



**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706

Closed Session: 6:00pm; Open Session: 7:00pm

<https://ausdk12-org.zoom.us/j/92912804708>

**CLOSED SESSION - 6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

**Present:**

Trustee Dayna Inkeles

Trustee Sadia Khan - arrived late

Trustee Veronica Davidson

Vice President Josh Mahoney

President Becky Hopwood

Superintendent Sara Stone

**2. DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION / ADJOURN TO  
CLOSED SESSION**

**2 A. Personnel Matters (Govt. Code §54957)**

**2 B. Potential Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9)**

**2 C. Negotiations Update (Govt. Code §54956.6)**

Having no public comment, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

**3. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at 6:53pm**

**OPEN SESSION - 7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**Trustees Present:**

Student Trustee MacKenzie Shepherd

Student Trustee Ayush Deodhar  
Trustee Dayna Inkeles  
Trustee Sadia Khan  
Trustee Veronica Davidson  
Vice President Josh Mahoney  
President Becky Hopwood  
Superintendent Sara Stone

## **2. READING OF AUD MISSION VISION STATEMENT & MEETING NORMS**

Student Board Members Shepherd and Deodhar read out loud as printed on the agenda.

## **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Josh Mahoney led in the Pledge of Allegiance for those who wished to participate.

## **4. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken in Closed Session

## **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

### **MOTION: to approve the agenda of April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Motion by: Dayna Inkeles; Second by Sadia Khan. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously

## **6. SPOTLIGHT: Ocean View Elementary School**

Ocean View Elementary School Principal Ana Delgado shared a spotlight on Positive Behavior at Ocean View.

## **7. RECOGNITION**

### **7-A. Proclamation No. 2024-25-07 Recognizing May 2025 As Mental Health Awareness Month**

Student Board Members read the proclamation. This will be shared with district administrators and staff for the month of May.

## **8. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Student Board Members Ayush Deodhar and MacKenzie Shepherd reported:

### **Albany High School**

- Diversity Week at AHS was held a couple of weeks ago. Every day, there was an event during lunch for students to learn about other cultures at AHS. Monday was International Food Day, and on Tuesday, student businesses sold during lunch while the high school's Jazz Band played live music. Wednesday was the Diversity Assembly. All the language classes had students dancing, and other independent students also performed. Thursday, Parent Affiliate Groups had tables

during lunch in the atrium, and on Friday, there was a collection of short films about diversity showing in the Little Theater during lunch.

- Prom is coming up on Saturday, April 26th

#### **Albany Middle School**

- This Thursday is the Spring Soiree after school

#### **Cornell Elementary School**

- This week is Cornell Fun Fitness Week. On Friday, students get to dress up as their dream job.

#### **Marin Elementary School**

- Thursday is Family Math Night from 6:15 to 7:30 PM
- Saturday, April 26th is the AUSD Elementary Spring Choir Festival at Memorial Park from 10:00 to 11:00 AM

All schools and offices will be closed next week for Spring Break except ACC's preschool, which will remain open.

#### **Albany Children's Center**

- ACC is bringing back its biggest fundraiser, the Spring Fling. It will be held on Sunday, May 18.

### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Public Comments:** None

### **10. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**10-A. Approve Minutes: February 11, 2025 Board Of Education Regular Meeting**

**10-B. Approve Minutes: March 11, 2025 Board Of Education Regular Meeting**

**10-C. Approve Minutes: March 25 , 2025 Board Of Education Regular Meeting**

**10-D. Approve Adoption of Albany Unified School District Board Policy Updates**

**10-E. Approve 2024-2025 Master Contract And Master Contract Amendment Between Albany Unified School District And Center For Early Intervention On Deafness**

**10-F. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints Q3: January - March 2025**

**10-G. Approve Independent Contractor Services Agreement With Architechnica For Architectural Services For Cornell Elementary School Restroom Renovations**

**10-H. Approve Independent Contractor Services Agreement Between Albany Unified School District And Golden State Steel And Stair For Metal Fabrication At Ocean View Elementary**

**10-I. Approve The Independent Contractor Services Agreement Between Albany Unified School District And NV Construction For Construction Services At The Albany Aquatic Center**

**10-J. Approve Purchase Of Copy Machine For District Office**

**10-K. Approve Resolution No. 2024-25-18: Signature Card – Authorized Agents Payroll Warrants & Disbursements (Amended)**

Note: The date of approval for this was March 25, 2025 but the signatures were not affixed to the signature card.

