

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 2018**

**Albany City Hall
1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA 94706**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A) CALL TO ORDER

President Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) ROLL CALL

- 1. Board Members Present:** President Black, Vice President Stapleton-Gray, Board Member Blanchard, Board Member Clark, Board Member Trutane
- 2. Staff Members Present:** Superintendent Valerie Williams; Cheryl Cotton, Director, Human Resources, Carrie Nerheim, Director, Student Services; Diane Marie, Director III, Special Education; Jackie Kim, Chief Business Official

C) IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION III BELOW

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Having no one present to comment on Closed Session, the Board Adjourned to Closed Session.

III. CLOSED SESSION: With Respect to Every Item of Business to be Discussed in Closed Session:

A) APPEAL OF STUDENT MATTER

B) PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Superintendent Valerie Williams, District Representative), REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO:

- Albany Teachers Association (ATA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

IV. OPEN SESSION

A) CALL TO ORDER (Reconvene to Open Session)

President Black called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B) ROLL CALL

1. **Board Members Present:** President Black, Vice President Stapleton-Gray, Board Member Blanchard, Board Member Clark, Board Member Trutane, Student Board Member Weinstein, and Student Board Member Mallah
2. **Staff Present:** Superintendent Valerie Williams; Jackie Kim, Chief Business Official; Marie Williams, Director III, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Carrie Nerheim, Director I, Student Services; Cheryl Cotton, Director of Human Resources; and Diane Marie, Director III, Special Education.
3. **Staff Excused:** Dax Kajiwara, Director of Technology

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) READING OF THE AUSD MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

Student Board Members Weinstein and Mallah read the AUSD Mission and Vision statement.

E) REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Black reported that in Closed Session, the Board decided to deny an appeal of an interdistrict transfer.

F) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Board Member Blanchard moved to Approve: *Albany Unified School District Board of Education Agenda for the October 23, 2018 Regular Meeting*. Seconded by Board Vice President Stapleton-Gray. The motion passed unanimously.

G) RECOGNITION: AUSD Fundraising Groups

Superintendent Williams and the Board recognized the following Fundraising Groups with certificates of Appreciation:

Albany Athletic Boosters, Albany Community Foundation, Albany Education Foundation, Albany Music Fund, Albany Performing & Fine Arts Boosters, Albany Rotary Club, SchoolCARE, Cornell Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Marin Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Ocean View Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Albany Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and Albany High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

H) CONSENT CALENDAR

1) Superintendent

- a) *Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials*

2) Human Resources

- a) *Certificated Personnel Assignment Order & Classified Personnel Assignment Order*

Motion: Board Member Trutane moved to Approve: *Consent Calendar*. Seconded by Board Member Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Williams stated that *Board Bylaw 9322 -Agenda/Meeting Materials* will be uploaded to the AUSD website and an electronic file will be sent to Gamut.

I) BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Williams shared information on the screening of a documentary film about racism and genocide, “Near Normal Man,” that will be shown on November 16th at University Village Community Center.

President Black reported that recently there was a walk-through of the Albany Middle School Annex, although he was not in attendance. Board Member Blanchard was there, and he reported that he thought it was exciting to see Ocean View teachers there.

Vice-President Stapleton-Gray: No report

Board Member Blanchard acknowledged the efforts of the Ocean View PTA for organizing a parent information session on the construction project; the Albany High School Design Team for meeting to consider some of the cost implications of the AHS new addition; and the Budget Advisory Committee for meeting and hard work to date. He also reported that the Ocean View Fall Festival on Saturday, October 20th was very successful. On a sadder note, he attended the memorial service for former Superintendent Marla Stephenson on Saturday, October 20th.

Board Member Trutane reported that she attended the Ocean View Walk-A-Thon, where there was a Dunk Tank. Principal Georgeson and several teachers sat in the dunk tank and were dunked a lot. She stated that some eighth graders also participated in the Dunk Tank, including her own child, and it was a well worth the cost of the balls to dunk her own kid.

Board Member Clark reported that the Wellness Committee will be meeting soon. He stated that he would like a survey to go out to the public regarding later school start times as soon as possible.

J) STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORT

Student Board Member Weinstein reported that there was hate speech written on the walls of Albany High School recently, and she acknowledged the importance of classes and curriculum regarding the Holocaust. She acknowledged Albany High School teacher, Miriam Walden, for providing in-depth learning experience in her World History class, and she acknowledged the English Department for requiring 10th graders to read “Night,” an important memoir about the Holocaust.

Student Board Member Mallah provided the Student Board Member Report, which highlighted some of the recent and upcoming events in the Albany schools:

Albany High School:

- Homecoming week started yesterday, October 22rd. Each grade will compete against each other in a series of events throughout the week to win the title of homecoming champion.
- The homecoming football game will be held Friday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Albany Middle School:

- The first dance of the year for 7th and 8th graders is from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on November 2nd.
- The Black Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 6th.

Marin Elementary School:

- On November 7th, Marin Morning will be at 8:30am and Family Math Night will be at 6:15 p.m.

Cornell Elementary School

- The PTA international potluck will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on October 26th.

Ocean View Elementary School:

- Ocean View hosted their Fall Festival and Walkathon on Saturday, October 20th, and will celebrate Unity Day tomorrow, October 24th.

