

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Meeting Highlights 1/23/2018

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In commenting on the Consent Calendar items of School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for the secondary schools, Trustee Trutane noted that AUSD is now a “majority minority” district, i.e., there is no single majority racial/ethnic group within the student bodies.

In comments on matters not on the agenda, a parent raised the issue of liability waivers: the District makes use of outside service providers, e.g., for classes or field trips, that, in his opinion, demand overbroad waivers of liability. The parent urged that the District not use outside providers who insist on waivers that would completely eliminate negligence as a potential cause of action.

Student Services Director Carrie Nerheim and Marin Principal Melisa Pfohl discussed planned visits by two teacher/staff delegations to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

The Board approved the 2016-17 Financial Audit Report, and three bond audits (for the Pool construction bond, and the new school construction bonds B and E).

The Board approved a number of contracts, but deferred voting on new contracts for wireless access points and wide-area network (WAN) connectivity for the school sites, in order for staff to follow the appropriate process (receiving a Board resolution to solicit proposals, in advance of selecting a proposal).

The Board heard a discussion of issues around Special Education staffing, including issues of paraeducator salaries, and the challenge of ensuring attendance and coverage as mandated by students' educational plans.