
MINUTES
AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The Azusa Unified School District Board of Education met via Teleconference for the Regular Board Meeting

1.0 Preliminary

A) Call to Order

1.1 The Board President will call the Board Meeting of the Azusa Unified School District to Order

Board President, Gabriela Arellanes, called Closed Session to order at 5:59 p.m.

2.0 Items From the Floor/ Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

2.1 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

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3.0 Closed Session

3.1 Public Employee Appointment/Complaint/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of Employee/Transfer (Government Code Section 54957)

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3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators

Recommendation: Conference with Labor Negotiators to review with the District's Labor Negotiators on a mandatory subject of bargaining with the California School Employees Association, Azusa Educator's Association, and Azusa Federation of Adult Educators (Government Code Section 54957.6). District representatives shall be Arturo Ortega, Superintendent; Jorge A. Ronquillo, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Dayna Mitchell, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Latasha D. Jamal, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; and Alexis Norman, Ed.D., Director Human Resources.

3.3 Public Employee: Performance Evaluation - Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957)

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4.0 Open Session

Board President, Gabriela Arellanes, called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

A) Flag Salute

4.1 Flag Salute

Recommendation: It is recommended that all rise for the Flag Salute.

Alia Torres, a Murray student, led the audience in the Flag Salute.

B) Roll Call

4.2 Roll Call

It is recommended the Board President take roll call.

Gabriela Arellanes	Present
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Present
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Present
Adrian Greer	Present
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Present

C) Approval of Agenda

4.3 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agenda order and content. **(Board President Arellanes announced an amendment to the agenda. Agenda Items 9.3 and 12.6 were TABLED to the April 20, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.)**

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña)** Moved, Member **(Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agenda order and content'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

5.0 Recognition and Awards

5.1 Recognition of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC+)

On November 16, 2020, as part of the Golden Bell Awards, the PAC+ received a recognition from the California School Boards Association for Family/Student/Community Engagement. Senator Rubio would like the opportunity to recognize the PAC+ for this achievement.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education welcome Senator Rubio to recognize the PAC+.

Senator Rubio

Thank you so much. I'm always happy to stop by and say hello to all of you. I want to commend you for all the incredible work you've been doing during the pandemic. As an educator for 17 years, I cannot thank you enough. I know it's been a cumbersome task in the last year. I'm so proud to be here to acknowledge your Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association in the category of Parent Advisory Committee Plus. The award speaks to your commitment and dedication to our students and parents. I had a webinar yesterday, and I engaged with one of your teachers, and she was phenomenal. So I already know that you're doing a tremendous job. I want to read the certificate if I may? On behalf of the California State Senate, the certificate reads it is my honor to present you with the certificate of recognition for your prestigious award, your stakeholder engagement commitment, and how effectively you become a model for other schools. I applaud your commitment to collaboration, transparent decision making your investment, and tireless commitment to our children and their education, which has fostered our next generation of leaders. I look forward to stopping by as soon as we can do so safely, saying hello, and recognizing all of you collectively. I also want to commend our parents. Yesterday's webinar covered the issue of anxiety for parents and students. As we come back, many of our children are having anxiety; parents have anxiety. They've been together with their children for an entire year. It takes a little bit of time, and patience, so we could give parents and school administrators some guidance and tips, and hopefully, we can do one in your district in person one of these days. Thank you to the Board and School Board Members' President for allowing me time to say hello and speak to you. I will continue to be an advocate in the educational field right now. I will be pushing for policies and funding that I know you will need as you continue to open schools and making sure that our teachers and our students have what they need, so with that, I'll turn it over to you and thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity.

6.0 Items From the Floor/Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items

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Vicky Davis

Thank you so much, Board my name is Vicki Davis, and I am an English teacher at Azusa High School, and today I would like to talk to you about honoring Mr. Dave Lewis. Since his passing, the Azusa High School staff has been talking about how we can honor a man who led a life of service. There has been an enormous outpour of support by the Azusa community, including Azusa High School staff, student alumni, and drama boosters, to have the Little Theater on the Azusa High School campus be renamed in his memory. At this time, we have the support of over a thousand people who have requested we rename the theater in his honor. Mr. Lewis served AUSD for over 30 years as a drama teacher and a counselor, and his contributions went beyond being a teacher. He was the heart of the drama program. He worked tirelessly to raise funding to keep the program running smoothly and provide scholarships to drama students he generously gave of his time. No matter what time you came to campus, Mr. Lewis could be found on campus from early in the morning zero period in the theater late afternoon on rehearsal days and even on weekends. His joy for life and tenacity to help others was shared with all; as a counselor, he was compassionate, supportive, and caring. One of my current sophomore English students told me that even when he got in trouble, he knew Mr. Lewis was there to help him find his way. This sophomore student said that Mr. Lewis could even make serving detention a learning experience that was fun. Mr. Lewis had a way of making everyone feel supported. As a teacher, I visited his office on numerous occasions to discuss a student. I always left his office feeling better than when I entered it, and that is because he cared about not only the students but the entire staff. His passion for helping students reach their full potential, his positive interactions with colleagues his dynamic personality will be missed. Please help us honor an exceptional educator, colleague, and friend by naming the Azusa High School Theater the Dave H. Lewis Theater for the Performing Arts. Thank you so much for your time.

