

# **ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES Special Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL**

Board President Randle-Trejo called the special meeting of the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees to order at 1:03 p.m.

Present: Annemarie Randle-Trejo, president; Katherine H. Smith, clerk; Anna L. Piercy, assistant clerk; Al Jabbar and Brian O’Neal, members; Michael B. Matsuda, superintendent; Jaron Fried, Ed.D., Brad Jackson, and Colleen Patterson, assistant superintendents; and Karl H. Widell, District counsel.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On the motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees adopted the agenda. The roll call vote follows.

Ayes: Trustees O’Neal, Jabbar, Piercy, Smith, and Randle-Trejo

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no requests to speak.

### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 1:03 p.m.

### **5. RECONVENE MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

#### **5.1 Reconvene Meeting**

The Board of Trustees reconvened into open session at 3:15 p.m.

#### **5.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Randle-Trejo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **5.3 Closed Session Report**

Board Clerk Smith reported the following actions taken during closed session.

5.3.1 No reportable action taken regarding negotiations.

## 6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS, OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

- 6.1 Sylvia Onopa and Brian Bannon, APGA co-presidents, relayed their concerns regarding the return of staff and students to the school sites. Additionally, they asked the Board to consider giving the counselors the option to work remotely in order to best serve students and families, as well as requested that the return date to school sites for counselors be aligned with the teachers, speech language pathologist, speech language pathologist assistants, and instructional assistants.
- 6.2 Grant Schuster, ASTA president, spoke in support of the proposal from District leadership that the reopening of campuses be postponed to the fourth quarter.

## 7. **ITEM OF BUSINESS**

### **Return of Students to Schools**

#### Background Information:

On March 13, 2020, the Board of Trustees unanimously declared a local emergency due to the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. In recognition of the emergency, the District closed physical school sites for students through the end of the 2019-20 year. On July 16, 2020, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a full distance learning instructional model, where students are not on campus, to start the 2020-21 year. The following day, the Governor confirmed that Orange County schools would be required to start the school year in distance learning based on community spread of the virus. On October 15, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Resolution No. 2020/21-BOT-03, setting forth a process to shift instruction within the District to a hybrid model, with physically distanced, partial in-person instruction, beginning in January 2021 at the start of the second semester, should circumstances warrant.

#### Current Consideration:

On November 17, 2020, Orange County returned to the purple tier on California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, precluding any district, such as AUHSD, that had not already returned students to campus from opening campuses until the county returned to the red tier. In addition, Governor Newsom announced additional COVID-19 guidance and restrictions in light of spread rates for COVID-19 throughout California. Although the District is prepared for the return of students and staff to campuses, in light of current state restrictions on reopening AUHSD schools, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees consider altering the process set forth in Resolution No. 2020/21-BOT-03 and partially implemented by the District following the October 15, 2020, Board meeting.

#### Budget Implication:

There is no impact to the budget.

#### Action:

On the motion of Trustee Smith and duly seconded, following discussion, the Board of Trustees altered the timeline adopted in Resolution No. 2020/21-BOT-03 by 1) delaying the return of students to campus until the start of the fourth quarter; 2) setting January 4 and 5, 2021, as regular student days pursuant to the original District calendar; 3) delaying the return of teachers, speech language pathologists and assistants, as well as instructional assistants to a date or dates to be determined by District administration with ample time for preparation in alignment with the return of students; and 4) providing District administration discretion to adjust the remaining aspects of the return schedule. The roll call vote follows.


Ayes: Trustees O'Neal, Jabbar, Smith, and Randle-Trejo

Noes: Trustee Piercy

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. The roll call vote follows.

Ayes: Trustees O'Neal, Jabbar, Piercy, Smith, and Randle-Trejo

Approved   
Clerk, Board of Trustees