

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of December 13, 2022

ITEM: **APPROVE RESOLUTION ALLOWING SCHOOL BOARD AND
BOARD-APPOINTED COMMITTEES TO HOLD
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA
ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **CONSENT**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution allowing the School Board and Board-Appointed Committees to Hold Video/Teleconference Meetings Under California Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Legislature recently passed [Assembly Bill No. 361](#), and it was signed by Governor Newsom to go into effect immediately. AB 361 continues many of the provisions related to the Brown Act that were in place under Executive Orders, which expired September 30, 2021) that allowed for video and teleconferencing during the state of emergency. With this new law, the Board of Education can continue to meet virtually until such time as the Governor declares the state of emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic is over, and measures to promote social distancing are no longer recommended.

On September 23, 2021, the Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency recommended social distancing measures for safely holding public meetings based on continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, and that continued social distancing provides increased protection to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

At the September 28, 2021 Board meeting, the Albany Unified School District Board of Education approved the extension of electronic (video/teleconference) meetings under AB 361. In order to continue to hold electronic meetings, the Board needs to review and make findings every thirty (30) days that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

On the following dates, the Board adopted resolutions allowing the School Board and all Board-appointed committees to continue to hold teleconference meetings under California Assembly Bill (AB) 361, for a period of thirty (30) days or such a time that the Board adopts a subsequent resolution:

- October 26, 2021: [Resolution No. 2021-22-07](#)
- November 26, 2021: [Resolution No. 2021-22-10](#)
- December 14, 2021: [Resolution No. 2021-22-11](#)
- January 11, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-12](#)
- February 8, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-15](#)
- March 8, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-17](#)
- April 12, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-23](#)
- May 10, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-30](#)
- June 14, 2022: [Resolution No. 2021-22-34](#)
- August 9, 2022: [Resolution No. 2022-23-01](#)
- September 13, 2022: [Resolution No. 2022-23-06](#)
- October 11, 2022: [Resolution No. 2022-23-09](#)
- November 8, 2022: [Resolution No. 2022-23-13](#)

The proposed Resolution allows the AUSD Board of Education and all Board-appointed committees to continue to hold video/teleconference meetings for thirty (30) calendar days or until the Board adopts a subsequent resolution on January 10, 2023.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: There are no financial implications if the Board continues to hold meetings virtually.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23-14: ALLOWING SCHOOL BOARD AND BOARD-APPOINTED COMMITTEES TO HOLD VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361