Esther Campos-Ball

Good evening board members and cabinet. I will be speaking in favor of renaming Azusa High School's Little Theater after Dave Lewis, our beloved counselor. Mr. Lewis always had such a wonderful smile on his face. He was always there to help students and colleagues. You could walk into his office and knock on the door, and he always greeted you with a smile. He was available to help you in any way, shape, or form, whether you were a student, a colleague, or administration. Mr. Lewis gave 110% of his life to the drama program; naming the little theater after Mr. Lewis is an excellent way for us to honor him. I know that it's not very often that we consider naming any building within our district after someone. Still, I would implore you to please consider when you have to vote on the issue to rename the theater after Mr. Lewis. He gave his life to our students, our drama students, and alumni. Alumni come back to assist him year after year after year. I would appreciate it when the time comes where we present this for a vote that you highly consider the impact that Mr. Lewis has made not only for our students, our alumni, our community, and Azusa High School. Thank you.

Amber

I just wanted to take a moment to reach out to our Board regarding the increased violence against our Asian communities. We haven't seen a statement put out from our district lately,

and that's a little disappointing given our goal to be more diverse and inclusive. I did see that Ms. Bow put out a statement on her Facebook page. The City of Azusa has also commented on discouraging racism, specifically against our Asian communities. I'm disappointed that it's been a while, and we still haven't seen anything from our school board. We need to stand up and show the school district as a community that we are here for them, that the school board is here to show support if needed, give them people a place to look for answers if they have questions or need support. I'd like to see some action taken from our school board that gives our community members a place to look in these uncertain times where we face so many racial inequalities, and crime hate crimes as of lately, so thank you for your time this evening.

Patricia Sanchez

Good evening everyone. I'm going to be a little emotional, but I'll get through this. I'm here today to speak about a gentleman who has been an influential figure to my family and myself and many of our students, parents, and peers. This man supported and positively affected all those who had the pleasure of crossing his path at Azusa High School. He was one of the first staff members to arrive and the last one to leave campus. He dedicated his life to his profession as a counselor and a drama teacher to Azusa High School students and his peers. He helped and guided anyone who worked with him. His devotion to his faith was ever-present in all he did. He had become a grandfather, a father, a brother, a role model, and a fantastic friend. These words don't justify the man and all the memories we created together with him. A few alumni of his drama club, David Ochoa, Damian Lopez, and Jacqueline Sanchez, created a remembrance of Mr. Lewis on the east wall of the theater, it reads: David H Lewis 1962-2021 he took the stage and left a legacy that was and always will be Mr. Lewis. On behalf of the drama booster club, we asked the Board of Education, superintendent, and cabinet to please consider changing and dedicating the name of the Little Theater at Azusa High School to the David H Lewis Theater of the Performing Arts as a remembrance of Mr. Lewis for serving over 30 years with AUSD. Honoring the love and hard work he gave all of us on and off the stage, may he rest in peace. We love you, Mr. Lewis, and we'll never forget your drama family forever. Thank you.

Meghan Savella

Good evening Board Members and cabinet. I have two requests. First, I'd like to ask if we could please have a moment of silence at the end of the school board meeting in honor of Mr. Dave Lewis. My second request is to have you somehow pull or explain or defer the contract's approval with ROP for leasing out the former Sierra High School site. As an association leader, I'm very concerned. Our teachers, my executive board, are also very concerned that we are only leasing that space for \$78,000 a year. We have been very patient about waiting for what will be done with these sites that have been closed. We have been consistently told to put our faith into the prospect of trying to look for the best ways to generate income with these properties. We've been told that a one-stop-shop of just selling them is potentially not the best way and that we can find better ways, and we have put our faith in that effort and have not seen any returns. I'm sure that you have plans that we don't know about that are discussed in closed session, and maybe we could hear about some of those things, but I believe that for Sierra High School and that humongous property, even if you're only leasing out a portion of it \$78,000 a year is just a drop in the bucket. I appreciate the effort the

movement forward to do something with the property. We need to know more about the plans and why such a low price. The low income generated is not anything that I would have expected. Thank you for your time.

