

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

October 14, 2015

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

Pledge of Allegiance Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Administrators Present Delores Stephens, Co-Interim Superintendent
David Verdugo, Co-Interim Superintendent
Ranita Browning, Interim-Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Adrian Ayala, Director-Leadership Development
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Ed. & Instructional Technology
Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction/Projects
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Student Nutrition Services
Andrea Aguilar-Nuno, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School
Jerry King, Principal-Paramount Adult School
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West
Roger Ramirez, Supervisor-Operations

Approve Agenda Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded the motion. Co-
October 14, 2015 Interim Superintendent Dr. Verdugo informed the Board that there are
1.266 a couple of corrections 1). Page 29, Leave of Absence for Margarita
Rodriguez should reflect a correct return year of 2016 and 2). Page
36, purchase order number 16-00810 should reflect the description as
Alondra School Café window decals. The motion carried 5-0 to
approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2015 as
amended.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2015
1.267

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 23, 2015.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen
Abstention: 1 – Trustee Peña

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives

Avery De La Cruz-PHS, Jose Jimenez -Paramount High School-West, Gabriela Garibay-Buena Vista High School and Maria Camarena-Paramount Adult School reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representative
Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP President April O'Connor shared that there have been a great number of events. Monday, was the Educational Forum with Assemblymember O'Donnell. She added that it is crunch time for teachers as they are prepping for parent conferences and 8th grade students still taking STAR tests and trying to implement Common Core. She added that there was a meeting with Special Ed teachers and they have great ideas. Special Ed teachers work with the most vulnerable students in Paramount Unified School District. It is being asked if possible to look at the 3hr Special Ed aides and the possibility of keeping them longer in the day. Their support to the teachers and students is very crucial.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended Paramount City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration, PTA 33rd District Fall Workshop which was hosted at PHS.

Trustee Cuellar Paramount City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration and she congratulated new City Manager John Moreno who is in attendance on his appointment.

Trustee Garcia thanked April O'Connor and teachers for attending the Tepic Sister Cities Gala, she attended City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration and the PHS Football homecoming game.

Trustee Hansen attended the Tepic Sister Cities Gala, she attended City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration, the PHS football homecoming game, she participated in the Class of 1965 tour of PHS and wished to thank Dr. Buckner for coordinating the tour and she attended the ribbon cutting for the Cerritos College Culinary Arts and thanked Dr. Stark and Dr. Francois for attending as well.

Trustee Peña attended the PHS football games versus Jordan and Warren, the Collins School Back to School and City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration. He congratulated new City Manager John Moreno on his appointment.

Co-Interim Superintendent Dr. Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:

- Co-Interim Superintendent Dr. Verdugo attended a K-5 counselors meeting facilitated by Dr. San Miguel.
- He attended City Manager Linda Benedetti-Leal's retirement celebration and thanked the Board for their support and Dee Stephens and Myrna Morales for their presentation.
- Dr. Verdugo attended the monthly Paramount Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- He also attended the 1st Education Forum hosted by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell at the Clearwater Building.
- Dr. Verdugo shared with the Board a final rendition of an actual wall mounted display of the rich athletic history that will be placed in the Hall of Champions. He thanked Cindy DiPaola and the Board of Education for their support and shared that the goal is to have the final product displayed prior to the 2016-17 school year.

Introduction – John Moreno, Paramount City Manager

Co-Interim Superintendent Dr. Verdugo welcomed new City of Paramount City Manager Mr. John Moreno.

Mr. John Moreno, City Manager thanked Dr. Verdugo and the Board of Education for their support and for attending retired City Manager Linda Benedetti's retirement celebration. He wished to introduce himself to the District as the new city manager and shared that he is from Central California and moved to Southern California to attend UCLA. He has been working with the City of Paramount for 22 years beginning in Administrative services, Finance, Public Works, Public Safety, Community Development and most currently for the past 10 years as the Assistant City Manager. He has acquired a lot of knowledge through the years. He is very energetic, personable and takes pride in what he does. He has a lot of loyalty, specifically to Paramount and has been deeply involved in the community for 22 years. He added that he is very fond and proud of the progress the city and district have made and has seen the changes, and the Board should be commended.

Mr. Moreno shares the same philosophy as the past two city managers and that is that they strongly value education. He shared his wife is also in education. He added that the PEP and STAR program are alive and doing well, a benefit to both the city and the district but also the relationship between the city and district is alive and doing very well.

Robots4Autism

Co Interim-Superintendent Dr. Verdugo share with the Board that the presentation they are about to see is a robot created by RoboKind, the world leader in social robotics, who offers Robots4Autism, a breakthrough autism therapy curriculum that is research-proven and delivered by the first humanoid robot purpose-built for autism intervention.

Paramount is proposing piloting Milo the robot at the Hollydale School

Autism program where the speech therapist will use Milo; together with traditional therapy methods to help children with autism reach their developmental goals. The objectives of robot therapy include learning to pick up on emotions, express empathy, act more appropriately in social situations, self-motivate and generalize in the population.

