

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Sonya Cuellar in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount California.

Pledge of Allegiance	Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE led the pledge of allegiance.	
Roll Call	Trustee Sonya Cuellar Trustee Alicia Anderson Trustee Linda Garcia	Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Tony Peña
Administrators Present	Herman Mendez, Superintendent Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Ranita Browning, Director-Fiscal Services Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations Randy Gray, Curriculum & Instruction/Projects Rosemary Green, Director-Human Resources Jose Iniguez, Director-Secondary Education Troy Marshall, Director-Technology Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West Connie Toscano, Principal-Wirtz School	
Approve Agenda July 9, 2014 1.203	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded. Superintendent Mendez requested that action item 3.1-A be pulled from the agenda. The motion carried 5-0 to approve the July 9, 2014 Regular Board meeting agenda with changes noted.  Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña	
Special Meeting Minutes June 18, 2014 1.204	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2014.  Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña	
Regular Meeting Minutes June 23, 2014 1.205	Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 23, 2014.	

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

## **REPORTS**

### Employee Representative Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP President April O’Conner shared that he hoped that those who attended the Schools To Watch recognition in DC had a nice trip. She also shared that the association submitted their proposal and are looking forward to the start of negotiations and are hoping to resolve and bring closure to a grievance. She added that middle school summer school has worked out well and will be concluded this week.

### Board Members’ Reports

Trustee Cuellar traveled to Washington DC for the Schools To Watch recognition of Alondra and Jackson Middle Schools. She added that she is very proud of the schools.

Trustee Anderson was privileged to travel to Washington DC for the Schools To Watch recognition of Alondra and Jackson Middle Schools.

Trustee Garcia wished to thank Lincoln School students for the Thank you card received for the use of the photo booth her family provided for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic.

Trustee Hansen had no report.

Trustee Peña has been visiting schools to observe the Summer Food Service program. He wished to thank Chris Stamm for the great work and support he provides to our students and the program.

### Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mendez highlighted a variety of items:

- Superintendent Mendez traveled to Washington DC for the Schools To Watch recognition of Alondra and Jackson Middle Schools. He added that District staff was afforded a tour and visit with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.
- Mr. Mendez visited the summer school program at Paramount High School-West.
- He also visited the Summer Food Service program at Mokler School.
- Mr. Mendez shared that the Paramount Adult School graduation would be taking place on July 24, 2014.

#### **Bulletin Boards – Wirtz School**

Principal Connie Toscano presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Wirtz School’s educational program student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of “Getting to the Core” and enhance the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

#### **State Legislative & Fiscal Update**

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services introduced Capitol Advisors President Kevin Gordon, and partner Jack

O'Connell, also former State Superintendent of Public Instruction who provided the Board with an update on the State Legislature.

Jack O'Connell wished to thank the Board for making his job easier as he believes the Board provides outstanding work, stability and support for our students and their education. He shared that now that the budget has been passed and on time, there are a few changes in the budget from the Governor's January release. A change in particular addresses the STRS Retirement program. School districts LEAs are now being asked to provide 70% of the proposed solution. This is a huge burden on school districts. The State of California is being asked to provide 20% of the solution and the other 10% by prospective recipients, the teachers. The majority however would be coming from school districts. We are still being faced with a very tight education budget. He added the Prop 30 is majorly there for the prevention of cuts. We are not out of the toughest part, we need to continue to work hard and be creative and we must invest on our future, our students.

Kevin Gordon added that LCFF is coming to us which is very positive. We are better now than where we were before. When we look at cuts from 5 years ago, we are just now digging out of the hole from 5 years ago.

In the Budget, the COLA for 2014-15 is .85%, but only on the amount we are chasing to get to, not actually what districts' will receive. We are not being cut anymore, but does not mean we are well either. In the past, districts have paid 8.25% of an employees salary towards their retirement, but district contributions toward employees retirement will be going up to 19.1%, a big burden for districts.

The outlook looks good with positive news but there are also cautionary signs that we need to be careful with. The Governor did not want to recognize a bunch of revenue that we know we will get. He is trying to be conservative before the election in November. The Legislature wants to spend more on education but the Governor had said not yet. We believe that the Governor's January proposal will see more money in Common Core.

## **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board of Education Meeting calendar.

## **HEARING SECTION**

During the hearing section, Lenaye Beltran a former PHS student Class of 2003 and student of the Cal-SAFE program addressed the Board in support of the Cal-SAFE program. Ms. Beltran shared that she became aware of the plan to dissolve the program. She added that the Cal-SAFE program is not just a child care program, it's a program that makes a huge impact on the lives of the program's students. Students of the program are graduating. It set's a foundation, offers counseling and guidance, it's a place where it's students can resolve their issues, students are held accountable and a great educational program. The program offered at PHS she believes is one of a kind. She asked that the Board please reconsider their decision.

Adreana Maldonado, also a former PHS student and student of the Cal-SAFE program addressed the Board in support of the program. She added that she came into the program at age 14 with no support from her family. Her support was the program. The program and staff was there for her beyond 3:00 p.m., it was her outlet. Many students would not be able graduate without this program. She added that with the closure, we are taking hope away from these students.

Marina Silva, also a former PHS student Class of 2000 graduate and former Cal-SAFE student, shared that Cal-SAFE is not just a program, it is a support program and having this program was a blessing to her which allowed her to graduate with honors. The program has a wonderful staff who cares for their students and always supports them. Although she has already graduated, she continues to stay in close contact with the Staff. She asked that the Board please reconsider their decision and continue to support the program.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

### **Human Resources**

Personnel Report  
14-01  
2.206

Accept Personnel Report 14-01, 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 2014-15 State Budget Act and related legislation.

