



**SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Large Conference Room
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001**

**January 3, 2024
ADOPTED MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Shasta Union High School District was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Trustee Zufall in the Shasta Union High School District Large Conference Room. Trustee Zufall led the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Hoheisel recited the mission and vision statements.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Ron Zufall, Constance Pepple, Andrea Hoheisel and Mike Doran were present. Also present: Superintendent Jim Cloney, Chief Business Official David Flores, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Jason Rubin, and Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services Leo Perez.

RES. 23-253 That the Board approve the agenda, as presented. (Motion Hoheisel, second Pepple, carried 4-0)

RES. 23-254 That the Board appoint Joe Ayer to fill the existing Board vacancy. (Motion Pepple, second Doran, carried 4-0. Student Board Member Combs: Aye)

RES. 23-255 That the meeting adjourn. (Motion Pepple, second Hoheisel, carried 4-0. Student Board Member Combs: Aye)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

Student Board Member Riley Combs arrived at 3:04p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Candidate Interviews: Jim Cloney stated that the District received two qualified applications for the SUHSD Board vacancy following advertising in the Record Searchlight, through Parent Square and on the SUHSD website. The Board reviewed the interview process, noting that candidates would be called in one at a time to be interviewed on an individual basis in public session and that the Board would make a determination regarding which candidates to appoint at the conclusion of the interviews. Candidates had previously been asked to wait in the lobby of the District Office so as not to hear the interview questions or the responses from the other candidates prior to their respective interview.

Mr. Cloney explained that the District is in the process of transitioning from an at-large to a by-trustee area election systems. He noted that Joe Ayer lives in District 4 and Sabrina Thurman lives in District 5. The current vacancy is at-large and would fall under District 4 in the 2024 election based upon the proposed election sequence.

Candidates interviewed were: Joe Ayer and Sabrina Thurman. Each candidate was asked to explain their reasons for wanting to become a member of the SUHSD Governing Board, and all candidates were asked the same interview questions.

Trustee Candidate Selection: The Trustees discussed the strengths of each of the two candidates, the election sequence process, and noted that they were seeking individuals with the background and experience that would best complement the Board. The Trustees were impressed by the qualifications presented by both of the candidates. The Board determined that the background and previous experiences of candidate Joe Ayer best met the qualifications sought by the Board and selected him for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board. All candidates will be notified of the Board's decision today.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Candidate Selection (continued): Joe Ayer will be sworn in at the next Board meeting by Superintendent Jim Cloney and will be officially seated on the SUHSD Governing Board. Mr. Ayer will hold his position on the Board for the remainder of a four-year term, ending December 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Andrea Hoheisel, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Jim Cloney, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees

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