

**HUENEME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013**

INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

In accordance with Brown Act rules governing regulatory bodies, the Hueneme Elementary School District (HESD) posts agendas for regularly scheduled meetings of the Governing Board a minimum of 72 hours in advance. Agendas for special meetings (i.e., meetings not on the regular schedule that are called for a specific purpose) are posted a minimum of 24 hours in advance. Agendas are available for the public to view at all hours of every day through glass at the front of the District Office or on the District website.

This special meeting was called to interview candidates for a vacancy on the Board that resulted from the death of incumbent board president David A. Cenzano. The agenda was posted on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the district office at 205 North Ventura Road in Port Hueneme, California, and on the district website. The interviews were conducted in the District Office.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Four trustees were present: Vianey Lopez, Acting President and Clerk; members Darlene A. Bruno, Rafael (Ralph) Ramos, and Scott E. Swenson.

Administrators and Others: Present were Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Superintendent; Deborah DeSmeth, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources/Educational Services; Dr. Christine Walker, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services; and Suzan Henry, Executive Assistant. Although attendance by others was minimal, other district administrators, employees, and members of the local media were present. In addition to the five qualified board candidates and some of their spouses, one candidate who had been disqualified also attended.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE – Item 1

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and led the flag salute.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Item 2

Motion 025: Trustee Swenson motioned to adopt the regular agenda as submitted. Trustee Bruno seconded the motion, which passed upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. One position is vacant; therefore, the vote was unanimous.

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS – Item 4

At Ms. Lopez's request, Dr. Dannenberg explained the process for the interview, i.e., that board members would take turns asking ten questions that the five qualified candidates would answer in a "round robin" format. This format would give each candidate the opportunity to answer a question first. Thus, the order in which they would answer each question would change. The candidates were:

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| 1. Phillip G. Bardos | 4. Sallie H. Soong |
| 2. Donna L. Branstrom | 5. Ron D. Dawson |
| 3. Lori A. Cordova | |

After all questions were asked, each board member had the opportunity to comment. They thanked the candidates for their participation and their interest in serving on our Board. They also agreed that every candidate had strong skills and qualities that would make them a good addition to the Board. Their decision was a difficult one.

Each candidate also had the opportunity to comment, and thanked the members for the opportunity to be heard. Two candidates said they felt the district was in good hands with the present board and leadership. Most of the candidates were interested in what orientation a new member would receive, and the educational opportunities the person selected would have in order to learn about the district and the role of a school board member.

INTERMISSION – Item 4

Ms. Lopez called for a ten-minute intermission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Item 5

Bruce Stevenson, the candidate that was disqualified because he resides and votes in the Oxnard School District, introduced himself and shared some of his background. He expressed reservations that the decision that he is not a district resident was accurate. (His Port Hueneme address was verified as being outside of the Hueneme Elementary School District.) He stated that Education Code has not been enforced for a long time and needs to be. He may be open to running for a board seat in November.

BOARD DISCUSSION – Item 6

Mrs. Bruno began, saying Donna Branstrom taught in the district for many years and had already proved her value on the Board when she served from 2008-2012. Trustees Swenson and Ramos agreed with her assessment of Ms. Branstrom. Trustee Lopez disagreed, saying that she admired Ms. Branstrom and had, in fact, had her as a teacher in kindergarten, but felt there would be a benefit to appointing someone who could bring in a new, fresh perspective. She did not say which of the other four candidates she favored.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT – Item 7

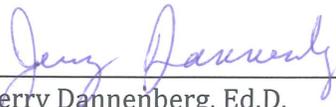
Motion 026: Trustee Bruno motioned to appoint Donna Branstrom. Trustee Swenson seconded the motion, which passed upon a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay vote from Trustee Lopez.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE – Item 8

Dr. Dannenberg administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Branstrom, who will serve until December 2014 when Mr. Cenzano's term would have ended. The appointment is provisional, and registered voters of the district have 30 days from the appointment to petition for a special election if they disagree with the decision of the Board. If no petition is filed by September 27, Ms. Branstrom's appointment will be considered final.

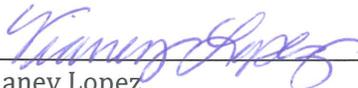
ADJOURNMENT – Item 9

There being no further regular business before the board, Ms. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

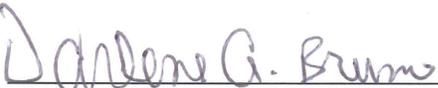


Jerry Dannenberg, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Governing Board

By our signatures given below on this 9th day of September, 2013,
the Governing Board of the Hueneme Elementary School District approves
the foregoing Minutes of a Special Meeting of August 27, 2013.



Vianey Lopez
Acting President & Clerk, Board of Trustees



Darlene A. Bruno
Member, Board of Trustees



Rafael (Ralph) Ramos
Member, Board of Trustees



Scott E. Swenson
Member, Board of Trustees