

# Paramount Unified School District



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## **REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **MINUTES**

**July 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Linda Garcia in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

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| Pledge of Allegiance                              | Scott Law, Director-Facilities and Project Management, led the Pledge of Allegiance.   |
| Roll Call   | Trustee Linda Garcia<br>Trustee Vivian Hansen - ill<br>Trustee Alicia Anderson<br>Trustee Sonya Cuellar - ill<br>Trustee Tony Peña   |
| Administrators Present                            | Ruth Pérez, Superintendent<br>Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services<br>Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services<br>Daniel Aguilar, Director-Safety & Security<br>Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations<br>David Daley, Director-Special Education<br>Scott Law, Director-Facilities and Project Management<br>Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research & Evaluation<br>Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel<br>Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services<br>Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services<br>Yolanda Calderon, Assistant Director-Fiscal Services |
| Approve Agenda<br>July 17, 2017<br>1.232          | Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2017.<br><br>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña<br>Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen   |
| Regular Meeting Minutes<br>June 26, 2017<br>1.233 | Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded the motion carried 3-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017.<br><br>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña<br>Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen  |

## **REPORTS**

Employee Representative Reports

There was no representative present for CSEA.

There was no representative present for TAP.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the Paramount Adult School graduation, the City's Concert in the Park, and participated in the joint Relay For Life event with Bellflower.

Trustee Garcia attended the City's Concert in the Park, the Paramount Adult School graduation and participated in the joint Relay For Life event held in Bellflower.

Trustee Peña visited sites hosting the Summer Food service program. He attended the Los Cerritos School summer BBQ. He attended the Senior Commission meeting, the Paramount Adult School graduation and the City's Concert in the Park.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- ❖ Superintendent Pérez attended the AVID Institute along with Board Vice President Hansen and Dr. Smith.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez attended the Paramount Adult School graduation.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez announced that Paramount High School's summer graduation is scheduled for later this week on Thursday.

## **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

## **HEARING SECTION**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Gerald Cerda expressed his concern in regards to the air in Paramount. He would like to know what kind of testing is taking place in the classroom for toxins. These toxins he indicated are making the kids and staff sick and it is a domino effect on kids and staff missing school. The responsibility of the District is specifically the well-being and education of the kids. He would like to know what is being done in preparation of the kids returning to school.

Sandra Dekay thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. She shared with the Board that last week she along with many others attended a meeting regarding air pollution coming from Carlton Forge and other metal forging companies. They heard from concerned residents and most all speakers searched for answers. Some who spoke were teachers who spoke up in support of our students enough to make one cry. At the same time filled ones heart with pride. One by one despite the fact that by testifying they could be subject to termination they spoke up in defense of our children. She thought why only were teachers there and not the Board? She will await for a response.

Sara Patricia Vega Huevo stated that the District that the mandate reporter has the responsibility to protect school children, teachers and staff from the levels of hexavalent chromium. They expect the Board to be proactive in taking steps in providing air purifications systems in the

classrooms and replace water pipes as was stated by the District for Measure I. They also want to place on record that in advocating for their concerns they don't want to feel retributed against or intimidated in any manner for looking out for their children or residents.

Jose De Leon asked the Board why no one from the District was sent to the recent Abatement meeting for representation. He stated the District needs to be involved. Fumes are smelled everyday. He is surprised why some of the Board do not call in to report. He added that the issue is just not at Lincoln school but also others including the one next to the refinery including the High School. He wants to know why the District did not send any representation if they really care for our kids. He asks for actions.

Sonia Olmos De Leon is in attendance representing the parents in the community of Paramount Unified School District who are concerned regarding Chromium 6 and toxic odors. She thanked the teachers who are advocating for the safety our children by calling SCAQMD. These teachers showed their commitment for the well-being of our children and their advocacy demonstrates their proactive approach. As advocates for their children they ask the District that no retribution be taken upon the teachers who are supportive. They wonder if any District personnel have called in when odors are smelled. It is impossible that only teachers, parents and students smell the odors but no District personnel. They expect the District to advocate for students in the future to call SCAQMD when odors are smelled and detected and to move students indoors. They expect the District by the beginning 2017-18 school year that air purifications systems be placed in school that are most impacted by these toxins by allocating funds from the Bond Measure I.

She reminded the Board that they are all elected officials chosen by them to represent their voice as a public and trusted to carry out their requests. There is a whole community concerned and worried for their children's health and who wish to have a dialog with the District. By ignoring parents' petitions and concerns they demonstrate that they are not being represented and making clear that they don't value their position on the Board and make it apparently obvious they will not be reelected.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

0.234

Trustee Anderson, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Consent items.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

### **General Services**

Representatives to Athletic Leagues for 2017-18  
1.234

Approved Mr. Michael Ono, Principal-Paramount High School as District Representative to athletic leagues for 2017-18.

