

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The mission of Albany Unified School District is to provide excellent public education that empowers all to achieve their fullest potential as productive citizens. AUSD is committed to creating comprehensive learning opportunities in a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment, addressing the individual needs of each student.

SPECIAL MEETING

Albany Unified School District
1051 Monroe Street, Albany, CA 94706

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

TIME: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting Norms

1. Maintain a focus on what is best for our students.
2. Show respect (never dismiss/devalue others).
3. Be willing to compromise.
4. Disagree (when necessary) agreeably.
5. Make a commitment to effective deliberation, each one listening with an open mind while others are allowed to express their points of view.
6. Participate by building on the thoughts of a fellow Board member.
7. Make a commitment to open communication and honesty; no surprises.
8. Commit the time necessary to govern effectively.
9. Be collaborative.
10. Maintain confidentiality (which leads to the building of trust).
11. Look upon history as lessons learned; focus on the present and the future.

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

12:00 p.m.

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
- C) Approval of Agenda

II. REVIEW AND ACTION

- A) Public Employee Appointment:
 - Approve Appointment of Chief Business Official
- B) Resolution No. 2017-18-25: Resolution to Initiate a Transition to Ranked-Choice At Large Voting Commencing with the 2020 Governing Board Election------(pg.2)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1:30 p.m.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
August 8, 2018	7:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Albany City Hall

Member Blanchard will participate via telephone from 39 Rosemary Court, Midland, MI 48640, where a copy of the agenda will be posted on the door.

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Special Meeting of June 29, 2018

ITEM: RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18-25: RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A TRANSITION TO RANKED-CHOICE AT LARGE VOTING COMMENCING WITH THE 2020 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

PREPARED BY: VAL WILLIAMS, SUPERINTENDENT

TYPE OF ITEM: REVIEW & ACTION

PURPOSE: The Board of Trustees to review and approve Resolution No. 2017-18-25: Resolution to Initiate a Transition to Ranked-Choice At Large Voting Commencing with the 2020 Governing Board Election

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/DETAILS: The Albany Unified School District is in the City of Albany City Charter, and the City of Albany City Council determines the election method for the City. Several years ago, the City of Albany Charter Review Committee engaged with the AUSD School Board on the topic of ranked-choice at large voting as part of a study the Committee did over the course of several years. The rate at which school districts are being compelled to shift from “plurality at large” voting, which is the current method used to elect the School Board, to “plurality by district” under the California Voting Rights Act, has accelerated dramatically. Several school districts have changed methods as of this time. A member of the City of Albany Charter Review Committee provided a presentation to the AUSD School Board on November 14, 2017. At the February 13, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the School Board passed [Resolution 2017-18-11](#) which supported a change in the election method of the AUSD Board of Education to ranked-choice at large voting.

At the [June 26, 2018 Board of Education meeting](#), the School Board continued its discussion on Election Methods for the Albany Unified School District Board of Trustees. Members of the public spoke on this topic. The School Board gave direction to staff to agendize a special School Board meeting to consider the adoption of a proposed resolution requesting that the Albany City Council place a charter amendment on the November, 2018 ballot specifying a transition from plurality at large to ranked-choice at large for electing the AUSD Board of Education.

KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: Are there any conditions to consider regarding the charter amendment?

A: The charter amendment would include the following four conditions for transition from the transition from plurality at large to ranked-choice at large to occur if the amendment is approved by the electorate:

1. The Registrar can administer ranked-choice at large elections,
2. The first use of ranked-choice at large will be in a general election,
3. The projected cost of switching to ranked-choice at large will not be more than 0.05% of AUSD’s budget for each of the first two years, and,
4. The projected ongoing incremental cost of ranked-choice at large compared to plurality at large will not be more than 0.025% of the AUSD’s budget for each subsequent year.

Q: Does the charter amendment have to be placed on the November, 2018 election ballot?

A: No, the next election in which the change can have an effect is the November, 2020 general election. Passing the charter review amendment in the 2020 primary election would also serve to change the voting method for the November, 2020 election.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: 1) The projected cost of switching to ranked-choice at large will not be more than 0.1% of AUSD’s budget for the first two years (approximately \$30,000 total for two years) and 2) the projected ongoing incremental cost of ranked-choice at large compared to plurality at large will not be more than 0.05% of AUSD’s budget (approximately \$10,000) for each two-year election cycle).

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Trustees to review and approve Resolution No. 2017-18-25: Resolution to Initiate a Transition to Ranked-Choice At Large Voting Commencing with the 2020 Governing Board Election

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2017-18-25**

**Resolution to Initiate a Transition to Ranked-Choice At Large Voting
Commencing with the 2020 Governing Board Election**

WHEREAS Chapter VI of the City of Albany Charter includes the Albany Unified School District Board of Education (AUSD BOE); and

WHEREAS the City of Albany charter sets the election methods for both the Albany City Council and the AUSD BOE; and

WHEREAS the AUSD BOE is convinced that the method of election that best supports equity and inclusion and most accurately represents voter preference is ranked-choice at large, and would therefore prefer ranked-choice at large elections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the AUSD BOE requests that the Albany City Council place a charter amendment on the November, 2018 ballot specifying a transition from plurality at large to ranked-choice at large for electing the AUSD Board of Education,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment include the following four conditions for the transition from plurality at large to ranked-choice at large to occur if the amendment is approved by the electorate:

1. the Registrar can administer ranked-choice at large elections,
2. the first use of ranked-choice at large will be in a general election,
3. the projected cost of switching to ranked-choice at large will not be more than 0.1% of AUSD’s budget for the first two-year election cycle, and
4. the projected ongoing incremental cost of ranked-choice at large compared to plurality at large will not be more than 0.05% of AUSD’s budget for each subsequent 2-year election cycle.

The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on June 29, 2018, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I, _____, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held on June 29, 2018, by a vote of _____ to _____.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 29th day of June, 2018.

Clerk of the Governing Board