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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Board Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2023

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3:00 PM OPEN SESSION Room 108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Akhavan (chair), Susan Anderson (vice-chair), Dominic Dizon, Michael Stain, and Saul Jimenez-Sandoval.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rajee Amarasinghe and Xuanning Fu.

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

Visitors Present: Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Akhavan - 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.

There was no public comment.

4. Executive Reports

a. Student Representative (K. Zheng): ASB president, Kaden Zheng reported on the past activities that the students were involved with such as the winter play, Peter & the Starcatcher, winter intersession courses, winter formal and the great kindness challenge. Zheng reported on the upcoming Academic Decathlon super quiz and the current incoming freshmen application period. Zheng concluded his presentation by sharing about students' involvement with Volleyball and Mock Trial.

b. Special Music Report (R. Cornelison): Dr. Cornelison gave a professional development presentation about his time spent with the West Point Military Band. While in New York, the West Point Military Band provided educational performances for local schools, participated in a fanfare performance over Veterans Day weekend, and conducted discussions on the direction of music education: high art versus commercial

music. While in New York, Dr. Cornelison took the opportunity to introduce UHS to Juilliard and SUNY.

c. Superintendent (Hickman): Superintendent Hickman reported that the current student enrollment is 482: 9th - 131, 10th - 124, 11th - 114, 12th - 113. Superintendent Hickman provided a personnel update: hired a new attendance clerk, currently interviewing for the Musicianship/Choral director position, and just posted online a job listing for an English teaching position.

Superintendent Hickman reported on the current application period and the decrease in the amount of applications being received. She reported on the new Intersession courses that were a huge hit with the students, there were: Hispanic Culture, Fashion Fundamentals, Indoor Soccer, Computer Science/App building. She informed the Board that the Phoenix Phling is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at the Fresno State Satellite Student Union. Additionally, she stated that she is currently looking for new venues for Magic of the Arts due to the extreme increase in the cost of the venue.

Superintendent Hickman reviewed which Board members' terms are eligible for re-election and discussed the different types of member positions that will need to be filled. Superintendent Hickman concluded her presentation with review of the State's dashboard, and the upcoming charter renewal with Fresno Unified School District.

d. Budget (Bryson): Mrs. Bryson reported on the Governor's revision of the state's budget. She discussed the different areas that will be adjusted and affected by the revision. Mrs. Bryson reviewed the different block grants that have been received and the different timeframes and allocations of the 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 November 3, 2022 Meeting
- b. Approval of Total Payments Report
- c. CRMA Non-Profit Supplemental forms (2)
- d. EdFiles - Destruction of Class 3 files (discussed at 11/3/2023)

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

6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **700 Form (online obligations):** Superintendent Hickman provided a reminder for the members to complete their Form 700 obligations.
- b. **SARC approval (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman reviewed the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the Board.

The School Accountability Report Card was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Anderson - motion / Jimenez-Sandoval - second

- c. **Staffing update/curricular updates (discussion):** Superintendent Hickman shared with the Board the resignation of the current English 9 teacher. Superintendent Hickman presented a proposed change to the current English pathway that is currently in place. Discussion was held of the different options that are available.

- d. **EEF Plan (discussion):** Superintendent Hickman presented and discussed the Educator Effectiveness Block grant (EEF).
- e. **HRA Update (discussion):** Superintendent Hickman discussed the concerns surrounding the Health Reimbursement Arrangement policy and provided the next steps needed to resolve these concerns.
- f. **Other: Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) trip:** Superintendent Hickman reported that the previously approved spring trip to Belize was unable to come to fruition. Due to this change, she discussed a different opportunity for UHS students to attend a week-long trip to visit HBCU locations.

The HBCU trip was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Jimenez-Sandoval - motion / Anderson - second

- 7. **Future Meetings: March 2, April *, May 4, June 1**
- 8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.