### **Human Resources**

Personnel Report  
17-01

Accepted Personnel Report 17-01, as submitted. The report includes details, assignments, terminations, and employment of personnel.

2.234 Certain assignments listed in this report may be contingent upon allocation of funding in the 2017-18 State Budget Act and related legislation.

### **Educational Services**

Consultant and Contract Services  
3.234 Approved the consultant and contract services request authorizing contracts with consultant or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

### **Business Services**

Purchase Order Report 17-01  
4.234 Approved Purchase Order Report 17-01 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of June 2017  
4.234 Approved warrants for all funds through June with a total of \$16,559,056.23.

Acceptance of Donations  
4.234 Accepted the donations as presented on behalf of the District with any bequests or gifts of money or property for a purpose deemed suitable by the District.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution 17-01  
2017-18 Board Memberships  
1.235 Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-01 authorizing memberships in associations and organizations for the Board of Education members for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

2017-18 Compensation for Board of Education Members  
1.236 Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve compensation per Education Code Section 25120 for the Board of Education members for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Resolution 17-02  
Board Member  
Compensation for Absence  
Due to Illness  
1.237 Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-02 authorizing the compensation of a Board of Education member for a maximum of two Board meetings per calendar year when the member cannot attend the meetings due to illness.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Public Hearing –  
Opportunities For Learning  
(OFL) Charter Petition  
1.238 Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to convene a public hearing on the provisions of Opportunities For Learning, at which time the Governing Board should consider the level of support for the Charter by Paramount Unified School District teachers, other PUSD employees and parents.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Dr. Jill Wells, OFL Director-Charter Development with OFL and former educator and administrator in public schools and charter is in

attendance tonight speaking on behalf of the students and community.

She commented that there are two reason why she is here and that is to serve those students who are lost in the community and to save OFL schools who have been closed due to a State level decision. She applauds Paramount Unified as the District is highly regarded for preparing students for college.

Dr. Wells added that OFL provides a choice, they are not a destination school for the young people who are underserved. They want to be a lifeline for post-secondary success and more career opportunities.

The mission of OFI is their schools create an educational choice for all students. OFL-Paramount's staff will connect with students to empower and inspire them to achieve their goals and make their dreams a reality.

The targeted population are students who are:

- disengaged from school settings
  - long term suspensions, expulsions, dropout
  - living in transition or homeless
- struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues
- victims of bullying
- teen parents or expectant mothers
- caregivers or wage earners

OFL-Paramount's educational model includes:

- personalized learning
  - individualized learning plans
  - small group instruction
  - daily tutoring
- Common Core and NGSS-aligned curriculum
- 11 months of instruction
- wrap around support structures
- post secondary college and career opportunities

What makes OFL Different:

- social and emotional skill development
- community service
- offsite STEM learning activities

Experiential trips and programs promote:

- increase in student engagement
- improvement in academic performance

Community Outreach - Meetings with local community organizations

1. career colleges
2. child and family service programs
3. shelters
4. counseling programs
5. local businesses

### Why Partner?

- Hundreds of full-time, at risk OFL students displaced without viable alternatives
- Societal impact of students without high school diplomas
- 1% authorizing fee will be paid to Paramount Unified School District (per CA Education code 47613)

### Open Hearing

Juan Martinez shared that his life before OFL was very similar to students he works with. He was always getting into trouble and was forced to enroll in new schools. He would get into trouble but he knew he had potential to be a good student. He realized that the traditional school setting was not for him. He had a few cousins already attending OFL and suggested he try it out. OFL staff has always helped him and has made him the person he is today. Every teacher at OFL knew him. He became part of the peer tutoring at his center. He was so invested in school that he became a speaker at graduation. He obtained a job after graduation at OFL. Years later he is still at OFL and now holds a position as Center Coordinator at the Compton Center. He asks that their petition be taken into consideration.

Ester Cruz shared that before her enrollment at OFL her educational success was non-existing. At OFL she has been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA. At traditional schools she felt misguided, absences and tardies were excessive and her behavior was violent. Despite her past, OFL opened the doors to her. OFL has positively impacted her. They gave her a sense of direction she had never experienced at any other school. This charter school provides more than educational service, it contributes to society by inculcating important American values and ethical behavior. She is only one example of many students who were at risk of failure. Yet she became confident with success. She urges the Board to grant them the necessary permission to allow students like her, students who deserve the chance to continue their academic pursuits to attend those schools.

