



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Meeting Thursday, December 7, 2023

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### 5:00 PM OPEN SESSION Room 108

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Akhavan (chair), Dominic Dizon, Brent Woodward and Nichole Walsh.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Xuanning Fu, Saul Jimenez-Sandoval, and Rajee Amarasinghe.

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:12pm.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was voted as **APPROVED** as submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Dizon - motion / Woodward - 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 (Riser):** ASB president Sophia Riser started her presentation by reporting on past activities and events such as Information Days, the fall concert season, academic competitions and senior events. Ms. Riser concluded her report with current or upcoming activities such as Fresno State class registrations, winter intersession and UHS's involvement with the California Armenian Home.

**b. Superintendent/Principal (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman reported current student enrollment counts of 9th - 126; 10th - 124; 11th - 123; 12th - 110.

Superintendent Hickman gave an update on campus improvement projects such the start of the outdoor shade structure construction and a newly proposed halo lit University High School name sign positioned over the concrete circles.

Superintendent Hickman reported on community collaboration efforts with the California Armenian Home which has been very successful and a great experience for the students. Superintendent Hickman shared the creation of a Charter School collaborative with other local charter schools in the area to help increase the community's knowledge of charters and an effort to boost student enrollment.

Superintendent Hickman reviewed cost concerns surrounding the Magic of the Arts venue and discussed other possible locations. Superintendent Hickman concluded her report with a save the date for the upcoming spring Phoenix Phling

**c. Budget (Bryson):** CFO, Janelle Bryson, reported on the current state of the California budget and the impacts to the UHS budget. She reported an adjustment to the COLA and the effects to the budget in the outlying years.

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

The Consent Agenda was voted as **APPROVED** as submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Dizon - motion / Walsh - second

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

- a. **Prop 28 Plan (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman discussed and reviewed the Prop 28 plan. She discussed the different purposes and uses of the funds.

The Prop 28 plan was voted as **APPROVED** as submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Woodward - motion / Dizon - second

- b. **Adjusted 2024-25 School Calendar (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman discussed and reviewed the adjustments to the SY 24/25 school calendar.

The adjustment to the 2024-25 school calendar plan was voted as **APPROVED** as submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Walsh - motion / Dizon - second

- c. **Declaration of Need form approval for 2023-24 (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman discussed and reviewed reasons for the Declaration of Need form.

The Declaration of Need Form was voted as **APPROVED** as submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Dizon - motion / Walsh - second

- d. **SARC (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman discussed and reviewed the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the board. Superintendent Hickman completed the SARC with as much information that is currently available.

The SARC was voted as **APPROVED as-is** submitted by a majority vote (4 yes)  
Walsh - motion / Dizon - second

- e. **Board Members Re-Election/Election for 2024-25 (Discussion):** Superintendent Hickman discussed and reviewed the current members tenure.

**Report out to Close Session at 5:46p**

**7. Closed Session**

**Report back from Close Session at 6:35p**  
**No information to report from close session**

- 8. Future Meetings:** NO JANUARY MEETING; February 1st

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Dizon - motion / Walsh - second

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.