Selisa Loeza

I'm a parent of two students attending school in the district and a previous elementary educator. In November 2020, a board meeting had numerous presentations from various organizations on diversity, inclusion, equity, and anti-racism to ensure all students feel safe and supported at AUSD. Members of the board on board with the theology behind each of the presentations. Today, I call on our board members and district to move beyond theology and hold the board accountable to take action. I'm aware that since then, a committee has been made, but more immediate action is necessary. Two days ago, another black man lost his life. Our Asian American and Pacific Islander siblings have experienced increased violence and deaths for the past few months. Our district must make a statement condemning racism, showing the Azusa Unified School District's value of being student-centered. We have black, brown, Asian Americans, Pacific Islander, and many other students of color that need to hear and know that they are safe and that their community cares for them and their families. According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, people need a basis of safety before working towards self-actualization. Before spring break, during the drop-off of one of my children, I overheard a substitute telling a crying preschooler, "calm down, big boys don't cry" this was not my child, yet I felt the impact. I bring this here tonight to exemplify concern over racism and gender bias in our district; this isn't the first I've heard of discrimination in discussion with other parents and high school students in our district. I've heard of incidences of bias and discrimination based on language, race, gender, and religion, to name a few. I ask for the following action items from the district; this week creates a statement condemning xenophobia, racism, discrimination, and solidarity with all individuals impacted by racism, bias, and hate crimes. Commit to immediately searching for anti-racism and bias training for all staff of the district. I request this training be ongoing and eventually open to the community. Create a system for students and parents to report such incidences both online and in person. Have a standard operation of procedures to investigate individuals who show racism and or bias and track how many occurrences. Finally, I have seen that the California education officials have received verbally that there may be the option to forego standardized testing and option for local assessments pending confirmation. If the Department of Education approves, I encourage our board to option out-of-state testing, focus on local assessment, lose class time, and maintain focus on students' social-emotional needs. As mentioned before by the board, I will be emailing the statement to all board members by tomorrow and following up on board meetings and emails. Thank you.

Alan French

Good evening everyone. I just wanted to talk for a moment about renaming the Azusa High Theater, the David H Lewis Theater. I am an alumnus of Azusa High, I graduated in 2001, and I had the pleasure of working under Mr. Lewis in a drama production back in 1999. He was so passionate about drama and strived to get the best out of his students. Whether they were actors or part of the technical crew, he always found a way to have them take their performance to another level. I was a tech. I was a very shy person back in those days, and whether Mr. Lewis knew it or not, he helped me sort come out of my shell. Speaking from

experience, he taught me various lessons I've carried through some 20 years after I've graduated. One of them is how to accept constructive criticism, and another is to try new things. I ask that you consider renaming the theater in his honor because he founded the drama program when he first started at Azusa High; there was no drama program. He was responsible for creating what we now know as the Little Theater on Rockvale. Through his passion and hard work, he created the theater for what it is today. I still keep in contact with friends in the drama program, and I was also friends with Mr. Lewis on social media, and the outpouring of emotion has been nothing short of extraordinary. The endless devotion to his students and the positive impact he made through hundreds if not thousands of drama students. There is no more incredible tribute to him than to rename the theater David H Lewis Theater for the Performing Arts. He has earned that honor; he's nothing short of a legend of Azusa High, so I hope you all will consider renaming it in his honor. Thank you.

7.0 Comments, Reports, and Requests by the Board of Education

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Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña

Good evening everyone. It's been a while. Powell elementary had a poetry showcase. The 5th & 6th-grade students did a fabulous job. The students touch my heart with their passion when reading each poem. Congratulations to Sierra High School for winning model continuation high school. Great job, Sierra High School principal Mr. Kent Stout, staff, student's parents. Congratulation to Emily Ruiz freshmen at Azusa High School, for placing in the top 7 of the region 15 oratory contest. Emily took home a monetary scholarship. We're proud of you for putting AUSD on the map. On a cold Friday morning, Azusa Rotary students and Interact Club Members Leticia Perez from Gladstone High and Emily Ruiz from Azusa High School came to deliver 100 care packages to Pathfinder Ministry Food Bank. I attended the opening of school meetings. I would like to thank Superintendent Ortega and his cabinet, classified, certificated, student, parents for all you do for AUSD. Thank you to MOT and Nutrition Services for always being there, rain or shine, to serve the grab-and-go lunches. We have had some crazy weather through this pandemic. You all are doing the hard work strategizing the plans to open school safely. I want to thank you all. I want to close our meeting in memory of Mr. Dave Lewis, who has passed away unexpectedly. He spent 31 years of his life at AUSD as a counselor, drama teacher, friend to many. He was very passionate about his work and helping students believe in themselves. I went to many of his plays, and they were fantastic. He gave students confidence and allowed them to do something they liked. I remember when he came out as Captain Hook. He was a beautiful person inside and out. Mr. Lewis will be genuinely missed. I'm not sure how this is done, but I want to propose AUSD name The Little Theater on Rockvale after Mr. Lewis.

Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez

I want to express my appreciation to all the employees, our management, who made it a smooth process to come to in-person learning. Going to Hodge is smooth and easy to drop my son and pick him up. I hope that we'll get back to normal at some point, but I want to

express my appreciation to everyone for now. I wanted to ask about the process for renaming the theater. Is that something that requires board action? Is it something that happens at the school site? According to our board policy, we have the authority a part of the facility. I echo Yolanda's request; maybe we can put this on the next board meeting agenda. I just wanted to call out Norma Camacho because my colleagues at work had a conversation with her to see what was happening with English learners and were just blown away by what we're doing in the district. I wanted to express my appreciation to her and then let her know my colleagues had a meeting with the cd staff the same day, and they were sharing what we're doing in Azusa with the Department of Education. Thank you for all the work that all of you do, especially around the English learners. What kind of assessments will we be using for the annual assessments? I want to say thank you, Sabrina, for the resolution that we have today around xenophobia and calling out anti-Asian hate. We must make a public statement. Thank you.

Sabrina Bow Ed.D.

Good evening. Thank you, Board Member Cruz-Gonzalez. I do want to make sure I acknowledge board member Rodriguez-Peña. I think we just didn't communicate together. Board member Rodriguez-Peña put in a request at the same time. This is a significant resolution before us, and I think the point is it doesn't matter who says it or how we do it but that we work together, and I do echo your sentiment around the important piece. I'm excited to see the resolution on our docket for tonight. I'm also excited that we're postponing our diversity in hiring practices to our next meeting. I had some requests in January on this topic and move the conversation forward. On a little bit of a lighter note, this Thursday, AUSD is hosting a blood drive in partnership with Children's Hospital LA, we're going to be doing that at our Barranca campus, and I'm happy to kind of play a part in that. I will be a first-time blood donor, and I say that because I've had some needle aversion in my life, I think it just that's part of what education is being a model for our students, peers, and colleagues. Finally, a small update. I was recently asked to participate on an anti-hate panel in a community in Northeast Los Angeles; details about the forum and the format still to come.

Adrian Greer

Good evening everybody. I have a handful of things to share. First, great job on the reopening; after the first couple of days, my daughter, who is in fourth grade, said, even though it feels like we're in fish tanks, it is way better than I thought it was going to be. She's excited and glad and happy to be back in person and seeing her friends. A couple of announcements on Saturday, April 24th, there will be a DACA Clinic hosted at Foothill Community Church; it's in partnership with the Immigration Resource Center. There will be attorneys and other folks present to help with the process. I want to extend a personal invitation; if there's anyone interested in more information, you can reach out to me by email at agreer@azusa.org or give me a phone call at 626-629-8061. I will be finally hosting another online coffee on April 27th from 6 p.m. to 7 30 p.m. It has been my goal to host these once a month. I was doing pretty good until I got COVID. I'm just now getting kind of on the other side of it, and I am grateful to be able to get back into the rhythm. I'll be posting it online and sending emails. I would also like to echo the sentiment in honoring Dave Lewis. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him personally, but through friends that I had when I was going to school here, students I've served over the years, I've heard firsthand the impact

he has made. I'd also like to echo closing in his honor and bringing the matter forward to renaming the theater in his honor. I have a brief comment on the tragic reality of racism, xenophobia that exists. Statements, resolutions will not appropriately address the extent of hatred, racism, and xenophobia. There's no room for it in our society; there's no room for it in our community; there's no room for that within our district. I'm grateful to see the resolution that's here before us and postponing looking at diversity in our hiring practices. I wouldn't want any student within our district to question their safety or their worth. Let's begin with this resolution but let's continue with definitive action. There will be a rally on April 24th at city hall hosted by Mayor Gonzalez around this issue. This not just an Asian American problem; this is not a black American problem; these are issues that we all have to face collectively as a society. I'm grateful that we'll do that in the coming weeks, months, and years. Thank you.