The curriculum is written as social stories and augmented with video modeling, which teach concepts that can be applied to the real world. Lesson topics include conversations, greeting and emotional regulation, with subtopics such as resolving problems and identifying emotions. Milo relays them through natural, human-like expressions. He never tires, so lessons can be repeated as many times as needed.

Dr. Verdugo introduced Thomas McMullen with RoboKind Advanced Social Robotics.

Creating a College Going Culture: Providing the PSAT for all students

Dr. Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education provided the Board with an update on Creating a College Going Culture, providing the PSAT for all students. He added that the purpose of the presentation is to:

- understand the rationale for administering the PSAT to all 11th graders at PHS.
- outline the benefits for students in taking the PSAT.
- review the logistics of PSAT administration and how the process was communicated to students and parents.

Why administer the PSAT to all 11th graders at PHS?

- Creating a college going culture is Goal 2 in Paramount Unified School District's Local Control Accountability Plan.
- To promote a college going culture, the College and Career Center at Paramount High School will administer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) free of charge to all 11th grade students for the 2015-16 school year.
- Systematic effort to promote a college going culture.
- Nearly all students who take the PSAT indicate they plan to go to college.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses on mathematics and language arts skills so students can improve before taking the SAT.

Why should students take the PSAT?

- Assess college readiness.
- This test will be the first administration that is aligned with the redesigned SAT to be administered in March 2016.

What are the benefits?

- Preliminary version of the SAT: students become familiar with the kind of questions and directions they will see on the actual SAT.
- When students participate in the Student Search Service, they are automatically placed on a list serve to receive college information.
- To qualify for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Recent notification from the College Board:

- PHS seniors Daniel Lopez and Avery De La Cruz: scored in the top 2.5% of Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT takers in our region, identified by taking the PSAT last year.
- These students are potential finalists for the National Hispanic Recognition Program, which leads to scholarship opportunities.

Logistics:

- Test administered October 28, 2015.
- All 11th grade PHS students participate.
- No cost to students.
- Counselors provided PSAT overview in Language Arts classes.
- Test prep booklets were distributed to all 11th graders.

How were parents notified?

- Parent letter describing the benefits was sent home in September, 2015.
- College and Career Center presentations.
- Parent workshops during Back to School Night.
- Blackboard Connect message.

Timeline:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
PSAT results provided to students	January, 2016
Counselors to meet with students to discuss PSAT results	January, 2016
SAT Prep classes provided at PHS	February, 2016
SAT administration	March, 2016

BOARD MEETING CALENDER

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

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

CONSENT ITEMS 0.268

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

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

Human Resources

Personnel Report
15-05
2.268

Accept Personnel Report 15-05, 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 2015-16 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.268

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

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
15-05
4.268

Approve Purchase Order Report 15-05 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Acceptance of Donations
4.268

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

Resolution 15-13, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption for Energy Conservation Facilities Project

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Adopt Resolution 15-13, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption For Energy Conservation Facilities Project.

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

Resolution 15-14, Agreement for Energy Conservation Services with Partners For Many Generations (PFMG) Solar, LLC Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.10-4217.18, Making Certain Findings Required for, and Approval of Energy Conservation Services Agreement

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 15-14, Agreement for Energy Conservation Services with Partners For Many Generations (PFMG) Solar, LLC Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.10-4217.18, making certain findings required for, and approval of Energy Conservation Services Agreement and authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Mr. Paul Mikus, President, Mr. Alex Smith, Vice-President and Mr. Michael Streams, Senior Vice-President with PFMG Solar, announced to the Board that on behalf of PFMG, they will be providing a \$245,000 scholarship to a senior student at Paramount High School to attend the University of Michigan.

Human Resources

2015-16 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2015-16 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators in Paramount Unified School District for submission to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

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

Educational Services

Revised Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Learners

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for second reading and adopt proposed revised Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Learners, which reflects current State requirements.

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

Transitional Kindergarten
Teacher Summer Academy
Contract

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify the contract with LACOE to compensate teachers who attended the Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Summer Academy on July 21-23, 2015.

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

Nonpublic School Placement
for Special Education
Students for 2015-16

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Peña 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 2015-16 school year.

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

Robokind Advance Social
Robotics Pilot Program

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Robokind Advance Social Robotics to provide a 30 day pilot to observe and document student participation and progress towards goals.

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

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Revised Board Policy 1312.3
– Uniform Complaint
Procedures

The Board of Education accepted for first reading proposed revised Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures, which reflects current State requirements.

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 first quarter.

Recertification Application for
*Schools to Watch – Taking
Center Stage* for Zamboni
Middle School

The Board received as information the recertification application submittal for *Schools to Watch – Taking Center Stage* for Zamboni Middle School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Anderson reported that the next Regular Meeting would be October 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss public employment, conference with labor negotiator, student discipline and governance team items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:08 p.m. President Anderson reported that they discussed public employment, conference with labor negotiator, student discipline and governance team items.

There following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employment

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the appointment of Roger Ramirez as Assistant Director-Operations effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

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

Student Discipline
Student E-1

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to expel and suspend the expulsion so that student E-1 can attend Buena Vista High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña
Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 14, 2015 at 9:09 p.m. in memory of Santiago Camarena.

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

David Verdugo, Co-Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk