

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Board of Education Meeting Highlights 09/25/2018

*These highlights are the personal notes of Board Member Blanchard and are not official minutes.*

During the time for matters not on the agenda, the Board heard that an issue of scheduling has limited lanes available at Albany Pool for one user group. The Board cannot discuss matters that are not on the agenda but always appreciates input. The Board requested follow-up information from staff.

The Board heard three staff reports. First, Superintendent Val Williams reported that a three-month delay by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) has occurred and will delay the start of construction of the AHS Addition until after December 2018. Separately, the California Geological Survey requested additional information about seismic conditions at the site, so the geotechnical survey will be updated during the time that DSA is delaying its review.

Director Marie Williams presented a report on ninth-grade math enrollment. All students are placed in a math course that is recognized by UC and CSU unless a student's individual education plan specifies otherwise. Board members noted that Math 1/2 has developed a reputation as a "weeder" class.

Director Carrie Nerheim presented an enrollment update. Eight new interdistrict transfer requests were accepted from staff members this year, and 413 transfer students continued from last year. Current enrollment (3703) has increased by about 65 students from last year, after having declined in each of the two previous years.

The Board reviewed the AMS behavior matrix, which specifies policies for site discipline rules. The matrix is the work of a committee on restorative justice, which was established in the fall of 2015. Staff clarified that state Education Code specifies the distinction between excused and unexcused absences and the number of unexcused absences (10) that trigger truancy mediation. AMS staff members have tried to establish consistency among teachers with respect to assigning tardies – the policy is that students should be in their classrooms and in their seats when the bell rings.

The Albany Aquatics Center operated with a small net surplus every year since opening until last year. The accumulated surplus was used to cover net operating losses last year and this year, but a plan to operate at net surplus again was needed. Staff proposed raising salaries, because understaffing prevented them from offering as many swim classes as could have been filled. Staff also proposed raising user fees for the first time since 2012. The Board approved both proposals. The projected financial impact is a net revenue increase of \$47,000.

The Board approved an increase in custodial fees paid by non-AUSD users for general facility usage.

The Board approved a resolution in support of the City of Albany's "No Hate Week" November 11 – 17.