Gabriela Arellanes

I want to echo Dave Lewis's sentiment; I did have a chance to go to many productions at Azusa High. I've seen firsthand the impact he had on our students and the community. His passion, dedication, and the number of hours he put into making the drama program come alive at Azusa High are priceless. The superintendent and I have already discussed renaming the little theater; there is protocol that needs to be followed, and I appreciate all of the board members being on board. We will close the meeting in honor of Mr. Lewis. I also agree we should have a moment of silence just before we adjourn. I am thankful to all of our staff who have made this transition for our students to come back to in-person learning a smooth transition. My daughter was so excited to see her friends, even if it was from far away. I picked her up; she said, this is the best. I love my school; I love my teacher and everybody who works here. Let's start thinking about summer school so we can have some information for our parents and teachers. I'm sure you guys are working on it, but if we can get this to the board as soon as possible, that would be great. I am partnering up with the council Mayor Robert Gonzalez on the Stop Asian Hate Rally on Saturday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. We have put a program together, and we look forward to seeing all of you as my colleagues have expressed there's no room for xenophobia here. I heard about an event that happened in one of our schools yesterday, and I was very disturbed. I have zero tolerance for any hate; like our board member, Greer, said, it's not just Asians; it's black; it's any hate LGBTQ; we should have zero tolerance for that and address it right away. I feel very strongly about that, and I want to invite all of you guys on April 24th at 5:30 on the city hall lawn. Please come and help us unify here in Azusa and take a stand against all of this hate that's going on. If there are any questions, email me at garellanes@azusa.org thank you.

8.0 Comments and Reports by Superintendent/Cabinet/Student Board Members

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Destiny Contreras

Good evening. Gladstone is eager to see Glads in person next week. April is Autism Awareness, Sexual Assault Awareness, and Child Abuse Awareness Month. ASB will be posting informational slides on these topics to spread awareness. Our impact project

supporting low-income families is in motion. We are waiting to receive our percentage of the money we made from our boba fundraiser. We will finalize a date in early May. The next ECP cohort for the class of 2023 will be 73 students; we are proud of the growth. Gladstone would like to honor Leticia Perez, who reached fifth place in the statewide HOSA competition in the cultural diversity and healthcare disparities. Gladstone would like to recognize our graphic arts teacher Jim Hague who plays second in Skills USA Teachers. Mr. Hague is skilled, and he expects to win it all next year. Thank you.

Jacob Vasquez

Good evening everyone. Spring sports practice is going very well. Football baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, soccer, and golf are practicing for their upcoming seasons. Students are excited to be on campus. Our Aztecs are returning to school Monday, April 19th, for in-person instruction. We are looking forward to seeing our Aztecs on campus once again. We will conduct class meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 pm to discuss the returning of school policies and protocols. Café Azteca will be meeting, Thursday, April 15th, at 2:45 and 3 30 pm. The leadership class will be working on making signs to welcome our Aztecs back. Azusa High School would like to recognize Mr. Lewis for his amazing contribution to our school site; he will be genuinely missed. He inspired all his students to be the best they could be. May he rest in peace. Thank you.

Dayna Mitchell Ed.D.

Good evening. I would like to announce that on April 6th, the state of California notified school districts about new student standardized testing flexibilities for the 2021 school year due to the impact of covet 19 pandemic distance learning and return to in-person learning. California has given districts permission to use local standards-aligned assessments rather than administering the CAASPP, the California Assessment of Student Progress and performance, this spring. Azusa Unified will be using our local English language arts and mathematics assessments to report academic progress. The state and district assessment results will be communicated to families of students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 in late spring, and we will be communicating this out to all of our families and staff this week. Thank you.

Jorge Ronquillo

Good evening Board Members. I want to express my deep appreciation for all of our employees. As we started resuming in-person instruction, our classified employees have done outstanding work throughout this entire pandemic. They have been integral to the reopening of schools. Our teachers have learned to provide meaningful instruction to students virtually. Now our teachers are working to provide distance learning, and in-person learning to our students still appreciate that. Our site administrators have worked tirelessly to ensure that the many guidelines and protocols from the Los Angeles county department of public health have been implemented. I want to thank all of our employees for their hard work and dedication.

Latasha Jamal

I want to use the opportunity to toot our own horn. We've had over five walks with The LA County Department of Health, and each time the question is asked, how did you guys do this?

How long did it take you? Can we please take pictures? Where did you get this template from? How did you guys know these protocols? The comments are a testament to our leadership, our superintendent, collaboration from our cabinet, and then just a joint effort of all our staff members. When we're at Ellington, the representative asked, how did you guys come up with this grab and go? If you go to Ellington, each gate had a designated area based on the grade level. At Paramount, the rep said, when I went to Murray, I knew what to expect. It shows where we invested; the reps were impressed with our scanners, isolation room and loved our cots. They commented on all of the detail that we put into everything. Overall, I think our faculty sees the effort we put in to show that we value them and appreciate them. Thank you.

