



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Meeting Thursday, October 6, 2022

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### 3:00 PM OPEN SESSION Room 108

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Anderson (vice-chair), Xuanning Fu, Dominic Dizon, Rajee Amarasingh, and Michael Stain.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Akhavan (chair), and Saul Jimenez-Sandoval.

#### 1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

**Visitors Present:** Yvette Sanchez (newly hired Development Director), Geni Bird (UHS Counselor), Rocio Fernandez (UHS Counselor), Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative), and UHS Associate Student (ASB) officers.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.  
Dizon - motion / Amarasingh - 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 no public comment

#### 4. Executive Reports

- A. ASB President (Zheng):** Kaden Zheng reported on the upcoming and past student activities: spirit week, Phoenix Bowl, Harvest Dance, Senior graduation items, Novice Debate Tournament and the start of the basketball season. Zheng concluded his report by sharing about the 9th grade trip to Scout Island, and the fun, new ASB Friday's.
- B. Superintendent/Principal Report (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman reported that the current student enrollment is 491: 9th - 134, 10th - 126, 11th - 115, 12th - 116. Superintendent Hickman reported on Spirit Week and the different activities that the students participate in during the week: character day speaker - Rob Golden, Community Service activity, Phoenix Bowl & Harvest Dance.

Superintendent Hickman reported on the first information day meeting and the changes to the format - in-person vs. webinar. Superintendent Hickman shared the current student sport activities: Boys/Girls Basketball and Cross Country.

Superintendent Hickman reported on the upcoming WASC accreditation visit and this year's Magic of the Arts (MOTA) themed "Symphony of Color".

Superintendent Hickman concluded her report by sharing the Niche 2023 report and the correction of the Health Reimbursement Arrangement.

- C. Budget Review (Bryson):** Mrs. Bryson reported that the expenditures and revenues are similar to this time last year. Mrs. Bryson reported that the State's COLA has increased to 13.26. Due to this increase, there is a large increase reflected in the 5 year budget. Mrs. Bryson noted the different time frames that are allotted for the use of the various grants.

## **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 1, 2022 Meeting
- b. Total Payments Report
- c. Budget
- d. Community Advisory Committee

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

## **6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)**

- a. **Safety Plan (Voting item):** Superintendent Hickman presented the 2022-23 Comprehensive Safety Plan and the changes that were made to policy.

The 2022-23 Comprehensive Safety Plan was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Dizon - motion / Stain - second

- b. **Staff raise (Discussion/voting item):** Superintendent Hickman presented the 2022-23 Salary Increase survey that was provided by the Fresno County Office of Education. The Board discussed the different salary increases and discussed the financial impact to the budget with Mrs. Bryson. After discussion a motion to increase the UHS salary by 8.5% was made.

UHS staff raise of 8.5% was unanimously **APPROVED** as discussed.  
Dizon - motion / Stain - second

- c. **AP vs. Dual Enrollment (Discussion item):** UHS counselors Geni Bird and Rocio Fernandez presented the difference between Advanced Placement (AP) courses versus dual enrollment. They discussed the benefits of both programs and the different impacts to the students.

- d. **Long term projects (Discussion item):** Superintendent Hickman reviewed the different large projects that are being considered: Outdoor structure, electronic door locks, turf for the UHS quad area and adding additional table/chair combos around campus.

7. **Future Meetings:** November 3rd, December 1st

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.