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

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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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

Board President, Adrian Greer, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B) Flag Salute

1.2 Flag Salute

Recommendation: It is recommended that all rise for the flag salute.
Board President, Adrian Greer, led the audience in the flag salute.

C) Roll Call

1.3 Roll Call

It is recommended the Board President take roll call.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

2.0 Approval of Agenda

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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 Items

3.1 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board of Education on agenda items only. Individual speakers may be allowed up to three (3) minutes to address the Board of Education on any agenda items only. 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.

Fabian Pavon

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=225>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Miguel Angel Lopez

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=430>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Julian Mandujano

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=543>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Linda Gutierrez

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=744>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Alejandro Xipecoatl Juarez

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=814>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

MOTION

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

Klara

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1027>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Jenny Talamanes

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1118>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Alex

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1189>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Jackie Hernandez

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1346>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Alexander Mujica

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1502>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Althea Ito

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1660>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Dr. Sanchez

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=1874>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Kiana Martinez

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2063>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Jo

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2188>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Teresa Mei Chuc

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2372>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Joanna Zhang

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2547>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Rhonda

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2600>

- Saddened by the closure of Gladstone High School
- Understood the pride of the Azusa High School mascot

Eder

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2803>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Justin Mendez

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=2932>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Edgar Montes

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3042>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Kaitlyn Arellanes

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3191>

- Opposed to Azusa High School's use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Sharon Lara Alton

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3270>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Selisa Loeza

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3389>

- Encouraged the Board of Education to keep Longfellow open

Rafael Saldana

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3485>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Mercedes

To view the entire comment click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3595>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Joaquin C

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3800>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Carlos Goytia

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=3920>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Michael

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=4134>

- Expressed his concern about the cost of rebranding Azusa High School

Mazatzin Aztekayolokalli

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=4337>

- Opposed to Azusa High School’s use of an Aztec as their school mascot

Alex Munoz

To view the entire comments click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=4541>

- Expressed concern about the cost of rebranding Azusa High School

4.0 General Functions

4.1 Discussion and Decision of School Reorganization - School Mascot and Colors for Azusa High School

To view the entire discussion click here: <https://youtu.be/iqNt4RG6lqQ?t=4650>

Azusa Unified School District has been working on school reorganization as a means to improve and maximize programs and facilities. The Board of Education will be discussing if AHS should keep its current mascot and colors or change them.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education discuss and decide on school mascot and colors for Azusa High School.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Adrian Greer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to change the school mascot for Azusa High School and create a process for community engagement to determine what the new mascot will be and the corresponding colors'

AMENDED Motion

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved to amend the Original motion, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED MOTION** 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to change both the Azusa High School mascot and the school colors'. 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

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) withdrew her original motion.

NEW ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **NEW ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to change the mascot for Azusa High School'. 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 (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Moved, Member (**Sabrina Bow Ed.D.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree that the stakeholder engagement process that is convened also include recommendations on the colors of Azusa High School'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **2**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 2**

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

4.2 Discussion and Decision of School Reorganization - School Mascot and Colors for Gladstone Middle School

Azusa Unified School District has been working on school reorganization as a means to improve and maximize programs and facilities. The Board of Education will be discussing if Gladstone should keep its current mascot and colors or change them.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education discuss and decide school mascot and colors for Gladstone Middle School.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to change the school mascot and colors for Gladstone Middle School'. 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

4.3 Discussion and Decision of School Reorganization - Longfellow School

Azusa Unified School District has been working on school reorganization as a means to improve and maximize programs and facilities. The Board of Education will be discussing if Longfellow School should remain open or close.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education discuss and decide School Reorganization - Longfellow School.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña**) Moved, Member (**Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education agree to keep Longfellow School open'. 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 9:15 p.m.

Clerk