Arturo Ortega

Good evening everyone. I also want to echo my condolences and sadness for the passing of Mr. Lewis. As a matter of consideration, we are going back to closed session, so maybe we want to do a moment of silence before we go to closed session. That way, people can participate in that and then end the meeting once we come out in his memory. I want to thank Senator Rubio for the PAC + recognition. Under Jennifer Edic Bryant's leadership, the PAC + continues to grow and get stronger. We are thankful for all the members who contribute to its success. This is our first board meeting back since we have reopened schools, and I just wanted to share how excited I have been these last couple of weeks to see students, parents, and staff buzzing at our school sites. On the first day of school, we had parents with their first day of school signs taking pictures with their kids. We had balloons and banners, mascots we had teachers, and costumes going all out for the first day of school like some of you have shared. I have heard comments from students, parents, and staff about how excited they are to be back. Yesterday we welcomed back our third and fourth-grade students uh to our campuses. Next, week we're going to be welcoming our fifth through twelfth grade uh graders back uh so we have been very busy uh at our secondary sites today. We spent the good part of the morning supporting them as they get ready to reopen. We did hold two town halls, one in English and one in Spanish, for the secondary reopening. I am happy to announce that pretty much every single live question we were able to answer. We did add the questions to our frequently asked question document for those who didn't want to go live. I want to piggyback a little bit on Latasha her report should be a source of pride for all of us that inspectors from the department of public health are using the words exemplary, model, and best practice. The health department inspectors wanted to share AUSD's model with other inspectors and other districts on what is happening here. As everyone has said, that is not because of one person but because of the countless staff members who have made that possible. Thank you.

9.0 General Functions

9.1 Azusa High School's (AHS) Academy of Engineering and Smart Materials, Adaptive Structures and Intelligent Systems (SMASIS) Collaboration Presentation

Azusa High School's Academy of Engineering students had the opportunity to create and submit a project to the annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) conference on Smart Materials, Adaptive Structures and Intelligent Systems (SMASIS).

ASME is a non-profit professional organization that fosters the collaboration, knowledge dissemination, and training across all engineering disciplines. The ASME conference focuses on smart structures and intelligent materials systems. SMASIS provides a unique forum that brings together industry and government scientists, faculty, and students from mechanical, aerospace, and civil engineering, materials science, and mathematics whose research spans areas in smart structures and intelligent material systems.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education receive information from Azusa High School's Academy of Engineering.

**Azusa High School
Academy of Engineering and AMASIS Collaboration
Fall 2020**

AHS/SMASIS Collaboration

- Academy of Engineering (AOE) students accepted an opportunity to work with professional advisors.
- Create and submit a project to the Conference on Smart Materials, Adaptive Structures and Intelligent Systems (SMASIS) sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Overview

Project Advisors

- Dr. Kazuko Fuchi (Research Engineer, University of Dayton Research Institute)
- Prof. Edwin A. Peraza Hernandez (Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine)
- Prof. Euihark Lee (Assistant Professor, Michigan State University)

Project Scope

- 5 Groups of 3-4 students
- Packaging designs and development
 - Utilize origami concepts and techniques
 - Constraints

Valuable Lessons Learned

- Working in Virtual Teams
- "Engineering" in Real Life
- Soft Skills
- Professional Collaboration

What's Next?

- SMASIS presentation (September 2021)
- Ongoing collaboration (Robotics 2021)
- K-12 Foothill Consortium internships

9.2 Review of 2019-20 Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) Audit Reports

The independent annual audit of the District's financial reports have been completed for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education review the 2019-2020 AUSD Audit Reports as presented by Shilo Gorospe.

9.3 Increasing Diversity Through Our Hiring Practices Presentation

On January 19, 2021, the Board of Education requested a presentation of our hiring practices. This presentation will highlight current research, our AUSD hiring practices, and discuss the next steps.

The Board of Education (**TABLED until the April 20, 2021, Board Meeting**) receive information related to increasing diversity through our hiring practices.

9.4 Approval of Resolution #20-21:27, Denouncing Xenophobia Due to COVID-19

The Azusa Unified School District believes that we have a special responsibility to understand and intentionally work to eliminate racism.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve Resolution #20-21:27, denouncing xenophobia due to COVID-19.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve Resolution #20-21:27, denouncing xenophobia due to COVID-19'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

9.5 Discussion of Board Self-Evaluation

The Board of Education will discuss the Board's self-evaluation.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education discuss the Board's self-evaluation.

