



PERRIS UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES September 23, 2020

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., President
Trustee Dr. Jose Luis Araux, Vice President
Trustee Edward Garcia, Jr., Clerk
Trustee David Nelissen, Member
Trustee Dr. Randall Freeman, Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Grant Bennett, Superintendent; Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent – Business Services; Dr. Charles Newman, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services; Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources; Joseph Williams, Executive Director – Technology; and James Heckman, Assistant Director – Technology

Others Attending:

Sarah Rico, Anna Fetzner, and others

PUBLIC NOTICE

1.1 PUBLIC NOTICE: The writings, documents, or public records described in SB No. 343 are available at the District Office, currently located at 155 East Fourth Street, Perris, CA 92570

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 CALL TO ORDER: The President of the Board of Trustees Will Call the Perris Union High School District Special Meeting to Order

CALL TO ORDER (cont.)

The President of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The President of the Board of Trustees Will Lead the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

The President of the Board of Trustees led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

4.1 REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA: September 23, 2020

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve any revision/adoption/ordering of the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of the Perris Union High School District Board of Trustees for September 23, 2020."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4**, Nay: **0**, Absent: **1 (Dr. Jose Luis Araux)**. The motion **PASSED 4 - 0 - 1**.

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Absent |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Yes |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Yes |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5.1 INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Non-Agendized Items

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

ACTION

6.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Plan for Return to Athletic Conditioning and Workouts

Scott Moore, Athletic Director at Heritage High School, answered questions the Board of Trustees had regarding the plan.

ACTION (cont.)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the plan to return to athletic conditioning and workouts and authorize to enter into Phase I with subsequent phases upon approval of the Riverside County Health Department."

AMENDED - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve to table this item for a later date."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Yes |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Yes |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Yes |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

The following individual public comments were received and read by Joseph Williams, Executive Director of Technology.

Joe Connell, community member submitted the following written statement:

Good afternoon members of the PUHSD board. My name is Joe Connell and I am a parent of a junior at Heritage High. My question to you is why has it taken so long to make a decision on beginning the athletic workouts at PUHSD schools? Lake Elsinore, Murrieta and Temecula districts brought their kids back approximately 2 weeks ago. Youth leagues in the City of Menifee were given the green light to begin practices on September 1st. In fact, the Riverside County Health officials stated that youth sports could begin outdoor practices back in the first part of August. So, I ask again, why have you waited? Allowing the sports teams in this district to return for conditioning / workouts will give these kids some sense of normalcy. It will not only be extremely beneficial for their physical health (not to mention the fact that it will assist in reducing injuries once their seasons begin) but it will probably be even more beneficial in improving their mental health by allowing them to feel like a normal high school student athlete again. So please, I beg of you, do the right thing and allow these student athletes to return immediately. I thank you for your time.

Bobby Coe, community member submitted the following written statement:

Will cheer happen? Are we wasting money on uniforms that might not ever be used? Can we have the coaches hold off on spending until we get a firm answer?

6.2 CURRICULUM: Perris Union High School District Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-21 School Year

ACTION (cont.)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(David Nelissen)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Perris Union High School District's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-21 School Year."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Yes |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Yes |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Yes |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

7.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

There were no other items by the Superintendent.

8.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Araux thanked Superintendent Bennett, cabinet, and Dian Martin for answering all of their questions so that the Board can make educated decisions. Trustee Araux stated that at a previous board meeting the Board had made the decision to have students cover the cost if they decided to take AP tests. He stated that the cost for AP testing has gone up significantly and students that qualify for Free and Reduced lunch have to pay out of pocket as well. He stated that he is concerned that due to the financial challenges many people are currently going through due to COVID-19 they will not have the money to pay for these test(s). He requested that at the following Board meeting the District adds AP testing to the agenda so that the Board can look at ways to support these students in taking AP tests.

Trustee Freeman stated that his daughter is getting married Saturday. Trustee Stafford congratulated him.

Trustee Nelissen congratulated Trustee Freeman on his daughter's marriage.

Trustee Stafford thanked everyone for being patient with the Board on answering their questions. He stated that the Board definitely wants to get back to everyone and make a decision on sports. He requested that AP Testing be added to the upcoming Board agenda. Trustee Stafford asked the Board of Trustees to get their questions and concerns to Superintendent Bennett as soon as possible so that a Special Board meeting can be scheduled to review the revised Athletics Conditioning and Workouts Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

9.1 ADJOURNMENT: Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees for September 23, 2020

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Edward Garcia, Jr.)** moved, Member **(Dr. Jose Luis Araux)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adjourn the September 23, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees" at 6:20 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Yes |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Yes |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Yes |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

Grant Bennett, Superintendent

Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., President

Edward Garcia, Jr., Clerk