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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Alum Rock Union School
Board Members and Superintendent participated via Zoom Meeting
Meeting #4-21/22

1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance

President Corina Herrera-Loera welcomed everyone. President Corina Herrera-Loera called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Board Members Present:

Corina Herrera-Loera	President	
Andrés Quintero	Vice-President	
Ernesto Bejarano	Clerk	*(Absent)*
Linda Chavez	Member	
Minh Pham	Member	

Administrative and Support Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hilaria Bauer	Superintendent
Rene Sanchez	Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Kolvira Chheng	Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Tereasa Smith	Director, Human Resouces
Maribel Carrillo	Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office

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1. OPEN SESSION *(continued)*

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

President Corina Herrera-Loera said there is a quorum.

2. Instructional Services

2.01 Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Board Policy 6158- Independent Studies Program (Education Code section 51747 and 5 CCR selection 11701).

President Corina Herrera-Loera opened the public hearing at 5:37 pm.

Public Comments:

1) Brenda Zendejas said the state is requiring the school districts to have independent studies.

2) Jessica Loviti said there should be separate teachers for independent studies.

3) Adriane Vane said she is a teacher at Joseph George. She said she is concerned for the teachers and the grading. She asked the district to negotiate.

4) Sandra Rivera said having specific teachers to teach independent studies would be best for students.

5) Dilza Gonzalez said she agrees with what the teachers are stating. She said there are a lot of worried parents.

6) Veronica said it is frustrating not knowing what is happening with returning to school.

President Corina Herrera-Loera closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

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2. Instructional Services *(continued)*

2.02 Waive Second-Reading requirement (per Board Bylaw 9310) and Approve Amended Board Policy 6158-Independent Study. Assembly Bill 130 signed by Gov. Newsom into law on July 9, 2021, imposes new independent studies options and requirements on public school districts. AB 130 requires that the Governing Board adopt policies implementing the new statutory requirements. Per Board Policy 9310, Board Policies are typically reviewed and adopted through a two-reading process. Board Bylaw 9310 also provides, however, that "[t]he Board may waive the second reading or may require and additional reading is necessary. "Because of the need to adopt the policy changes immediately, in advance of the new school year, and to inform the parents of the independent studies options and requirements right away, the Board is requested to waive the second-reading requirement per Bylaw 9310 and to approve Amended Board Policy 6158 as presented.

MOTION #01-04 by Member Minh Pham to approve Action Item 2.02 as presented for purposes of discussion. MOTION #01-04 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

Public Comment:

1) Brenda Zendejas asked if Alum Rock has ever offered independent studies.

Vice-President Andrés Quintero said Governor Newsom developed this policy and the Board needs to move forward.

Member Minh Pham said the policy is mandated by the state.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Vice-President Andrés Quintero, Member Linda Chavez, Member Minh Pham, and President Corina Herrera-Loera. Absent: Clerk Ernesto Bejarano Vote: 4/1; Motion Carries

AMENDED MOTION #02-04 by Member Minh Pham to waive the 2nd reading on Item 2.02 as presented. MOTION #02-04 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Vice-President Andrés Quintero, Member Linda Chavez, Member Minh Pham, and President Corina Herrera-Loera. Absent: Clerk Ernesto Bejarano Vote: 4/1; Motion Carries

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2. Instructional Services *(continued)*

2.03 Waive Second-Reading requirement (per Board Bylaw 9310) and Approve Amended Board Policy 5123- Promotion/Acceleration/Retention Assembly Bill 104 signed by Gov. Newsom into law on July 1, 2021, imposes new options for parents and requirements on public school districts relating to retention of students in their last grade level, including notifications to parents of their rights and opportunities under the new law. Per Board Policy 9310, Board Policies are typically reviewed and adopted through a two-reading process. Board Bylaw 9310 also provides, however, that "[t]he Board may waive the second reading or may require an additional reading if necessary. " Because of the need to adopt the policy changes immediately, in advance of the new school year, and to inform the parents of the options they may wish to consider for their students, the Board is requested to waive the second-reading requirement per Bylaw 9310 and to approve Amended Board Policy 5123 as presented.

MOTION #03-04 by Member Minh Pham to waive the 2nd reading on Action Item 2.02 as presented for purposes of discussion. MOTION #03-04 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

Superintendent Bauer said there was a typo on Assembly Bill it says 101 should be 104.

Public Comments:

1) Brenda Zendejas said the last school year was stressful for students.

2) Jessica Loviti said she has a lot of questions.

3) Dilza Gonzalez said she does not understand the last sentence of the policy.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Vice-President Andrés Quintero, Member Linda Chavez, Member Minh Pham, and President Corina Herrera-Loera. Absent: Clerk Ernesto Bejarano Vote: 4/1; Motion Carries

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3. Adjournment

3.01 President Adjourns the Meeting

President Corina Herrera-Loera adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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President Corina Herrera-Loera
Board President