

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board of Education Meeting Highlights 1/8/2019

Temporary housing for Ocean View students during school reconstruction/renovation was the main topic of discussion. At the Dec. 11, 2018 meeting, a plan was discussed that would have three grades remaining at the site with adjacent construction. Community and staff concerns arose. The Board asked staff to try their best to come up with a plan that would have no students on or near campus during active construction or demolition. That's a big ask, because the school district has extremely limited space. Sharing existing campuses is necessary and any plan is likely to be a compromise that no one will consider a 100% win. Expect to see new temporary housing plans and possibly a decision on housing that would include a Kindergarten plan at the Jan. 22 school board meeting. I am hopeful that we can come up with a tolerable plan for temporary housing, that is, after all, temporary, that will keep our educational quality intact, and that will be safe for all staff and students.

The Budget Advisory Committee was recreated as a standing committee of the Board, which means that it has no end date, and will continue to advise the Board for years to come. The Committee's mission has been expanded to include advising the Board on ways to increase revenue, not just reducing expenditures. Please consider joining this Committee, especially if you have experience analyzing multimillion dollar budgets or other on-point expertise. The BAC will be a critical factor in shaping Albany's educational program. Apply now at [Budget Advisory Committee](#).

A fascinating plan for increasing enrollment at Albany High was presented. It focuses on creating stable enrollment by filling empty seats in the incoming 9th grade class with out-of-district transfer students. A stable enrollment would enable the district to maintain a set number of teachers and not cause a reshuffling or release of staff when 9th grade enrollment is low. Other benefits are a likely increase in the diversity of the student body, although there is already a majority of minority students at every Albany school. Because the incoming students would not be increasing the number of General Education teachers, it is also likely that this would increase revenue, possibly as much as \$500,000 in a few years when each class has reached optimal enrollment.

These are my personal notes, any mistakes are my own. Board President Kim Trutane