

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

September 25, 2013

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice President Cuellar in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Trustee Vivian Hansen-ill Trustee Linda Garcia
Trustee Sonya Cuellar Trustee Tony Peña
Trustee Alicia Anderson

Administrators Present Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction/Projects
Rosemary Green, Director-Human Resources
Jose Iniguez, Director-Secondary Education/CTE
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Elvia Galicia, Assistant Director-Fiscal Services
Margarita Fernandez-Rodriguez, Coord. of Assessment & Acctnt.
Patricia Brent-Sanco, Principal-Tanner School
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School
Lynn Butler, Principal-Alondra Middle School
Linda Go, Principal-Keppel School
Topekia Jones, Principal-Paramount Park Middle School
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West
Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Kevin Longworth, Principal-Hollydale School
Susan Marilley, Principal-Roosevelt School
Richard Morgan, Principal-Paramount Adult School
Lisa Nunley-Macon, Principal-Jackson School
Linh Roberts, Principal-Mokler School
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Zamboni Middle School
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Principal-Collins School
Connie Toscano, Principal-Wirtz School
Rose Vitetta, Principal-Los Cerritos School
Kelly Williams, Principal-Jefferson School

Pamela Williams, Principal-Lincoln School
Kim Chavez, Assistant Principal-Paramount Park Middle School

Regular Meeting
September 25, 2013
1.249

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Regular meeting agenda of September 25, 2013.

Regular Minutes
September 11, 2013
1.250

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2013.

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives'

Maria Rivera-Paramount High School, Ayline Alcaraz-Paramount High School-West Campus, and Hector Hernandez-Adult School reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representatives'
Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP president Deb Meyers wished to thank Superintendent Mendez for the support that was provided to the Alondra School staff with the passing of Assistant Principal Lee Besler. She also wished to thank the Board for allowing the voices of members to be heard for the Superintendent search. She added that the LCFF will enable the District to make better choices for our students. We need to ask the teachers what they need to succeed. Teachers know what students need. Bargaining will soon begin. She also thanked Superintendent Mendez for providing her the opportunity to be a part of a debrief meeting surrounding the recent lockdowns at a few sites.

Board Member Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the monthly Ad Hoc meeting, she attended the Collins & PHS Back to School nights, she participated in the Jefferson School PTA meeting and also attended the Paramount High School Homecoming game and the city's annual Safe & Smart Fair.

Trustee Cuellar thanked everyone for their participation in the city's annual Safe & Smart Fair.

Trustee Garcia visited the vigil for Lee Besler at Alondra School , she attended Lincoln School's Back to School night, the PHS Homecoming game and also her PHS 45th reunion.

Trustee Peña attended Paramount Park Middle School and PHS Back to School Night, PHS Homecoming game and the city's annual Safe & Smart Fair.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mendez highlighted a variety of items:

- Superintendent Mendez shared that he continues to be inspired by everyone's contribution to support our students.

- Mr. Mendez along with Dr. San Miguel met with Dentist Dr. Max Martinez, Linda Benedetti-Leal and other representatives to discuss the upcoming Dental clinic offering for select students.

Bulletin Boards – Paramount High School

Principal Dr. Greg Buckner, presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Paramount High School's educational program student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of "Inspired Pirates" and enhance the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

STAR Results

Margarita Fernandez-Rodriguez, Coordinator of Assessment & Accountability provided the Board with the District's STAR results.

A total of eight schools showed improvement in their API growth and seven schools have reached the statewide goal of 800 or above. Paramount Unified School District's nine (9) point gain ranks fourth in the state. CST mathematics continues to outperform State and County averages in 7th through 10th grade math.

Schools and districts are measured on a scale of 200-1000 with a goal of reaching 800. Our District schools' have sustained API gains that exceed State growth each of the last three years. The District's nine point API gain places it amongst the top performing districts with enrollment of 10,000 or more students. PUSD was 16 points below the State in 2013 compared to 32 points in 2012. Students with disabilities showed the most gain over the last three years. African American students and English Learners had strong gains. Schools who reached an API of 800 were Mokler with 800 and Keppel with 804. Paramount Park had the largest gains with 23 followed by Wirtz with 12 and Zamboni with 13. Schools with the highest absolute API growth are Lincoln-833, Gaines-826, Alondra-823, and Zamboni-823.

The Adequate Yearly Progress performance targets for the 2012-13 school year are between 88.7 and 89.5% proficiency (varies by school). Legislation for AYP ends 2013-14 at which point targets are set at 100%. Smarter Balanced Assessments begin in 2014-15. Paramount Park Middle school met AYP targets in both ELA and Math through Safe Harbor. Keppel School met AYP targets in Math through Safe Harbor.

In English Language Arts, slight declines were seen in grades 2 through 5 this past year, 4th grade had the largest decline of 5%. 7th, 9th, and 10th grade have seen steady increases for the last three years, 9th grade had the largest gains in 2013 followed by 6th grade, 8th and 11th grade showed slight declines.

PUSD increased by 8% compared to 60% placing above the County average and are at a 2% below State average.

