



# Silver Oak High School - Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021 @ 6:00PM

28826 Bailey Ranch Rd, Hayward, CA 94542

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## 1) Call to Order

6:05pm

The meeting was called to order by TB

### a) Attendance

A – Absent, AA – Apologized Absence, P – Present, T – Tardy

#### Silver Oak HS Board members

Bauer, Tom	P	Eckart, Helga	P
Bichard, Murielle	P	McMahon, Rick	A
Cespedes, Vinnie	P		

#### Golden Oak Board members

Compani, Amy	P	Espinosa, Jorge	T	Schenone, Joe	A
Casquejo Johnston, Luz	T	Gordon da Cruz, Cynthia	P	Stearns, Roman	P
Den Hartog, Doug	A	Rodriguez, Kristin	P		

b) Reading of Mission Statements, by a GO student and Tom Bauer.

## 2) Special Notice regarding Public Speaking

There was no general public comment for this special meeting.

## 3) Merged School Name Presentation & Public Hearing

- Presentation on history/background and process re-naming the merged school
  - Purpose of hearing:** Explain the background and process of renaming the merged school. Review the findings of the Naming Committee. Gather feedback from both school communities on the process and names.
  - Why a new name:** Silver Oak’s charter was revised to add 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades, so the school name needs to be updated to reflect this addition and the merger. Hayward Public Montessori School was used as a placeholder, now considering a definitive name.
  - Process for renaming:** Initial survey (with 4 suggestions) was sent to all families. Then a follow-up survey was design to let people write-in suggestions. Even though, that name change is considered by HUSD as an administrative action, HUSD suggested following their process (to form a committee of the diverse stakeholders and hold a public hearing).
  - Naming Committee:** Based on the initial survey, the 1<sup>st</sup> choice is Twin Oaks Montessori School. The additional written names and students indicated that “Hayward” should be part of the name. The naming committee voted for **Hayward Twin Oaks Montessori School**. Rather than sending another survey, this hearing is the opportunity for all to share their opinions on this recommendation.
  - Questions/comments:** Board members had a few questions and comments.

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- Luz emphasized that students really want Hayward to be included in the new name.
- Roman asked how many students was part of the Naming Committee. One student from each school. Did each representative consulted with their other constituents? No.
- Helga requested the list of suggested names from the write-in survey.
- Amy and Roman appreciated the student inputs and opening the process to the community.

## 2. Public Hearing – Opportunity for public comment, support, opposition, and questions regarding any matters related to the merged school name (from 6:25pm to 6:34pm)

- Appreciate the efforts from both boards to merge the two schools. Asked if the survey was sent to families of alumni and founders. Those groups of individuals are always supportive of the school fundraisers. It will be a nice gesture to consider their input, especially as the schools need to raise a lot of money.
- Like having “Hayward” as part of the name. The recommended name was not included in the initial survey. Should send an additional survey including new options. There are lots of different options. Provided 6 suggestions (one of them being Hayward Oak Grove Montessori). Options provided in the survey were very limited.
- Comment from staff, involved in this process. Important to consider the students’ feedback.

## 3. Next steps

- Include feedback from this hearing. The joint board will reject or accept the recommendation on March 4th. At that time, there will be another opportunity for public comment.
- Roman asked additional questions regarding students’ involvement. If they had student group discussion to express pros/cons of the different names. Jen replied that EL was introduced to the concepts of names, school colors, and logos. UE students had class discussion. They didn’t need support for completing the survey. Elaine added that the video from both schools was shown at community meeting. Follow up in student advisory groups.
- Murielle also asked for the list of suggested names to be provided to the board. Don’t see how there could be support for any suggested name, as it’s impossible to guess similar names (with the list not being communicated).

## 4) **Adjournment of the Special Joint Meeting**

**6:42pm**

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