

**Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 12, 2021**

MINUTES

A. OPENING CEREMONY

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Board President Arend, Board Clerk Bausch, Trustees Baker, Gannon, Gearhart, Reed (via Zoom), and Williams.

B. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as published. Passed unanimously with a motion by Lance Gannon and a second by Tim Gearhart.

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Arend led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No phone-in comments were received. An email was received from PRPE Executive Director Jim Lynett in support of the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Continuation of Discussion and Possible Action Regarding District Response to Grand Jury Report - "Paso Robles Schools: A Cautionary Tale," Dated November 17, 2020

This item is a continuation of discussion from previous agendas. The Board discussed Finding #7 - Chapter 3, Aquatic Complex, and requested additional information of staff. Upon receipt, the Board will discuss and consider a procedure for preparing the District's response at their meeting on January 19, 2021.

The Board discussed Grand Jury Recommendation #8 (that the CBO should have the authority to independently report to the Board of Trustees on the district's fiscal health). The Board agreed by consensus with the Grand Jury's recommendation.

The Board reviewed Recommendation #7 but took no action as it is the purview of the County Office of Education.

The Board discussed Recommendation #10 (that the district should publish financial responsibilities of Board members prior to any election thereto). The Board agreed with that recommendation and the importance of candidates being aware of their fiduciary responsibilities.

At the Board's previous meetings up to and including January 9, 2021, the Board reached consensus to accept the Grand Jury's recommendations as follows: Chapter 1, Findings 1-8; Chapter 2, Findings 1-7 (disagreeing with #8); and Chapter 3, Findings 1-6 and 8 (disagreeing with #7).

Additional recommendations will be discussed on January 19, 2021.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Hire Additional Legal Counsel Relative to the Grand Jury Response

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the agenda of January 19, 2021.

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Board Clerk



Board President