In Mathematics, 4th grade regained losses from last year and 7th grade has seen slight increases for the last three years. The largest gains have been in 7th grade with an increase of 4% over three years. Algebra 1 in 8th grade showed strong gains of 10% and general math showed gains of 6%. In Algebra 1, PUSD increased by 4% compared to 2% gain in L.A. County and flat across the State. In Geometry, PUSD increased 35 while the State and County declined. Algebra 1 in 10th grade showed strong gains of 21%. PUSD outperformed the State and County in five Math grades and courses. In CAHSEE, 10th grade passing rate increased 6% over the last three years, 2% more 10th grade students passed the Math section than the ELA section. Math percent passed has increased by 7% more than in ELA with 3%.

The District's next steps include:

- In 2014-15, the STAR testing program will be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Select districts will participate in a field test of the new assessment this year.
- Legislation to a slight California's Accountability system with Smarter Balanced Assessment is currently on the Governor's desk. Districts expect more information soon.
- PUSD's quarterly benchmark assessments and writing prompts have been revised to align with the Common Core Standards. Student progress will continue to be monitored through K-12 formative and benchmark assessments.

Recognition: STAR School Performance Results

The Board of Education and Superintendent Mendez recognized various schools for meeting the state's API target for 2013 and/or exceeded the state target of 800 based on the STAR results. The State's goal for schools is to achieve an API of 800 or to make progress toward this target. Schools recognized included: Alondra Middle School – 823 API, Gaines School – 826 API, Keppel School – 804 API, Lincoln School – 833 API, Los Cerritos – 812 API, Mokler School – 800 API, and Zamboni School – 823 API. Schools that made progress included Buena Vista High School, Jefferson School, Paramount High School, Paramount Park Middle School and Wirtz School. Collins, Hollydale, Jackson, Roosevelt and Tanner schools were also acknowledge for making progress over the last three years.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

During the hearing section, District wide PTA President Teodora Espinoza shared with the Board that this years membership drive is ongoing. She also shared that the Annual Principals and

Presidents Conference is scheduled to take place on October 9, 2013 in Long Beach.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.252

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Items.

General Services

Professional Activities Report
13-02
1.252

Approve the Professional Activities Report 13-02 for the Superintendent's attendance at an out-of-state conference, as submitted.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
13-04
2.252

Accept Personnel Report 13-04, as submitted. The report includes details, assignments, terminations, and employment of personnel. Certain assignments listed in this report may be contingent upon allocation of funding in the 2013-14 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Consultant Services
2.252

Ratify the Consultant Services Request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.252

Approve the Consultant and Contract Services request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Overnight and/or Out-of-
County Study Trips
3.252

Approve the overnight and/or out-of-county study trips for students consistent with the District policies and instructional programs.

Memorandum of
Understanding with the Los
Angeles County District
Attorney's Abolish Chronic
Truancy Program
3.252

Accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County District Attorney for the Abolish Chronic Truancy Program for the 2013-14 school year to provide assistance to students with attendance problems.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
13-06
4.252

Approve Purchase Order Report 13-06 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of
August 2013
4.252

Approve warrants for all funds through August with a total of \$5,521,136.50.

Donations
4.252

Accept the donations as presented on behalf of the District with any bequests or gifts of money or property for a purpose deemed to be suitable by the District.

ACTION ITEMS

Educational Services

Common Core Implementation Funds Approval 3.253	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve an Extended Day High School Program for the 2013-14 school year including hourly employment of certificated and classified staff.
Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2013-14 3.254	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to Conduct a public hearing within the first eight weeks of school regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2013-14 school year. There were no speakers during the hearing section. Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to close the public hearing.
Resolution 13-11 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2013-14 3.255	Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 13-11, assuring compliance with Education Code Section 60119 for State funds receivable for instructional materials for the 2013-14 school year.
Saturday School Program for 2013-14 3.256	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Saturday School Program for grades 6-12 for the 2013-14 school year to recapture lost instructional time.
Nonpublic School Placements for Special Education Students for 2013-14 3.257	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the placement for special education students in nonpublic schools, as determined by the students' Individual Education Plan for the 2013-14 school year.
Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Student 3.258	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve payment to attorney Augustine Egelsee, LLP incurred as a result of the mediation settlement agreement for a special education student.
Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Award for 2013-14 3.259	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to accept the Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Award for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year.
One Child At A Time Consultant 3.260	Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the consultant One Child At a Time that will provide training to teacher and aide to monitor a student's assistive technology device.

Memorandum of Understanding with Charles Dana Center, University of Texas, Austin and *Agile Mind* 3.261

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Charles Dana Center, University of Texas, Austin to evaluate the effect of the academic attitudes, behavior and achievement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

Program Improvement Year 3 End-of-Year Evidence of Progress

The Board received as information Program Improvement Year 3 End-of-Year Evidence of Progress report to the California Department of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Cuellar reported that the next Regular Meeting would be October 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:41 p.m. Vice President Cuellar reported that the Board had discussed conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 25, 2013 at 8:42 p.m.

Herman M. Mendez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk