of time students are required to be off campus because of COVID related illnesses and quarantines.

Ms. Bryson reported that the revenues are showing an increased amount due to the decrease of professional services (ie: conference, etc) for the current school year. She concluded that if we maintain our current enrollment with the higher funding rate proposed by the state, we will remain in a financially sound position.

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 August 5, 2021 Meeting
- b. Total Payments Report
- c. Budget

The Consent was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Jimenez-Sandoval - motion / Dizon - second

6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. Safety Plan annual approval:** Annual review of the UHS Safety Plan. Superintendent/Principal Hickman addressed questions regarding the door locking system.

The UHS Safety Plan was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Stain - motion / Amarasinghe - second

- b. Data Profile:** Superintendent/Principal Hickman reviewed the different areas of interest of the UHS Data Profile. She explained that we have the highest income eligible students than ever before. She concluded by reviewing the testing results from AP testing and rates of graduated students who attend college after graduation.

- c. ESSER III Plan approval:** Superintendent/Principal Hickman explained the different funding requirements for the ESSER III funds. She reviewed the tentative time frame for the completion of the shade structure and addressed the Board members questions about the physical structure.

The ESSER III Plan was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Stain - motion / Amarasinghe - second

7. Future Meetings: October 7, November 4, December 2

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.