

**HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Hamilton High School Library
Thursday, May 26, 2016**

6:00 p.m.	Public session.
6:00 p.m.	Closed session to discuss closed session items listed below.
6:15 p.m.	Reconvene to open session no earlier than 6:15 p.m.

1.0 OPENING BUSINESS:

1.1 Call to order and roll call

Tomas Loera, President Rosalinda Sanchez Gabriel Leal
 Hubert "Wendall" Lower, Clerk

2.0 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: Public comment will be heard on any closed session items. The board may limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes per item.

4.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: To consider qualified matters.

1. *Government Code Section 54957 (b)*, Personnel. To consider the employment, evaluation, reassignment, resignation, dismissal, or discipline of a classified and certificated employees.
2. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case)

5.0 RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/FLAG SALUTE: Report action taken in closed session (no earlier than 6:15 p.m.).

1. *Board President, Tomas Loera* reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA:

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board vacancy interviews.
 - a. Tim Anderson
 - i. Mr. Anderson was asked a series of questions in public session. He provided the board with the following information:
 1. Community member, local business owner, and has had and currently has children in the district.
 2. Graduated from Hamilton High School in 1980 and has been involved in the Hamilton City community since that time.
 3. Is a retired board member of the Hamilton Unified School District.
 4. Would like to support the district and see continued quality education for our students.
 5. Has been heavily involved with Boosters, FFA, Hamilton City Fire Dept. and Ord Bend.
 6. Top priority is keeping our integrity and retaining our wonderful staff.
 7. Believes the board and administration should work hand in hand.
 - b. Genaro Reyes
 - i. Mr. Reyes was asked a series of questions in public session. He provided the board with the following information:
 1. Has been a longtime resident of Hamilton City; attended Hamilton Elementary School and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1990. Currently has children attending both the elementary school and high school.
 2. He would like to make a difference in our children's education and community.
 3. He is an Employment and Training Worker in Glenn County.
 4. He is involved with the Hamilton Elementary School Site Council, Parent Teacher Organization, and was involved in the EL Master Plan for the district. He was also a member of the Glenn County Office of Education Head Start Policy Council.

5. Believes that the board must do their part to regulate the school; schools should be given resources as well as teachers to provide education to all students.
 6. The school board and administration should work together.
 7. Would like to get parents more involved in students' studies; parents help voice the opinion of their children and community.
- c. Yesenia Alcaraz
- i. Ms. Alcaraz was asked a series of questions in public session. She provided the board with the following information:
 1. Parent, community member, and parent to students at Hamilton Elementary.
 2. Has experience volunteering at the elementary school such as meetings, choir, and Lions Club. She also spends time cleaning at her church, helping with the May Festival, raffles and she has also been a cashier for more than 5 years.
 3. She would like to help guide students and help them prepare for life after graduation. She would also like to focus on the progress of each student and prepare each student to be hard working and independent.
 4. She believes that board members and administration should work together and have a positive outlook for the future of the district.
- d. Rebecca Ramirez
- i. Ms. Ramirez was asked a series of questions in public session. She provided the board with the following information:
 1. Parent and community member of Hamilton City for nine (9) years.
 2. She has three (3) children who attend Hamilton Elementary School.
 3. Credentialed teacher and has worked at elementary and high schools.
 - a. Currently high school Spanish and ELD/Support teacher.
 4. Wide range of knowledge in education allows her to have a clear vision for the district.
 5. Has volunteered with the Hamilton-Capay Little League and has held a board member position as Tee-Ball/Farm Commissioner.
 - a. Has helped create fair and consistent rules and a balanced schedule.
 6. Believes the board and administration should work as a team to prioritize our goals while utilizing the perspectives of parents and community members to help make decisions.
- e. Raymond Villar
- i. Mr. Villar was asked a series of questions in public session. He provided the board with the following information:
 1. Parent and community member.
 2. Has been a resident of Hamilton City for 8 months. His in-laws have been here since 1952.
 3. Spends time volunteering at Hamilton Elementary School where three (3) of his attend.
 4. He works in the town of Magalia as a General Manager and is a Consultant for an association in the City of San Mateo and has experience with budgets in the private sector.
 5. If selected as a board member he would like to prepare children to be successful adults, train them to positively participate in society, protect our students, help with budgeting, and listen to community needs.
 6. His highest priority is the students and would like to celebrate all achievements of those who come from Hamilton City.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard (agenda and non-agenda items). The Board may limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes per topic. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific action item prior to board action thereon.

Community Member, Vicki Casillas: Many quality candidates were interviewed and hope that the board makes a good decision on moving the district forward.

THE BOARD DID NOT ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION, AGENDA ITEM NINE (9), AS THERE WAS NO NEED AT THIS TIME.

9.0 **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** To consider qualified matters.

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10.0 **RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:** Report action taken in closed session.

1. No action taken in closed session – the board did not adjourn into closed session, agenda Item nine (9).

11.0 **DISCUSSION:**

1. Board applicants.

- a. The board members each discussed their candidate of choice for provisional appointment ending December 2016.
 - i. Rosalinda Sanchez
 1. Two candidates of choice are Genaro Reyes and Raymond Villar.
 - a. Mr. Reyes is willing to work with school board.
 - b. Mr. Villar has a lot of passion, is involved and wants what is best for the district and is not afraid to confront challenges.
 - ii. Gabe Leal
 1. Two candidates of choice are Genaro Reyes and Raymond Villar.
 - a. Mr. Villar has a lot of passion and expertise.
 - b. Mr. Reyes has passion and is involved in the community.
 - iii. Wendall Lower
 1. Would like to mention Yesenia Alcaraz, for her passion and commitment to come before the board.
 2. Two candidates of choice are Genaro Reyes and Tim Anderson.
 - a. Mr. Anderson has a lot of expertise and he knows the ins and outs of the school.
 - b. Mr. Reyes comes to all of the board meetings, is passionate about what he can bring to the board and is in touch with the community.
 - iv. Tomas Loera
 1. Two candidates of choice are Genaro Reyes and Tim Anderson.
 2. Mr. Loera chose his two candidates based on the same thoughts as Wendall Lower.
- b. Each board member agreed to select one from their choice of two to elect:
 - i. Tomas Loera
 1. Choice is Genaro Reyes.
 - ii. Rosalinda Sanchez
 1. Choice is Raymond Villar.
 - iii. Gabe Leal
 1. Choice is Raymond Villar.
 - iv. Wendall Lower
 1. Choice is Genaro Reyes.
- c. The board is split 2/2.
 - i. Wendall Lower
 1. Discussed the positive aspects of the two choice candidates.
 - a. Mr. Villar is a go getter and has a lot of resourcefulness.
 - b. Mr. Reyes has a great sense of community, and ability to communicate with both school sites – he comes to the school board meetings.
 - ii. Rosalinda Sanchez
 1. Both candidates show that their hearts are in this. We are looking for the best fit for our community and to support our staff. Appreciate what Mr. Reyes does for the district; he is here during meetings.
 2. Mr. Villar is on campus at the elementary regularly and comes across as a leader. People trust him and listen to him. He has all a lot of experience and may be able to provide his knowledge in areas we may be lacking. His passion stands out.
 - iii. Gabe Leal
 1. Mr. Reyes and Mr. Villar both care about the community from different perspectives.
 - a. Mr. Reyes is always here.

- b. Mr. Villar is involved, married a woman from here, and the students can relate to him.
- c. Mr. Villar is still Mr. Leal's number one (1) choice, and Mr. Reyes is his number two (2) choice. Mr. Villar is not afraid to ask the tough questions.
- iv. Wendall Lower
 - 1. Notes that Mr. Villar discussed the highly successful students who have come from Hamilton City, i.e. doctors and lawyers. Mr. Lower would like to mention we should celebrate all of our student's successes.
- d. At this time the board decided to take action and vote on their choice candidate.

12.0 **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Possible action for provisional appointment of board member.

Motion for approval to provisionally appoint Raymond Villar to the Hamilton Unified School District School Board by Rosalinda Sanchez, seconded by Gabriel Leal, abstained by Wendall Lower, and final aye by Tomas Loera.

Motion Carried: 3-0, 1 Abstain

Motion carries, Raymond Villar has been appointed as provisional board member until December 2016.

Loera: Aye	
Leal: Aye	Lower: Abstain
Sanchez: Aye	

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT: 9:03pm**



6-9-16

Wendall Lower, Clerk



Charles Tracy, Superintendent