**10-L. Approve Resolution No. 2024-25-19: Signature Card – Authorized Agents Official Documents & Reports (Amended)**

Note: The date of approval for this was March 25, 2025 but the signatures were not affixed to the signature card.

**10-M. Ratify Personnel Report, 4.8.2025**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion by: Veronica Davidson; Second by Sadia Khan. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. REVIEW AND ACTION**

**11-A. 2023-24 Albany Unified School District Bond Measure B and E Financial and Performance Audit Reports**

Linda Wu, Chief Business Official, introduced the Bond Measure B and E Financial and Performance Audit reports. Bobby Phan from Christy White presented the audit results and reported that both financial statements and performance audits received an unmodified opinion with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

**Motion:** to approve and accept the Bond Measure B and E Audit Reports by Veronica Davidson; Second by Dayna Inkeles. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**11-B. Declaration Of Need For Fully Qualified Educators**

Marina Gonzalez, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented the annual declaration of need for fully qualified educators. The board noted the importance of having emergency credentials if needed.

**Motion:** to approve by Sadia Khan; Second by Josh Mahoney. All approved

**11-C. Resolution No. 2024-25-20: Certificated Assignments Outside Credential Authorization**  
**Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2024-25-20**

Marina Gonzalez, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented a resolution for certificated assignments outside credential authorization, specifically for a science teacher at Ocean View Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2024-25-20 by Sadia Khan; Second by Josh Mahoney.  
A Roll Call vote was taken and motion passed 5-0, with 2 student advisory yes votes.

**11-D. Transitional Kindergarten Equivalent Work Experience**

Marina Gonzalez, Chief Human Resources Officer, explained the requirements for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) equivalent work experience. The board noted the importance of meeting the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's requirements.

**Motion:** to approve Resolution 2024-25-21 Transitional Kindergarten Equivalent Work Experience Motion by Sadia Khan; Second by Josh Mahoney. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0, with 2 student advisory yes votes.

**11-E. Contract Agreement With Schoolytics**

Superintendent Sara Stone presented a contract agreement with Schoolytics, a unified data platform replacing Educlimber. The board discussed the benefits of Schoolytics, including better data access and professional development for staff.

**MOTION:** to approve the contract with Schoolytics by Sadia Khan; Second by Dayna Inkeles. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. STAFF REPORT:**

**12-A. Superintendent's 90-Day Plan Report**

Superintendent Stone presented her 90-Day Plan report that detailed her first 90 days at AUSD, including her engagement with stakeholders and the themes emerging from their feedback. The report highlighted areas for growth, such as strengthening teaching and learning practices, enhancing student support systems, and optimizing the use of school resources. A draft of her goals and priorities included 1) strengthen teaching, learning, and leadership; 2) advance inclusion and belonging; 3) improve student supports; 4) align resources; 5) optimize facilities; and 6) engage families and community.

Public comment: (2 minutes each)

- 1) Teacher at Cornell asked about math development in the district

### 13. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

**Superintendent Sara Stone:** no report

**Josh Mahoney:** reported events at Marin and Albany Children's Center. He also attended the Freshman Forum at the high school.

**Vonnie Davidson:** reported she visited Albany Middle School today with Superintendent Stone and walked through the campus.

**Sadia Khan:** reported on various events at Ocean View Elementary: PTA announced its executive board slate, with elections set for this Thursday at 6:30 PM in the OV library. The 5th grade T-shirt contest deadline was extended to April 11th, and students were encouraged to participate. Talent Show auditions are on April 23rd, with more events highlighted in the Principal's newsletter. The recent Eid and Holi celebration was a hit with students, featuring cultural performances, henna, and Bollywood dances. A special thanks to all who made it possible. Ms. Banales continues to uplift the community with OV Positive Wednesday, spreading joy through music, signs, and bubbles. The Equity Council met April 3rd and had a very robust conversation about vetting protocols for events and speakers.

**Dayna Inkeles:** reported on various events at Albany High School including PTSA meetings, a college essay writing workshop on April 29; AHS Wind Ensemble will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York; the AHS choir going to Disney this week to play and perform at Disneyland; and prom is on April 26, 2025.

**Becky Hopwood:** reported on events she attended including the Marin Moonlight Auction last Saturday; the Freshman Forum at the high school today; inaugural meetings for the Technology Master Plan and Facilities Master Plan committees.

Student Board Member Ayush Deodhar added that applications for new Student Board member are now in process and they hope to have a new candidate by the end of April.

### 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INTRODUCED BY THE BOARD

None

### 15. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm