

**Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**January 30, 2021**

**A. OPENING CEREMONY**

**1. Meeting Protocol Under Covid-19**

The Board President announced meeting protocols under Covid-19 which prohibit large gatherings. This protocol includes procedures for the public to participate by observing the meeting on Zoom or calling in to offer public comment.

**2. Attendance/Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

**3. Salute to the Flag**

Minutes:

President Arend led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mr. Christopher Arend, Mrs. Dorian Baker, Mr. Chris Bausch, Mr. Tim Gearhart, Mr. Jim Reed. Mr. Nathan Williams

Absent: Mr. Lance Gannon

**B. ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as published. Passed 6-0 (Gannon absent) with a motion by Mr. Nathan Williams and a second by Mrs. Dorian Baker.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT - Limited to published agenda items**

Public comment was deferred to the relevant agenda item.

**D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Grand Jury Report: Selection of Legal Counsel**

Mr. Bausch noted that the Board will be asking a very limited question of any attorney selected and that the Board might be advised to use a firm different from the administration because of a potential conflict of interest. The attorney will be asked to review the Board's final draft before it is submitted to Judge Duffy and the Grand Jury. President Arend suggested the Board discuss the topic in two parts - first to consider whether to hire counsel, and second to consider which firm to retain. Mr. Gearhart asked what firm counseled the district previously as he wanted to ensure the Board was not retaining counsel from that firm. He was assured they are not.

A motion was adopted to approve hiring separate counsel to review the Board's response to the Grand Jury, with a cap of \$5,000. Passed 6-0 (Gannon absent) with a motion by Mr. Chris Bausch and a second by Mrs. Dorian Baker.

A motion was adopted to retain (either Jeffery Minnery or Linda Summers Smith, both of Adamski Moroski Cumberland and Green LLP. Passed 6-0 (Gannon absent) with a motion by Mr. Christopher Arend and a second by Mr. Tim Gearhart.

**2. Grand Jury Report: Draft Response from the Board of Education**

Public comment was received from Berkley Baker, Peter Byrne, Joel Peterson, and Joan Summers. The Board worked on specific language in its proposed response to the Grand Jury Report but did not complete this task.

**3. Grand Jury Report: Next Steps**

Public comment was received from Peter Byrne. This item was tabled, to be addressed at the Adjourned Special Meeting to continue this agenda on February 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

**4. Select Date and Time to Continue Work on Response to Grand Jury Report, If Necessary**

This item was tabled.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was adopted to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m., to meet again in at the Adjourned Special Meeting to continue this agenda on February 2, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. Passed 6-0 (Gannon absent) with a motion by Mr. Chris Bausch and a second by Mrs. Dorian Baker

  
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