



AGENDA
Meeting of the Board of Directors
University High School Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2024

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5:00 PM OPEN SESSION
Room 108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Woodward (Vice Chair), Dominic Dizon (Secretary), Rajee Amarasinghe, Nichole Walsh, and Lori Hamada

MEMBERS ABSENT: Xuanning Fu (Chair), Saul Jimenez-Sandoval

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Brent Woodward, Vice Chair.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Amarasinghe - motion / Walsh - 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.

4. Executive Reports

a. Student Representative (Zheng): ASB President Kyle Zheng reported on the past student activities (Winter Intersession registration, Peer Mentor Pie Day, and World Kindness Day) and highlighted upcoming events: Tree Lighting Ceremony at The Vineyards (last night), CODA (Honor Orchestra), and Finals in two weeks. He also talked about the early college app period for the UC system is finished, and that the student body is prepping for Finals.

b. Superintendent/Principal (Hickman): Superintendent Hickman reported that the current student enrollment is 495: 9th - 134, 10th - 117, 11th - 122, 12th - 122; last year at this time, the enrollment was 483 students. Superintendent Hickman expressed gratitude about having the week off at Thanksgiving, which was a new change to the UHS schedule this year. Next, she presented the official charter renewal letters from Fresno Unified.

Superintendent Hickman shared that there are viable candidates for the Physics openings and will begin interviews next week. She then shared recognition for two UHS teachers: Dr. Larry Jarocki as one of four finalists for FCSS Teacher of the Year. (He did not win.) And Ms. Kathryn Dowis in the Top 10 for Region 7 for the CA League of Educators Educator of the Year.

Superintendent Hickman shared the date of the Phoenix Phling, the annual Phoenix Alliance fundraiser, which will be on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the CA Armenian Home.

c. Budget (Bryson): CFO Bryson presented the current budget for the month, which

included the new staff raise amounts, and the 5-year budget. She pointed out that the 2024-25 ending balance has a total ending balance of \$5,707,972, which is a 77% reserve. She also stated that the State's Budget is looking positive and should fully fund the COLA for the next two 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 7, 2024 Meeting
- b. Approval of Total Payments Report
- c. CRMA Annual Coverage forms (UHS & Phoenix Alliance)

The consent agenda was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Dizon / motion - Amarasinghe / second

6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **2024 Dashboard information (discussion item):** Superintendent Hickman presented the UHS Dashboard, which is the State's accountability method for schools. UHS has blue ratings (the highest) in Suspension Rate, Graduation Rate, College/Career, and English Language Arts; UHS received a green rating in Math. All California schools have the target to have all blue and green ratings; UHS has met that target. UHS could have received a 7 year renewal through Fresno Unified if it had waited until the spring semester to go through renewal, but did not want to wait.
- b. **SARC (voting item):** The SARC was briefly discussed; this document is another method that the State uses for accountability and transparency. There are three pieces of data that are missing from this SARC due to the State not releasing the data yet. Superintendent Hickman will add this data to the SARC before the mandatory upload on February 1, 2025. UHS does not have another Board Meeting until February 6, 2025, so that is why the SARC was presented for approval at this meeting.

The UHS 2023-24 SARC was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Hamada / motion - Dizon / second

- c. **Other:** There were no other agenda items to present.

7. Closed Session

The Board moved to Closed Session at 5:25pm.
The Board returned to Open Session at 6:12pm, and did not have anything to report.

8. Future Meetings: NO JANUARY MEETING; February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.
Dizon / motion - Walsh / second