Maggie Ramirez a substitute teacher at the Compton Center OFL. She is here today as a Paramount resident and former city employee who worked with the after school program, she knows the value that Paramount places on educating students and nurturing a positive school community. Often time people have misconceptions of charter schools. Each student's story is unique but similar in that they needed a program like OFLs to receive credits and graduate. Not only does OFL helps these students earn a high school diploma but help them build social skills and the relationships built with them understand the real world. She believes chartering OFL will be an asset not only for Paramount Unified but for the community of students and family it serves. Students who need a different school setting will benefit greatly and our students all over who have been displaced have their schools once again. They can be back on track again to continue earning the credits needed to graduate and through their postsecondary plans also contribute to their community and society. She thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to close the public hearing on the provisions of

Opportunities For Learning, at which time the Governing Board should consider the level of support for the Charter by Paramount Unified School District teachers, other PUSD employees and parents.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

### **Educational Services**

3.1-A  
WorkAbility I Grant  
Application for the 2017-18  
School Year  
3.140

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the application of the WorkAbility I Grant for the 2017-18 school year to provide supervision of special education students' on-the-job training and subsidized wages for high school and transition students and career awareness activities for middle school students.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

3.2-A  
Naviance Software Contract  
3.141

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the purchase of Naviance software program for 2017-18.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

### **Business Services**

Resolution 17-03, Interfund  
Cash Transfers  
4.142

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-03, Interfund Cash Transfers between any of the District's operating funds, as needed, during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Resolution 17-04, Annual  
Delegation of Administrative  
Authority to Process Routine  
Budget Revisions,  
Adjustments, and Transfers  
4.143

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-04, authorizing the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools to process routine budget revisions, adjustments, and transfers.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Resolution 17-05, Temporary  
Interfund Borrowing  
4.144

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-05, Temporary Interfund Borrowing between any of the District's operating funds as needed, during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Resolution 17-06, Temporary  
Transfers from the School  
Pools Fund Maintained by the  
Los Angeles County  
Treasurer  
4.145

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 17-06, Temporary Transfers from the School Pools Fund maintained by the Los Angeles County Treasurer.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

<p>Notices of Completion – Field Service Contracts 4.146</p>	<p>Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for repair of the exterior wall system at Adult Education; playground surface replacement at Gaines, Collins, Roosevelt, Mokler, Wirtz, and Jefferson Schools; replace fencing at Paramount High School; replace HVAC units in Rooms 11 through 20 at Roosevelt; replace the energy management system on HVAC units at Paramount High School; and make payment to all contracted parties upon expiration of the lien period and determination that no liens are outstanding.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>
<p>Sale, Disposal or Recycle of Surplus Property 4.147</p>	<p>Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to authorize staff to identify surplus or obsolete property, and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to arrange for the sale or disposal of District surplus property in accordance with Board Policy and the requirements of State law.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>
<p>Agreement for Architectural and Design Services 4.148</p>	<p>Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents for architectural services for Bond and Facilities projects.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>
<p>Agreement for Construction Management Services for Installation of Modular Buildings 4.149</p>	<p>Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to Authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents for construction management services for installation and renovation of modular buildings throughout the District.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>
<p>Agreement for Inspection Services and Inspector of Record for Measure I Bond Projects 4.150</p>	<p>Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents inspection and Inspector of Record services for Measure I bond projects.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>
<p>Procurement, Improvement, Planning and Installation of Modular Buildings at Various School Sites 4.151</p>	<p>Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to Authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents for the procurement, improvement, planning and installation of modular buildings at various school sites.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen</p>

**INFORMATION ITEMS**



## **Educational Services**

Golden Bell Award  
Applications for Collins  
Elementary, Tanner  
Elementary and Paramount  
Park Middle School

The Board received as information is Collins Elementary, Tanner Elementary and Paramount Park Middle Schools application submission for the California School Boards Association's Golden Bell Award.

Beginning and Ending Times  
for Schools

The Board received as information the beginning and ending times for schools for the 2017-18 school year.

## **Business Services**

Bid Summary – LED Lighting  
Replacement

The Board received a summary of bid results for LED lighting replacement for Lakewood, Buena Vista and Adult Education.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Garcia reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

Staff Employee Comments  
Per Government Code 54957

There were no staff/employee comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employment, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:23 p.m. President Garcia reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employment, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent) and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

There following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employment  
2.252

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Michelle Soto as Assistant Principal effectively as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Public Employment  
2.253

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Darrenn Platt as K-8 Principal effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Public Employment  
2.254

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Jerry King as Dean of Students effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

Public Employee  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release  
2.255

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to impose a ten (10) day suspension on employee # 5742.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on July 17, 2017 at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Peña  
Absent 2 – Cuellar, Hansen

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Ruth Pérez, Secretary  
To the Board of Education

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President

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Vice President/Clerk