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MEETING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

MEETING PROCEDURES

A. Call To Order

President Gary Yee called the January 19, 2022, Special Board of Education (Board) Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

B. Roll Call

- Present** 5 - Director Aimee Eng
 Director Shanthi Gonzales
 Director Clifford Thompson
 Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis
 Director Gary Yee
- Absent** 4 - Student Director Samantha Pal
 Student Director Natalie Gallegos Chavez
 Director VanCedric Williams
 Director Mike Hutchinson

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Director Mike Hutchinson is present at the January 19, 2022, Special Board Meeting at 6:04 P.M.

- Present** 6 - Director Aimee Eng
 Director Mike Hutchinson
 Director Shanthi Gonzales
 Director Clifford Thompson
 Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis
 Director Gary Yee

- Absent** 3 - Student Director Samantha Pal
Student Director Natalie Gallegos Chavez
Director VanCedric Williams

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

- Director VanCedric Williams is present at the January 19, 2022, Special Board Meeting at 6:05 P.M.*
- Present** 7 - Director Aimee Eng
Director VanCedric Williams
Director Mike Hutchinson
Director Shanthi Gonzales
Director Clifford Thompson
Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis
Director Gary Yee
- Absent** 2 - Student Director Samantha Pal
Student Director Natalie Gallegos Chavez

C. New Business

[22-0167](#)

District Mission and Vision - Strategic Challenges and Opportunities

Discussion by the Board of Education, by and among Members, and/or with the Superintendent of Schools and/or designees of the District's Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities thereof.

Attachments: [22-0167 Presentation - District Mission and Vision - Strategic Challenges and Opportunities](#)
[22-0167 Board Memorandum, Handouts, Draft Resolution - District Mission and Vision - Strategic Challenges and Opportunities](#)

President Gary Yee invited Board members to pose to staff the questions they would like answered during the presentation on today's Agenda Item: District's Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities, which included the Budget Adjustments (in the Appendix), which had been previewed at the January 12, 2022 Meeting, and other sections.

Director Mike Hutchinson, approximately nine (9) minutes into the Presentation stated he objects to the manner and content of tonight's Board Meeting. Director Hutchinson, speaking, among several points made, said, he objected to the breath of presentation, the Agenda Item as posted given the long term planning for this meeting was to be more narrowly focused to the Budget Adjustments, not the last minute presentation the Board is receiving; that he received the Agenda packet barely more than 25 hours in advance. He further stated that if the Board is going to have a conversation about school closures then more than 30 hours of preparation is warranted. He further stated that some of the documents in tonight's presentation is "laughable and do not follow good mathematical principles." He stated that if this is the way meetings are going to be run its going to be a long and likely acrimonious year.

Director Eng, recognized by the Chair, said while she appreciated the longer term subject matter (Agenda Item) stated, that she too had hoped that tonight's meeting was to be focused, to receive more details, upon the prior presented budget adjustment recommendations to be approved January 26 and other information, e.g., one pagers..

Vice President Davis said it seems to him the Plan was to hear presentation on two items and now it looks like we are only receiving a presentation on one item. He said it was disappointing but believes its the start of that conversation. He said that he is looking forward to getting into and understanding it. He said that some of the eComments he had seen from the public raises the issue of whether Board/District is confusing correlation with causation? that some of the graphs in tonight's presentation show low correlation, not clear how strong relationship is. He said the bigger question is around whether staff's presentation is focusing on a walk back from the small schools movement because it may no longer be viable, given our circumstances? What is the argument being made? What is the analysis trying to show? He stated he is looking forward to hearing from staff and probably will have more questions.

Director VanCedric Williams said that it is the first of the year; that the precedent being set with the movement of documents at the last moment is very concerning. Addressing President Yee directly, Williams said based on Yee's past experience, he is looking forward to Yee giving Board Members the advanced notice needed. He said, under critical circumstances like today, Board members are deprived of the opportunity to sit down with their constituents to discuss such issues. And such cannot be done within 24 hours. He said that the need to get input from community on the issues has been denied; that he is uncomfortable to have today's conversation when Board members are not prepared to engage and to get the input of the community. Secondly, he is looking forward to hearing presentation - concerned about teacher salaries. He said, among other points addressed, our failure to offer compensation is a "dead zone" for attracting and retaining experienced teachers; classified staff. He closed asking President Yee to insure that Board members have sufficient time to engage with constituents on critical issues on Agenda subject matter.