The elementary schools will all host their annual Halloween parades on Wednesday, October 31st. See more details for each site on their websites.

Albany Children’s Center:

- The Children’s Center will have their Unity Day tomorrow, October 24th and Community Sing at 10:15.

K) PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one addressed the Board to speak on matters not on the agenda.

L) STAFF REPORTS

1) 2018 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Results

Marie Williams, Director III, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, shared the 2018 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment results for the District. Director Williams reviewed the information presented in the Board packet. To listen to the report and hear the discussion in its entirety, please view the [October 23, 2018 BOE Video](#).

M) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

1) Superintendent:

a) Albany Unified School District Board Governance Handbook - Annual Reorganization of the Board

Superintendent Williams presented this item to the Board to review and discuss the District Board Governance Handbook - Annual Reorganization of the Board. The Board and Staff discussed page 22 of the Governance Handbook and if the the School Board should meet in December or January to conduct nominations and elect a Board president and vice-president. This item will be brought back to the Board under Review and Action at the next regular Board meeting.

b) Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings and Notices

Superintendent Williams stated that the last time this Bylaw was revised was in 2012, and it was brought to the Board at this time to clean up some of the old language and to revise some language regarding Board Meetings. The following language was revised:

Regular Meetings

The Board shall hold two regular meetings each month. Regular meetings shall be held at ~~7:30~~ **7:00** p.m. on the ~~first~~ **second** and ~~third~~ **fourth** Tuesday of each month at the ~~Albany Community Center~~ **City of Albany City Council Chambers, or at a time and place agreed to by the agenda committee. Regular meetings shall be recorded** and broadcast on local cable to KALB. **In December, there is only one regularly scheduled Board meeting. In July, there are no regularly scheduled Board meetings.**

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board members. (Government Code 54956) **A special meeting may be proposed by any Board member to the Superintendent, who shall then poll the remaining Board members. If a majority of the Board members approve the meeting, the Superintendent shall work with the agenda committee to agendize and schedule it in a timely fashion.**

This item will be brought back to the Board under Review and Action, along with the Governance Handbook, at the next regular Board meeting.

c) Board of Education Self Evaluation - Evaluation Instrument

Board President Paul Black stated that the Board is supposed to evaluate itself every year. The Board discussed the evaluation instrument for their self-evaluation and discussed the creation of a survey as the evaluation instrument. President Black offered to review the California School Boards Association (CSBA) sample and make suggested revisions. This item will be brought back to the Board under Review and Action at the next regular Board meeting.

d) Plan For Elementary Temporary Student Housing

Superintendent Williams presented a slideshow on plans for temporary housing for elementary students. District Staff, and members of the Board discussed plans for temporary housing for elementary students,

in the event of construction efforts at the Ocean View and Marin Elementary sites. Members of the community addressed the Board to express their concerns and opinions on the matter. The Board requested Staff to bring this back to the Board at the November 27, 2018 Board meeting under Review and Action. To listen to the discussion and see the slideshow, please view the [October 23, 2018 BOE Video](#) (beginning at 1:17:35).

N) NEED TO EXTEND THE MEETING

President Black requested to extend the meeting Extend the meeting until 10:00 p.m. This motion was approved by Member Blanchard and seconded by Board Member Clark.

O) REVIEW AND ACTION

1) Business Services

a) *Independent Contractor Agreement with Mercoza for Removal and Replacement of Concrete Area At Entrance to Cornell Elementary School*

Jackie Kim, Chief Business Official, presented this contract to the Board.

Motion: Vice President Stapleton-Gray moved to Approve: *Independent Contractor Agreement with Mercoza.* Seconded by Board Member Blanchard. The motion passed unanimously.

b) *Amendment for Design-Build Services with Alten Construction for the Albany High School Addition Project*

This amendment was presented to the Board by Jackie Kim, Chief Business Official.

Motion: Board Member Blanchard moved to Approve: *Amendment for Design-Build Services with Alten Construction.* Seconded by Board Member Trutane. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Student Services

a) *Independent Contractor Agreement with ProCare Therapy, Inc.*

This item was presented to the Board by Carrie Nerheim, Director of Student Services.

Motion: Board Member Clark moved to Approve: *Independent Contractor Agreement with ProCare Therapy, Inc.* Seconded by Board Student Member Mallah. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Superintendent

a) *Resolution No. 2018-19-07: Opposition to Proposition 5 - Property Tax Transfers*

This item was presented to the Board by Superintendent Williams, who deferred to Board Member Trutane as she brought this to the attention of the District. Board Member Trutane explained the Proposition 5 and reasons to oppose it. Board Members Blanchard and Clark stated that they support this Resolution. President Black stated his support of the Resolution, but pointed out that the signature line should be revised to read: “President~~Clerk~~ of the Board of Trustees” and requested this be changed.

Motion: Board Member Trutane moved to Approve: *Resolution No. 2018-19-07: Opposition to Proposition 5 - Property Tax Transfers.* Seconded by Board Member Blanchard. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INTRODUCED BY THE BOARD

- Elementary Student Housing
- Governance Handbook
- Board Self-Evaluation
- Board Bylaws 9320
- AUSD District Goals
- Later School Start Times

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
November 13, 2018	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Cornell Elementary MultiPurpose Room
November 27, 2018	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Albany City Hall