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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Meeting September 1, 2022

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3:00 PM Open Session Room 108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nancy Akhavan (chair), Susan Anderson, Saul Jimenez-Sandoval, Xuanning Fu, Rajee Amarasinghe and Dominic Dizon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Stain

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting called to order at 3:09 pm.

Visitors Present: Michelle Hayden (UHS Teacher representative), and UHS Associate Student (ASB) officers.

Introduction of New Staff: Introduced Tegan Jones as the new English 10 teacher.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Anderson - 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. Executive Reports

- a. **Student Report (Zheng):** Kaden Zheng is the ASB president for the 22/23 school year. Zheng reported on past student activities such as freshmen orientation, the first day of school and rally, club rush, icebreakers activities and the senior sunrise. He additionally reported on the upcoming student activities such as spirit week, ASB events, school concerts and magic of the arts. Zheng concluded his report by sharing his excitement about the upcoming school year.
- b. **Superintendent/Principal (Hickman):** Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported on the new staffing change for the 22/23 SY which are: English 10 teacher - Tegan Jones, Drama - Maria Monreal and

Development Director - Yvette Sanchez. She shared the goals for the upcoming school year and the theme for the year is believe.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported on the WASC accreditation which is due this school year and the accreditation team will be visiting the UHS campus in November. Fresno Unified School District will conduct their rechartering process as well after granting charter schools a 2 year extension due to COVID.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported that the current campus enrollment numbers are: 9th - 134; 10th - 126; 11th - 115; 12th - 116.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman shared that the decision was made to change the secondary insurance provider from ASI to EDIS. Additionally, the Superintendent provided an update on the shade structure and was discouraged as the new bid was over \$200,000 more expensive than originally bid. The decision was to postpone the project until costs decrease.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman reported that due to new state credentialing laws, there are four teachers who are currently working on clearing their credentials.

Superintendent/Principal Hickman concluded her report by sharing that the staff participated in safety training provided by Fresno State and that she is currently working on securing Diversity training for the staff as well.

- c. **Budget Review (Bryson):** Mrs. Bryson reported that projected COLA might increase to 6.7% which could generate an additional \$600,000 plus in additional ADA funding. Mrs. Bryson discussed the components of the restricted funds, and the components of the unrestricted funds that are available. She concluded her report by reviewing the 5-year projected budget and speaking on the financial soundness of the school.

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.

1. Approve the Minutes from the June 2, 2022 Meeting
2. Total Payments Report
3. Budget

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

7. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **Review of current school achievement data (AP, SBAC results, Data profile):** Superintendent/Principal Hickman reviewed and shared the impressive test scores for: State testing, AP testing and the current school profile.
- b. **Unaudited Actuals (Bryson):** Mrs. Bryson discussed what the unaudited actuals are and the process of submitting the documents to Fresno Unified who then shares the information with the State.

- c. **Consolidated Application (Bryson):** Mrs. Bryson discussed the consolidated application and the purpose of the application.
- d. **Declaration of Need (Hickman):** Superintendent/Principal Hickman explained what the declaration of need is and the reasons surrounding the need for this document. There are two teachers who need to complete the emergency CLAD authorization and the other two teachers need to complete the CSET examination.

The **Declaration of Need** was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Anderson - motion / Dizon - second

- e. **Local Indicators (Hickman):** Superintendent/Principal Hickman reviewed the CA Dashboard of local indicators and explained the different areas that document covers.

The **Local Indicators** was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Dizon - motion / Amarasinghe - second

- f. **Overnight Field Trip Request (Hickman):** Superintendent/Principal Hickman shared the exciting news that the UHS choral group has been invited to participate in a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York city. The board requested that the UHS administration look into cost saving options to offset some of the cost of the trip for the students.

The **Carnegie Hall overnight field trip** was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Amarasinghe - motion / Dizon - second

- g. **Other:** Superintendent/Principal Hickman discussed the current board meeting schedule and inquired if the board would like to change the regularly scheduled meeting. The board declined and has elected to remain conducting meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 3pm.

8. Future Meetings: October 6; November 3; December 1

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.