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Meeting of the Board of Directors University High School Meeting September 7, 2023

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3:00 PM Open Session Room 108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nancy Akhavan (chair), Dominic Dizon, Xuanning Fu, Rajee Amarasinghe, and Brent Woodward.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Saul Jimenez-Sandoval

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

Meeting was called to order at 3:06pm.

- a. **Introduce New Staff:** Mr. Drew Bell was introduced to the Board as the new English 9 teacher. He gave a brief overview of his teaching history and shared his enthusiasm for being part of the UHS team.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.
Dizon - motion / Amarasinghe - 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 (Riser):** ASB president, Sophia Riser, gave her first report of the school year to the Board. She shared a short video that she made of student involved activities. She reviewed past activities, such as Senior Sunrise, Ice Breakers, 10th grade Field Trip and Club Rush. She shared upcoming activities, such as Senior Events, Freshmen Elections, Basketball and Speech & Debate.
- b. **Superintendent/Principal (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman reported the current student enrollment counts: 9th - 126; 10th - 124;

11th - 124; 12th - 110. She shared upcoming dates of interest with the Board along with upcoming events with different organizations within the community, such as Golden Valley Charter Academy, Kepler Neighborhood School, Clovis Farmers Market and Fresno Rotary.

Superintendent Hickman reviewed different compliance plans that are required annually and gave brief descriptions of each plan. Superintendent Hickman provided additional information for the Board regarding Chronic Absenteeism and State Testing placements within Fresno County from the August meeting.

Superintendent Hickman concluded her report with future updates and changes to the campus.

- c. **Budget Review (Bryson):** CFO, Janelle Bryson, reported the adjustments to the budgeted ADA due to the lower enrollment counts. She reviewed the effects of the lower ADA over the next 5 years and the overall effects to the budget.

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 August 25, 2023 Meeting
2. Total Payments Report
3. Budget

The Consent Agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Dizon - motion / Amarasinghe - second

7. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **Approval of Safety Plans, 2023-24 & 2024-25 (voting item):**

Superintendent Hickman presented the UHS Comprehensive Safety Plans for school years 2023/24 & 2024/25. She reviewed the document with the Board members and addressed their questions.

The UHS Comprehensive School Safety Plan for SY 2023/24 and SY 2024/25 was unanimously **APPROVED** as discussed.

Dizon - motion / Fu - second

- b. **ESSER Return to School Plan renewal (voting item):**

Superintendent Hickman reviewed the Fall 2023 updates to the ESSER Return to School Plan.

The ESSER Return to School Plan was unanimously **APPROVED** as discussed.

Dizon - motion / Amarasinghe - second

- c. **Local Indicators for 2023-24/Dashboard (voting item):**

Superintendent Hickman reviewed the CA State Dashboard.

The Local Indicators for 2023-24 CA Dashboard was unanimously

APPROVED as discussed.

Dizon - motion / Amarasinghe - second

- d. **Profile Data (discussion item):** Superintendent Hickman reviewed the schools' data profile and discussed the different areas of interest.

8. Future Meetings: October 5; November 2; December 7

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Amarasinghe - motion / Dizon - second

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.