

**APPROVED MINUTES
ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2930 Gay Avenue
San Jose, CA 95127**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Alum Rock Union School
District Office Board Room, 2930 Gay Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127
Meeting #14-17/18**

1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call

President Andrés Quintero attempts to bring the Board to session but is not able to because there is no quorum at this time and the Board Room is completely full.

President Andrés Quintero welcomed everyone in the audience and called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Board Members Present:

Andrés Quintero	President
Karen Martinez	Vice-President
Esau Ruiz Herrera	Clerk (<i>arrived late at 6:23 p.m.</i>)
Dolores Marquez-Frausto	Member (<i>arrived late at 6:04 p.m.</i>)

Board Member Absent:

Khanh Tran	Member
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Administrative and Support Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hilaria Bauer	Superintendent
Rene Sanchez	Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Kolvira Chheng	Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Marie Sanchez	Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Angel Rodriguez	Executive Assistant/Communications Support, Superintendent's Office

Administrative Member Absent:

Jess Serna	Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
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1. OPEN SESSION *(continued)*

Member Dolores Marquez-Frausto arrived late at 6:04 p.m. She apologized to the audience for arriving late and explained that she had been ill and had recently suffered three deaths in her family. Member Dolores Marquez-Frausto announced that since Member Khanh Tran was not present at the meeting and he had requested this meeting, she would be leaving.

President Andrés Quintero announced that Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera had called in to notify the office that he would be late to the meeting because of his commute and traffic situation.

Member Dolores Marquez-Frausto announced that she would be leaving the meeting at this time. Member Dolores Marquez-Frausto departed the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

President Andrés Quintero reported that even though Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera would soon be arriving, he would not be able to participate due to some of the agenda items that required all members of the Board to act.

President Andrés Quintero announced that because there was no quorum in place, this meeting would be an informal meeting.

1.02 Public Members who wish to address the Board

President Andrés Quintero opened the floor for public comment while waiting for Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera to arrive.

Informal Public Comments:

- 1) A representative (no name given) from the Office of Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara Supervisor, was in attendance and asked permission to read a hand-delivered letter from Supervisor Dave Cortese. The letter read as follows:

“Regarding Hilaria Bauer, ARUSD Board Meeting of January 17, 2018

Dear Trustees,

Once again, I am writing in support of Hilaria Bauer and the effectiveness and policy continuity she brings to her position. Through personal experience, I continue to have confidence in both her character and capabilities. She is uniquely dedicated to ensuring that ARUSD students are provided every opportunity to succeed. I remind you that Hilaria leveraged a \$300,000 budget allocation from the County of Santa Clara to the ARUSD, making it the first and only school district in Santa Clara County to have School-Linked Services in all schools. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about my interest in her work.”

- 2) Jocelyn Merz – AREA president, reminds the people of all the goodness that is present in the room. She gave thanks to the unions, staff, teachers, and parents for truly caring about the students.

1. OPEN SESSION (*continued*)

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Public Comments:

- 3) Camille Llanes-Fontanilla – Somos Mayfair representative, reported that Public Allies are pursuing action against the Board Members.
- 4) Thanh Phu – Representative from Teamsters, reported that Teamsters is in support of Superintendent Hilaria Bauer. She has been an inspiration to Alum Rock. He read a letter signed by Teamsters. Lastly, he gave thanks to Superintendent Hilaria Bauer for her outreach efforts in increasing enrollment.
- 5) Dilza Gonzales – Community member, stated that she felt much disrespected at the last board meeting because of some of the comments that were said by a certain board member.
- 6) Gail LaRocca – Teacher that commented that she is very embarrassed each time that she opens the newspaper and reads about Alum Rock. She also mentioned that the schools need to have cameras installed for surveillance and safety reasons.

Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera arrived to the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

- 7) Melina Gomez – Adelante student, which read a letter she wrote with some of her concerns. She commented to the Board that they need to concentrate on the students.
- 8) Michael Gomez Trujillo – Adelante student, commented that he truly cares about his school and his classmates and their safety. He urged the Board to listen to the families of this community!
- 9) Brenda Zendejas – Linda Vista parent, commented that she supports Superintendent Hilaria Bauer. She has seen many positive improvements with parent involvement. She credited Superintendent Hilaria Bauer for opening doors that have allowed her and other parents to take a bigger role in the education of their children. She commented that ‘we are not the Evergreen District’, but we care for our community just as much!
- 10) Kelsey Rothrock – Cureton teacher, asked ‘what is an effective leader?’ She read the definition. She gave thanks to Superintendent Hilaria Bauer for accomplishing many things in Alum Rock during her tenure and for being the powerful leader that she was. She also spoke about the philosophy of the Board. She commented that decisions need to involve the many, not the few!
- 11) Bertha Razo – George parent, spoke about her participation and the privilege of participating in the Superintendent’s search in 2013 – and the result was that Superintendent Hilaria Bauer was hired! She is the right person to represent this district. She gave special thanks to Superintendent Hilaria Bauer for shedding light on the district. She also gave thanks to administration, principals, and the support staff for their hard work each day.

1. OPEN SESSION *(continued)*

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Public Comments:

- 12) Ernesto Bejarano – Sheppard parent, former student, and now a community member, commented that we need to focus on this community with the three core values which are: 1) Loyal ; 2) Proud; and 3) Resilient. The will of this community will be heard in November!
- 13) Natalie (no last name given) – Community member, commented that it takes a village to make things work!
- 14) Ray Mueller – Community member, asked the President if this was now an official meeting since Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera had arrived and was present. He again asked the Board if they would consider holding Closed Session on a separate night and then holding their general business agenda items the following day. He mentioned the fact that the behavior of the Board has consequences with impact.

President Andrés Quintero once again reported that all five Board Members need to be present for a majority and there were agenda items that required this majority.

Vice-President Karen Martinez stated that she did not request this special meeting but she is present because these students are also here and she cares about their education.


Clerk Esau Ruiz Herrera apologized for his tardiness but reported he was involved in a jury trial and got stuck in traffic traveling from Palo Alto. He also stated that Member Khanh Tran was the requestor of this special meeting and he was the one not in attendance!

4. ADJOURNMENT

President Andrés Quintero announced that he planned to end the speaking time and planned on leaving the meeting as the agenda items required that the entire Board be present in order to act.

President Andrés Quintero adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. due to the lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,



Esau Ruiz Herrera
Board Clerk

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