



## MINUTES

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

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#### 3:00 PM OPEN SESSION

#### Room 108

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rajee Amarasinghe and Dominic Dizon.

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.  
Stain - motion / Jimenez-Sandoval - 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 with Mrs. Downer

Mrs. Elizabeth Downer, UHS Latin II teacher, with the help of two UHS mock trial team members gave a presentation for the Board about Mock Trial. Mrs. Downer explained what Mock Trial is, how the students participate and the knowledge that the team members gain by participating. The Mock Trial student members spoke of their experiences and enjoyment of being part of the team.

#### 5. Executive Reports

**a. Student Representative (Zheng):** ASB president, Kaden Zheng, reported on the recent Junior Exploration Day, and Aca Dec regional finals. He shared the accomplishments of the UHS volleyball team and State Qualifier Speech & Debate Competition. He concluded his presentation by reporting on the Concerto Concert, State testing for the Junior class, the upcoming Aca Dec State Competition and the trip to Pantages Theater, Lion King show.

**b. Latin presentation (Downer & Ibrahim):** Ms. Rebecca Ibrahim, UHS Latin I teacher and Mrs. Elizabeth Downer, UHS Latin II teacher gave a presentation on the current UHS Latin course pathway. They shared some of the different teaching strategies they are currently implementing and showed some of the resources that they provide to the student body.

**c Development (Sanchez):** Mrs. Yvette Sanchez presented a newly designed tri-fold brochure and shared her new advertising strategies. Mrs. Sanchez reviewed and presented the previous annual fund totals against the current contributions.

**d. Superintendent (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman reported the current student enrollment as: 9th - 131; 10th - 123; 11th - 112; 12th - 114.

Superintendent Hickman provided an update on the current incoming student applicant status, she shared the hiring of a new Attendance Clerk and Choral/Musicianship director and the ongoing search for an English 9 teacher.

Superintendent Hickman informed the Board that she has hired an actuary to review and provide insight into the current HRA policy. Additionally, she reported that Fresno Unified School District conducted their charter renewal campus review on February 16.

Superintendent Hickman shared the need to refocus the campus body on overall campus safety, character and social media awareness. She concluded her report with upcoming events: Percussion Concert, Fentanyl presentation with DA Smittcamp, State testing for junior students, Lion King trip, and the Phoenix Phling.

**e. Budget (Bryson):** Mrs. Janelle Bryson reported on the current status of the budget. She shared the changes with the Governor's proposed COLA increase at the State level that will impact the budget moving forward. She concluded her report with the approaching deadlines of the COVID related funds.

## **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 2, 2023 Meeting
- b. Approval of Total Payments Report

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

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

- a. **Approval of 2nd Interim Budget Report (voting item):** Mrs. Bryson reported on the second interim budget report which is the review of the budget since its adoption. She addressed the Board members' questions.

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

Stain - motion / Jimenez-Sandoval - second

**b. Approval of EEBG Plan (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman shared the second public viewing of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant.

The EEBG was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.  
Stain - motion / Jimenez-Sandoval - second

**c. Board Members:** After interviewing and discussion, the Board nominated Brent Woodward to join the UHS Board as a community member, replacing Susan Anderson.

The nomination of Brent Woodward to join the UHS Board as a community member was unanimously **APPROVED** as discussed.  
Akhavan - motion / Stain - second

**d. Other:** Dr. Fu gave a brief presentation on social class equalizers and their impact on the UHS student body community.

#### **8. Future Meetings: April 13, May 4, & June 1**

#### **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Akhavan - motion / Stain - second

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.