President Yee asked Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell to present the Agenda item. Superintendent Johnson-Trammell, stated that the presentation sequence will commence with Budget Adjustments, with Lisa Grant Dawson, Chief Business Officer, and Tara Gard, Chief Talent Officer; followed by a presentation of a high level view of the Governor's Budget Proposal by Ms. Grant-Dawson. Trammel cautioned that at this point decisions and investments cannot be made on the Governor's proposal. She said that the last part of the presentation will deal with some of the long term structural problems that District has and continues to face. She said part of that portion of the presentation is in response to the issue and the public's desire to know why "District" has to reduce year after year in order to stay solvent. Superintendent Trammell recognized Ms. Grant-Dawson.

At approximately 30 Minutes into the meeting, Director Hutchinson requested a "Point of Calcification." He stated that he viewed today's single Agenda Item to be two or more presentations: Recommended Budget Adjustments and then the Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities. He asked President Yee to treat it as such and allow Board discussion and Public Comment accordingly.

President Yee responding stated that he will continue the matter as a singular Agenda item. Director Hutchinson then moved that the item be divided as follows: break after the recommended budget adjustment section for a round of discussion and public comment before moving forward with the rest of the presentation.

President Yee asked the Chief Governance Officer and/or the Parliamentarian if Director Hutchinson's motion was appropriate. Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Parliamentarian, stated that President Yee may continue the matter as a single item given that Director Hutchinson's motion received no second. Director VanCedric Williams, immediately seconded the Hutchinson Motion. Director Williams then immediately spoke to the the Hutchinson Motion expressing his view of its appropriateness..

Director Eng, recognized by Chair Yee, said she is inclined to amend the pending motion to allow Board deliberation on the Budget Adjustment Section

absent public comment. Parliamentarian Rakestraw said Director Eng's prospective amendment will be satisfied if the proposed Hutchinson motion is not adopted. Director Eng, although not having formally made an amendment, said she is withdrawing the idea.

Director Gonzales called for question on the pending Hutchinson motion. Without objection, President Yee called the question.

Director Hutchinson's motion was adopted and the vote thereof reflected in Legislative File 22-0224

The presentation then continued as determined by the adopted Hutchinson Motion.

Public Comment on Budget Adjustment Section:

1. Ben Tapscott, 2. Steven Miller, 3. David Castillo, 4. Carol Delton, 5. Elizabeth Dutton, 6. Jawharah Stevenson, 7. Peter Wilson, 8. Scott Blakley, 9. Elissa Moriarty, 10. Trish Belenson, 11. Sharon Rose, 12. Nicci Abram, 13. Chloe , 14. Leticia Araujo Perez

Discussion on Budget Adjustment Section:

Directors Mike Hutchinson, Aimee Eng, VanCedric Williams, Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis, President Gary Yee

District's Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities presented by Troy Christmas, CBO Lisa Grant-Dawson, Preston Thomas, and Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammel.

Discussion on District's Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities section:

Directors Mike Hutchinson, Clifford Thompson, Shanthi Gonzales, VanCedric Williams, Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis, President Gary Yee

Public Comment on District's Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities section:

1. Travlyn Langendorff, 2. Jankarah Stevenson, 3. Carol Delton, 4. Assata Olugbala, 5. Ben Tapscott, 6. Elizabeth Dutton, 7. Pecolia, 8. Kim Davis, 9. Leticia Araujo Perez, 10. Aliah, 11. Sharon Rose, 12. Trish Belenson, 13. David Castillo, 14. Brandon W., 15. Sharon Thomas

President Yee, in closing the meeting, request the Suerintendent to summarize the schedule of items to occur from January 26th to the February 7th Board meetings. Those items are: Final Board action on Budget Adjustments, revisit Mission and Vision and the Challenges and Opportunities thereof presentation, Board request for Financial Analysis of Resolution No. 2122-0026, First read of the list of schools and the financial impacts of such for Resolution No. 2122-0026, Board action on the list of schools recommended for Resolution No. 2122-0026.

[22-0224](#)

Motion to Divide the Posted Single Agenda Item No. 22-0167 Into At Least Two Parts - Director Mike Hutchinson.

Adoption by Board of Education of Motion to Divide the Posted Single Agenda Item No. 22-0167 into at least two parts: Recommended Budget Adjustments and then the Mission Vision, Challenges and Opportunities with Public Comment allowed for each part.

A motion was made by Director Hutchinson, seconded by Director Williams, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

- Ayes:** 4 - Aimee Eng
VanCedric Williams
Mike Hutchinson
Benjamin "Sam" Davis

- Nays:** 3 - Shanthi Gonzales
Clifford Thompson
Gary Yee

- Absent:** 2 - Samantha Pal
Natalie Gallegos Chavez
- Enactment No: 22-0136

D. Adjournment

President Gary Yee adjourned the January 19, 2022 Special Board Meeting at 9:33 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____