

The Stockton Unified  
Board appointed  
**Zachary Avelar** to its  
empty seat on a 5-1 vote.  
Here are **four key  
moments** from his  
remarks at Friday's  
board meeting.

**Question:** What would you do if you believed that district administrators had not provided you with accurate and complete information for making a decision?

**Avelar:** I wouldn't pass a vote with missing or bad information. I wouldn't open my mouth and talk to the community if I didn't feel confident.

**Question:** Describe your response if a parent cornered you in a grocery store and asked for your support on a particularly hot district issue.

**Avelar:** I will acknowledge them with respect, professionalism. I will briefly listen to them and then give them my district business card and encourage them to email me or set an appointment through the superintendent's office.

**Question:** Please summarize the strengths that you would bring as a member of the board.

**Avelar:** My strength is my youth... And I'm not a rubber stamp. I'm not using this opportunity as a stepping stone.

**Question:** please identify a recent board decision that you felt strongly about, and describe how you would balance community concerns, student needs, state and federal law, staff considerations, and your personal values and beliefs to determine how to vote on the issue.

**Avelar:** I feel strongly that the fighting and bickering needs to stop. I don't agree that we should withhold trustees' paychecks. I don't agree with any more trustee censures. I don't agree that anyone should ever disrespect the board president. I don't agree that any staff or trustee should ever shed the superintendent in a bad light.

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