The Board of Education agreed that Board President Arellanes, Board Member Bow, and Superintendent Ortega would form an ad hoc committee to create a process for Board self-evaluation. A possible tool suggested was the CSBA Board Self-Evaluation Tool as a model. This ad hoc committee would then bring their recommendations to the Board of Education.

10.0 Consent Calendar

10.1 Approval of the Consent Calendar

Recommendation: The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Calendar agenda items.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Calendar agenda items'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

A) General Functions

10.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 2, 2021, and the Study Session Board Meeting on March 16, 2021

The Secretary of the Board of Education shall keep minutes and record all official Board of Education actions. Any minutes kept for Board of Education meetings held in closed session shall be kept separate from the minutes of regular and special meetings.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 2, 2021, and the Study Session Board Meeting on March 16, 2021.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 2, 2021, and the Study Session Board Meeting on March 16, 2021'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

B) Business and Finance

10.3 Approval and Acceptance of Donation

The students and faculty will benefit greatly from this generous donation.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education accept this generous donation.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education accept

this generous donation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**.
The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.4 Approval of Purchase Orders and Warrants

All purchase orders and warrants are in accordance with the budget guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the attached purchase orders and warrants.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the attached purchase orders and warrants'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

C) Curriculum and Instruction

10.5 Approval of the Affiliation Agreement between the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD), Azusa Adult Education Center, and Gladstone Care and Rehabilitation Center

This Affiliation Agreement permits AUSD to offer externship-training opportunities for Azusa Adult Education Center Healthcare students.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Azusa Unified School District, Adult Education Center, and Gladstone Care and Rehabilitation Center.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Azusa Unified School District, Adult Education Center, and Gladstone Care and Rehabilitation Center'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

10.6 Approval of the Agreement between Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) and Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) for the 2021-2022 School Year

AVID is a college preparatory program intended to increase college-going opportunities for under-represented students and is consistent with AUSD's goal of increasing students' college and career readiness.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agreement between AUSD and AVID for the 2021-2022 school year.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agreement between AUSD and AVID for the 2021-2022 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

D) Human Resources

10.7 Ratification/Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Board Report and Extra Duty Board Report

It is essential that all positions have the highest quality staff.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education ratify/approve the Personnel and Extra Duty Board Reports.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education ratify/approve the Personnel and Extra Duty Board Reports'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

E) Policies and Bylaws

10.8 Approval of Amended Administrative Regulation (AR) Regarding Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

Approval of Amended AR 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Administrative Regulation regarding Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Administrative Regulation regarding Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.9 Approval of Amended Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) Regarding Community Relations

Approval of Amended BP and AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Community Relations.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Community Relations'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.10 Approval of Amended Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) Regarding Personnel

Approval of Amended BP and AR 4119.25 Political Activities of Employees; Amended BP 4140 Bargaining Units; Amended BP and AR 4219.25 Political Activities of Employees; Amended BP 4240 Bargaining Units; Amended BP and AR 4319.25 Political Activities of Employees; Amended BP 4340 Bargaining Units ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education receive for approval amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Personnel.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education receive for approval amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Personnel'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.11 Approval of Amended Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) Regarding Students

Approval of Amended BP and AR 5113.2 Work Permits; Amended BP and AR 5126 Awards For Achievement; Amended BP and AR 5141.31 Immunizations; Amended BP and AR 5148.3 Preschool - Early Childhood Education ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Students.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Students'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.12 Approval of Amended Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) Regarding Instruction

Approval of Amended BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements; Amended BP and AR 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency - High School Equivalency; Amended BP

6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Instruction.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations regarding Instruction'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

10.13 Approval of Amended Board Bylaws (BB)

Approval of Amended BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications and Amended BB 9320 Meetings and Notices ensures the District complies with legislation and recommendations of the California School Boards Association.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Bylaws.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve amended Board Bylaws'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

11.0 Items pulled from Consent Calendar

12.0 Business and Finance

12.1 Approval of USagain Contract with Foothill Middle School

USagain to provide convenience to our community and families needing to part ways with outgrown clothes to support the reuse of textiles (clothes, shoes, belts, etc.) while at the same time, allowing Foothill Middle School to earn money. The amount earned is based on pounds collected.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the USagain contract.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the USagain contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

12.2 Ratification/Approval of Consultant Graciela Garner - Resolution #20-21:28

The Purchasing Supervisor is out on extended leave through May. With the current need to close out bond projects and generate orders to meet the current needs of the district, enlisting the services of a consultant is strongly recommended. In addition to helping with the day to day operations, the consultant will assist in reviewing our current system and recommend procedures to improve our purchasing practices, such as the flow of purchasing from funding through processing and receiving.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education ratify/approve Resolution #20-21:28 to employ Graciela Garner from approximately March 29, 2021, through May 31, 2021, to provide purchasing guidelines, policies, and procedures.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education ratify/approve Resolution #20-21:28 to employ Graciela Garner from approximately March 29, 2021, through May 31, 2021, to provide purchasing guidelines, policies and procedures'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

12.3 Approval of Current Solutions (CS) Contract

Current Solutions (CS) is a database application provider connected to the internet to allow all employees to report leave requests in real-time. Through CS, employees will be able to log in from any device, including their cellphone, to either check their leave balance at any time or submit a leave request.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the CS contract.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**)
Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education
approve the CS contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**.
The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

**12.4 Approval of Change Order #001: Azusa Unified School District (AUSD)
Gladstone High School (GHS) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
Upgrades** Change Order #001 is for a time extension only of (14) fourteen calendar days,
from January 11, 2021, to January 25, 2021, due to the contractor insurance approval. The
new contract date ends on March 25, 2021.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve change order #001
for AUSD HVAC upgrades at GHS.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**)
Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education
approve change order #001 for AUSD HVAC upgrades at GHS'. Upon a roll call vote being
taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

**12.5 Approval of Change Order #001: Azusa Unified School District (AUSD)
Relocation of Portable Buildings at Gladstone Street Elementary School (ES)**

Change Order #001 is for a time extension of (30) thirty calendar days, from March 26,
2021, to April 24, 2021, for Construction Change Document (CCD) approval and work due
to Division of State Architect (DSA) requirements to change foundation after DSA
approval. CCD was submitted on 02/18/21.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve change order #001
for AUSD relocation of portable buildings at Gladstone Street ES.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve
the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve change order
#001 for AUSD relocation of portable buildings at Gladstone Street ES'. Upon a roll call
vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes

Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

12.6 Approval of Lease Agreement between the Azusa Unified School District and East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupation Program (ROP)

The Board of Education (**TABLED until the April 20, 2021, Board Meeting**) the approve Lease Agreement between AUSD and East San Gabriel Valley ROP.

13.0 Curriculum and Instruction

13.1 Approval of the Agreement between Azusa Unified School District and Disciplina Positiva

Disciplina Positiva will host a series of workshops for Paramount Elementary parents that will equip them with tools to support their child's academics, mental health, and routines. The workshops will support families in understanding how their children think and behave under stress.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agreement between Azusa Unified School District and Disciplina Positiva.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Adrian Greer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agreement between Azusa Unified School District and Disciplina Positiva'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

13.2 Approval of the Contract between Gladstone High School and Right Question Institute (RQI)

RQI will conduct a series of six workshops for Gladstone High School parents and a train-the-trainer session for staff to use the Right Question School-Family Partnership Strategy. The parent sessions will be delivered in English and Spanish and designed for parents to learn to use the strategy in their interactions with educators and others who are making decisions about their children's education. RQI will also work with teachers and other staff working with families to continue facilitating families' strategies.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Gladstone High School and Right Question Institute.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Adrian Greer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Gladstone High School and Right Question Institute'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

13.3 Approval of the Contract between Azusa High School and Leadership Inspirations

Leadership Inspirations will provide 28 Azusa High School leadership students with virtual leadership training. This six hour training will support topics such as team building, alignment, project planning, accountability, inclusion, and student involvement.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Azusa High School and Leadership Inspirations.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Azusa High School and Leadership Inspirations'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

13.4 Approval of the Contract between Azusa Unified School District and Thriving YOUiversity

Thriving YOUiversity will provide two partial days of virtual professional learning to middle school staff titled, "More Good Days: Brain-Based Strategies to Boost Staff and Student Success." Participants will learn about the neuroscience of belonging, in addition to research-based strategies and practices to boost belonging and connection, engagement, and learning in their classrooms.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Azusa Unified School District and Thriving YOUiversity.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve the contract between Azusa Unified School District and Thriving YOUiversity'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

14.0 Adjournment

By consensus, Open Session adjourned with a moment of silence in memory of Dave Lewis. At 9:07 p.m., the Board of Education and Cabinet reconvene to Closed Session.

14.1 Adjournment

By consensus, the Regular Board meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Moved, Member (**Adrian Greer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve adjournment'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes
Adrian Greer Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes
Gabriela Arellanes Yes


Sabrina Bow (May 5, 2021 10:35 PDT)

Clerk