### **Educational Services**

Consultant and Contract  
Services  
3. 206

Approve the consultant and contract service request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Overnight and/or Out-of-  
County Study Trips  
3.206

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

Agreement for Safety and  
Security at School Functions  
with the Los Angeles County  
Sheriff's Department  
3.206

Ratify and approve the agreement for Safety and Security at School Functions with the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Memorandum of  
Participation with Downey-  
Montebello Special  
Education Local Plan for  
2014-15  
3.206

Approve the Memorandum of Participation with Downey-Montebello Special Education Local Plan Area for the 2014-15 school year.

## **Business Services**

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| Purchase Order Report<br>14-01<br>4.206         | Approve Purchase Order Report 14-01 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.                                              |
| Warrants for the Month of<br>June 2014<br>4.206 | Approve warrants for all funds through June with a total of \$12,378,051,06.                                                                                     |
| Donations<br>4.206                              | 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**

### **General Services**

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| Resolution 14-01<br>2014-15 Board Memberships<br>1.207                                  | Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 14-01 authorizing memberships in associations and organizations for the Board of Education members for the 2014-15 school year.<br><br>Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña                                                  |
| 2014-15 Compensation for<br>Board of Education Members<br>1.208                         | Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the compensation per Education Code Section 25120 for the Board of Education members for 2014-15.<br><br>Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña                                                                                           |
| Resolution 14-02<br>Board Member<br>Compensation for Absence<br>Due to Illness<br>1.209 | Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 14-02 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.<br><br>Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña |

### **Educational Services**

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| Services Agreement with the<br>Los Angeles County Sheriff's<br>Department for Two School<br>Resource Offices and<br>Shared Cost Agreement with<br>City of Paramount<br>3.210 | <b><i>This item was pulled from the agenda.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Nonpublic School<br>Placements for Special<br>Education Students for 2013-<br>14 Extended School Year                                                                        | Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 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. |

- 3.211 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña  
 Nonpublic School Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion  
 Placements for Special carried 5-0 to approve the funds for the placement of special education  
 Education Students, 2014-15 students in nonpublic schools, as determined by the students'  
 School Year Individual Education Plan for the 2014-15 school year.
- 3.212 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña  
 Resolution 14-06, Local Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion  
 Agreement for Child carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 14-06, the California State Preschool  
 Development Services for Contract for full and part-day preschool services provided at Collins,  
 the California State Gaines, Keppel, Mokler and Wirtz sites for the 2014-15 school year.  
 Preschool Program, 2014-15  
 3.213 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña  
 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion  
 School/Agency Services carried 5-0 to approve the Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency  
 Annual Master Contracts for Services Annual Master Contracts for the placement of special  
 Special Education Students, education students in nonpublic schools, as determined by the  
 2014-15 School Year students' Individual Education Plan for the 2014-15 school year.  
 3.214 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

**Business Services**

- Resolution 14-03, Annual Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion  
 Delegation of Administrative carried 5-0 to approve Resolution 14-03, authorizing the Los Angeles  
 Authority to Process Routine County Superintendent of Schools to process routine budget revisions,  
 Budget Revisions, adjustments, and transfers.  
 Adjustments, and Transfers  
 4.215 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña
- Resolution 14-04, Temporary Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion  
 Interfund Borrowing carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 14-04 Temporary Interfund Borrowing  
 4.216 between any of the District's operating funds, as needed, during the  
 2014-15 school year.  
 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña
- Resolution 14-05, Temporary Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion  
 Transfers from the School carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 14-05, Temporary Transfers from the  
 Pools Fund Maintained by School Pools Fund maintained by the Los Angeles County Treasurer.  
 the Los Angeles County Treasurer  
 4.217 Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña
- Notice of Completion – Field Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion  
 Service Contract carried 5-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contract for  
 4.218 installation of fencing, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to  
 file the Notice of Completion and make payment to all contracted  
 parties upon expiration of the lien period and determination that no  
 liens are outstanding.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Retire Board Policy 4131.4 (also numbered 4231.1, 4371) – Conferences 4.219

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to retire Board Policy 4131.4, (also numbered 4231.1, and 4371) – Conferences. It will be replaced with Board Policy 3350 – Travel Expenses in order to follow the guidelines of CSBA.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS**

### **Educational Services**

New Board Policy 3350 – Travel Expenses

The Board accepted for first reading proposed new Board Policy 3350 – Travel Expenses which reflects types of reimbursable travel expenses and nonreimbursable personal expenses.

Revised Board Policy 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability

The Board accepted for first reading proposed revised Board Policy 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability which reflects changes to state and federal laws and regulations.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Educational Services**

Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary

The Board received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the fourth quarter April 1 – June 30, 2014

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Cuellar reported that the next Regular Meeting would be August 13, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss public employee performance/evaluation (superintendent), public employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator, student discipline and governance team items.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:33 p.m. public employee performance/evaluation (superintendent), public employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator, student discipline and governance team items.

There was no action taken in Closed Session

Student Discipline Student A-1

The Board of Education did not take action on Readmit Student A-1.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on July 9, 2014 at 8:34 p.m.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

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Herman Mendez, Secretary  
To the Board of Education

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President

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Vice President/Clerk