ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Special Board Meeting

February 27, 2023

Monday, February 27, 2023
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Type: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Time: 6:30 pm
Code: Special #17-22/23
Location: ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2930 Gay Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127; Board Room.

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1. Live stream Youtube English Channel "AlumRock TV"
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Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on the agenda items identified below. (Government Code Section 54954.3)

1. OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1.01 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT- Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District does hereby acknowledge that the District schools and facilities sit on the traditional lands of the Muwekma Ohlone people, and the Board of Trustees further acknowledges with respect and reverence the Muwekma Ohlone People Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area for their stewardship of these lands; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- PRESIDENT MINH PHAM.

2. SUPERINTENDENT/ BOARD BUSINESS -- BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION (The Board may take action on any item in this section, unless it is designated for information only.)

2.01 DISCUSSION/ACTION: Interview of Candidates for Provisional Appointment and Selection of Provisional Appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Board seat previously held by Ernesto Bejarano.

3. ADJOURNMENT

3.01 President adjourns the meeting.

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2930 Gay Avenue
San José, CA 95127

Office of Superintendent of Schools

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION – BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Board of Trustees:

Subject: Discussion/Action: Interview of Candidates for Provisional Appointment and Selection of Provisional Appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Board seat previously held by Ernesto Bejarano.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Submitted by: Hilaria Bauer Title: Superintendent

To the Board of Trustees: Meeting: February 27, 2023
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Discussion/Action

2.01

Agenda Placement

Hilaria Bauer, Ph.D., Superintendent

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Approved: _____ Not Approved: _____ Tabled: _____

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(*Education Code 35107*)

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Please PRINT or TYPE in your responses.

1. Applicant's Name (as used for voter registration purposes):
   Minh Nguyen
2. Residential Address (street, apt.#, city, and zip code):
   _____

3. Are you of 18 years of age or older? (circle one) (Yes) No
4. Are you a citizen of the State of California? (circle one) (Yes) No
5. Are you a resident of the District? (circle one) (Yes) No
6. Are you registered voter in the District? (circle one) (Yes) No
7. Are you currently employed by the District? (circle one) Yes (No)
8. Do you currently serve as an elected or appointed public official for a state or local agency? (If your answer is "YES", check the appropriate box and fill in the blanks).

   [ ]YES, I hold the position of _____ for the _____

   [✓]NO, I do not currently serve as an elected or appointed public official for a state or local agency.

I verify that I am the above-referenced individual who is to be considered by the District for a provisional appointment to the Board of Trustees. I have carefully read the questions above and verify that I have provided true and correct information in response thereto.

Date: 2/21/23 Signature: Minh Nguyen

Hilaria Bauer, Ph.D., Superintendent

Board of Trustees: Minh Pham, President , Corina Herrera-Loera, Vice-President
Andrés Quintero, Clerk · Linda Chavez, Member

Minh Nguyen
Nguyenanhminh91@gmail.com

February 21, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to present my qualifications and explain my desire to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Alum Rock School District. As a teacher and resident of the Alum Rock area, I am invested in the success of our local school systems.

This is my eighth year as a teacher and my sixth year at Independence High School, where I teach Math 1, 2, and 3 to students of every grade level. In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I have served students in different capacities including: organizing and conducting ACT preparation sessions, coaching, and advising various student organizations. I am proud of the different ways I have been able to help students, whether they are looking to get into college, develop their path in life, or just seeking advice about the academic and career pathways open to them.

I would like to serve on the Board for a number of reasons. First, the Alum Rock School District is one of the primary feeder districts for Independence. I have noticed that by the time students reach high school, some have already internalized a sense of hopelessness or resignation. My hope is to help combat those feelings before students get to Independence. Second, serving on this Board would allow me to begin serving students and their families before they reach my classroom, creating a greater sense of community and continuity. A third reason I would like to serve is to ensure that students are well-equipped to succeed in high school - that they come in with the appropriate knowledge, skills, and work habits to flourish.

I strongly believe that it is important for the Board to reflect the community in which it serves because the Board is responsible for making critical decisions with the potential to significantly impact the lives and livelihood of its students and their family. I believe my experiences strongly reflect the district that the Board serves -- as a bilingual, first-generation San Jose resident, from an immigrant and refugee household, with deep personal and professional experience in San Jose's public education system. I would appreciate the opportunity and look forward to seeing how my experience may benefit the Board and the greater community. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Minh Nguyen

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1. Applicant's Name (as used for voter registration purposes): ANDREA FLORES
2. Residential Address (street, apt.#, city, and zip code): _____

3. Are you of 18 years of age or older? (circle one) (Yes)/No
4. Are you a citizen of the State of California? (circle one) (Yes)/No
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[ ]YES, I hold the position of _____ for the _____

[X] NO, I do not currently serve as an elected or appointed public official for a state or local agency.

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Date: 2/23/23 Signature: _____

UNION RESOURCES
FEB 23 2023 AM8:00

February 23, 2023

To the Alum Rock Union Board of Trustees,

I respectfully submit my name for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Alum Rock Union Board of Trustees. Over ten years ago, I was appointed to this Board through a similar process to fill a vacancy. My previous experience will be invaluable to serve and get up-to-speed quickly at a critical time for decision making such as the budget, bond expenditures and critical partnerships.

I am uniquely qualified due to my commitment to and knowledge of what it takes to build and sustain high quality early childhood programs, social-emotional and violence prevention interventions that support young people in need of transformative support. I am familiar with the local safety net that exists to ensure our families' basic needs are being met in order to thrive. Most importantly, I deeply understand the systems and policies that enable these programs to function and I am a champion for making them work better for communities like Alum Rock. Pervasive and persistent inequities continue in communities such as Alum Rock and I will be a fighter for racial equity, economic opportunities, and our fair share.

I have been a long time partner with Alum Rock Union in my professional capacity when I worked for the County's Public Health Department and for the past five years at the City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department. When I served in the City's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center as the Food Distribution Operations Lead, and the Community and Economic Recovery Director, we provided important food security services and funding for childcare providers and anti-displacement efforts with community partners in the Alum Rock ecosystem. The pandemic-era challenges are not over. We are continuing to understand its long-term effects on our students, families, workforce, and neighborhoods. This Board has succeeded in weathering tough challenges together, and as a team player, I can continue to support the positive momentum and bring creative ideas to these extremely challenging times.

The Flores Shelton family has been in the Alum Rock community for decades in a variety of ways - student, teacher, volunteer, neighbor, and taxpayer. While much has changed, my family's values of respect, and dignity for all remain. If able to join this Board, I will be committed to students, families, and employees receiving respectful, fair and just treatment, and providing safe and healthy environments for all.

I respectfully request your consideration for this appointment.

Thank you,

Andrea Flores Shelton

HUMAN RESOURCES
FEB 28 2023 AM9:00

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1. Applicant's Name (as used for voter registration purposes): Victoria F. Partida
2. Residential Address (street, apt #, city, and zip code): [redacted]

3. Are you of 18 years of age or older? (circle one) (Yes)/No
4. Are you a citizen of the State of California? (circle one) (Yes)/No
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[✓] YES, I hold the position of Housing & Community Development Commissioner for the City of San Jose, District 7

[ ] NO, I do not currently serve as an elected or appointed public official for a state or local agency.

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Date: 2/23/23 Signature: Victoria Partida

Hilaria Bauer, Ph.D., Superintendent

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Maribel Carrillo <maribel.carrillo@arusd.org>

Board of Trustees Application

1 message

Victoria Partida <victoriapartida@hotmail.com> Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 12:55 PM
To: Maribel Carrillo <maribel.carrillo@arusd.org>

Dear Board Members and Superintendent,

My name is Victoria Partida, and I am interested in the vacancy for the Board of Trustees for the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District. For the past three years, I involved with my son's PTA at Adelante II, where I have gained insight into issues that affect our children and families. I currently serve with my community as the President of the Tropicana-Lanai Neighborhood Association, where I continually collaborate with Hubbard Elementary to improve the quality of life for the community. Because of this involvement as a mother and community leader, I have some ideas for improving the system for our children and our community.

The primary issue I would work on would be regarding safety in schools and around the perimeter of the schools. Speeding near schools concerns parents and residents, and building more collaborations within the community is essential.

My secondary issue would be working with parents. As a first-generation student, I know firsthand the benefits of public education. My parents were involved in my education, and I was able to succeed in an environment where I did not see myself reflected.

My professional background is in Public Health, with over ten years of experience ensuring that children and parents have access to health coverage and health education. Healthy children learn best, and ensuring that their medical needs are met, such as glasses and school meals, would be a priority for me.

I look forward to hearing from you and working to improve the quality of life for the students.

Please see my attached application to this email.

Thank you,
Victoria Partida, MPH

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1. Applicant's Name (as used for voter registration purposes): Ricardo Garcia

2. Residential Address (street, apt.#, city, and zip code):

3. Are you of 18 years of age or older? (circle one) (Yes) No
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Date: 2/21/2023 Signature: R. GARCIA

HUMAN RESOURCES
FEB 28 2023 AM11:14

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Re: Ltr. of Interest for Board Vacancy

Alum Rock Union School Board
2930 Gay Ave.
San José, CA 95127

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am applying for the current board vacancy in Alum Rock. I am a product and resident of 50+ years of the ARUSD. I know first hand the challenges facing the district as I have two students currently attending Adelante Academy.

As a stakeholder in the existing community and a veteran teacher of 25+ years I truly believe this is an important time to provide support and leadership to my local elementary school district. My top initiatives as a Alum Rock Union School District Board Member would be to: bridge the education loss during the pandemic, improving teacher retention through improved district support and work to provide a safe environment for all students and staff.

Our baseline is excellence and we should strive to provide an academic, social and emotional well being for all our students, teachers and staff. We have a moral imperative to provide the necessary academic support to our community, so students can receive the educational formation to prepare them to thrive in our schools and beyond.

As a school board member, I see this role as individuals who are commissioned to the responsibility of academic, social and emotional well being of our students.

I look forward to speaking with you further regarding this vacancy. You can reach me by email at: ricogarcia185@gmail.com

Yours truly,

Ricardo García