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**AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

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The Azusa Unified School District Board of Education met at the Administrative Offices, located at 546 S. Citrus Ave. for the Regular Board Meeting.

To view the entire meeting click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE>

**1.0 Preliminary**

**A) Call to Order**

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

**B) Flag Salute**

**1.2 Flag Salute**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that all rise for the flag salute.

**C) Roll Call**

**1.3 Roll Call**

It is recommended the Board President take roll call.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended the Board of Education approve the agenda order and content.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) 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

### **3.0 Items From the Floor/ Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items**

#### **3.1 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items**

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board of Education on agenda or non-agenda items. Individual speakers may be allowed up to three (3) minutes to address the Board of Education on any agenda or non-agenda items. When the public wishes to address the Board on an agenda item, they may fill out a blue card, stand at the podium, or raise their hand while in the Zoom attendance. The Board will take blue card requests first, followed in order by speakers at the podium and then those in the Zoom attendance.

##### **Jose Padilla**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=337>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

##### **Joann Chiles**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=539>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

##### **Sylvia Gonzalez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=708>

- Opposed to the Board of Education's decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

##### **Joel Gonzalez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=778>

- Opposed to the Board of Education's decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

##### **Nancy Sharma**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=876>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

##### **John Valdovinos**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=950>

- Wanted the Board of Education to make clear their priorities when making their decision to close schools

##### **Rena Galvez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1118>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Fran Carothers**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1211>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

**Gloria Romero**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1319>

- Opposed to changing the Azusa High School mascot

**MOTION**

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve the **MOTION** 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to extend public comment beyond 20 minutes'. 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

**Linda D’Elia**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1525>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Rebecca Lopez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1695>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Jesus Carrillo**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1865>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Melissa Fajardo**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=1946>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**Ana Valdez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2152>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**Jennifer Veron**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2292>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Gregg Cahill**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2450>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Guadalupe Castrejon**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2647>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Veronica Servin**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2761>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decisions on school closures

**Danny Johnson**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2879>

- Addressed the community regarding the District’s budget
- Requested the Board of Education have a repurpose plan for the closed school campuses

**Alicia Rodriguez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=2879>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**Diana Adkins**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3149>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Christine Wagner**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3255>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

**Richard Covington**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3459>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Daniel Carrillo**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3505>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**April Artech**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3679>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Sarah Serrano**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3742>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Jessica Garcia**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=3880>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Hailey Johnson**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4075>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

**Nancy Savin**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4165>

- Concerned about the closure of so many schools

**Amber Fish**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4361>

- Agrees with the Board of Education to close three elementary schools

**Lisa Serrano**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4558>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Magnolia School

**Violet**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4629>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**Anna**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4719>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

**George Ingle**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=4828>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**Molly Fuentes**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=5021>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Annette Escobar**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=5185>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Jon Cogan**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=5281>

- Opposed to the closure of Dalton School

**Lisa Bisaard**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=5434>

- Opposed to the Board of Education’s decision to close Ellington TK-8 School

**Alicia Godinez**

To view the entire comments, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=5586>

- Opposed to the closure of Lee School

**4.0 General Functions**

**4.1 Discussion and Decision of School Reorganization - Elementary Schools**

To view the entire presentation, click here: <https://youtu.be/YZSF-TNgUDE?t=6171>

Azusa Unified School District has been working on school reorganization as a means to improve and maximize programs and facilities.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended the Board of Education discuss and decide school reorganization for elementary schools.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education Rescind their decision made on December 21, 2021, to keep Hodge, Valleydale, Paramount, Murray, Lee and Dalton open and close Magnolia, Ellington and Powell '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 1**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	No
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to keep Hodge, Dalton, Lee, Magnolia, Murray, Valleydale, and Paramount open and close Powell and Ellington'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **2** Nay: **3**. The motion **Failed. 2 – 3**

Gabriela Arellanes	No
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	Yes
Adrian Greer	No
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	No

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education return to the Proximity map which would keep Dalton, Hodge Magnolia, Murray, Paramount and Valleydale open and close Ellington, Lee, and Powell'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **2** Nay: **3**. The motion **Failed. 2 – 3**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	No
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez	No
Adrian Greer	No
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education close Ellington and Powell'. 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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education extend the Board Meeting until 12:00 a.m. '. 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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**No Second**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education exhaust our list at closing two campuses and not consider a third campus '. the Motion Failed

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education reconsider the 5-0 vote to close Ellington and Powell '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **1** Nay: **4**. The motion **Failed. 1 – 4**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes  
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. No  
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez No  
Adrian Greer No  
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña No

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Adrian Greer**) Moved, Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education rescind the grade transition action for Magnolia School and that the new grade transition mirror the remaining open elementary schools'. 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 Adjournment

### 5.1 Adjournment


**Recommendation:** It is recommended the Board of Education approve adjournment of the Special Board Meeting.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve adjournment of the Special Board Meeting'. 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

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

  
Clerk