

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**September 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Tony Peña in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount California.

Pledge of Allegiance                      Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education/CTE, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Administrators Present                      Ruth Pérez, Superintendent  
Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services  
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources  
Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services  
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services  
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/Early Childhood Education  
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations  
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Ed. & Instructional Technology  
Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs  
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology  
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research & Evaluation  
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services  
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel  
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services  
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services  
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School  
Jerry King, Principal-Paramount Adult School  
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School  
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Paramount High School-West

Approve Agenda                                      Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion.  
September 12, 2016                                      Superintendent Dr. Pérez informed the Board that Board  
1.229                                      Subcommittees presentation under Superintendent's Report and the  
Public Employment of Director-Safety and Security are being removed  
from the agenda and will be brought back on September 26, 2016. The  
motion carried 3-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of  
September 12, 2016 as amended.

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

Study Session Meeting  
Minutes August 2, 2016  
1.230

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Study Session Meeting minutes of August 2, 2016.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting minutes of August 8, 2016 will be brought back for approval for the September 26, 2016 Board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Employee Representative  
Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP Interim President Christine Barboza shared that there are many concerns being shared by Special Ed teachers. She added that she participated in meeting and met for four hours discussing concerns, recurring issues, class size, inconsistent communication from the District to sites and added that teachers just want to be heard and thanked those in attendance at tonight's meeting. She also shared that PLC at PHS and PHS-West in an ongoing issue and now is a bargaining issue. She added that PLC should be teacher driven-teachers no longer have a voice in that.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Cuellar had no report but welcomed all in attendance.

Trustee Garcia attended the Ribbon cutting at Jackson School, Back to School night at Lincoln School and she shared information on the Dia de Los Muertos event that Tepic Sister Cities will be hosting.

Trustee Peña attended the Jackson School Ribbon cutting, the TAP mixer and Back to School night at Collins, Lincoln and Tanner schools. He shared that the GRIP classes have begun. He wished to congratulate Hollydale School Principal Lisa Nunley-Macon for doing a great job at Hollydale. He recently visited and was very happy and pleased with the great things that are taking place there.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted a variety of items

- ❖ Superintendent Pérez shared that the District had a smooth opening day of schools and thanked staff and the City for all the support.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez attended the Jackson School Track Ribbon Cutting ceremony.
- ❖ Superintendent Pérez shared that there will be a training for the Bond Measure I and thanked Ruben Frutos for taking charge on this measure.

### Introductions – Sue Saghbini-Saikaly

Sue Saghbini Saikaly received her Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from California State University, Long Beach and her Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Educational Administration from California State University, Fullerton.

Sue has worked in Paramount Unified School District for 26 years. She

has been a special education teacher and instructional coach in both math and language arts. For the past four years, Sue has served as the Assistant Principal at Paramount High School. Sue is well regarded within the District and has played an integral role in her position of Assistant Principal.

We welcome Sue as Principal of Zamboni Middle School.

#### Increasing Equity and Access to College Readiness Exams

Dr. Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services presented the Board with information on increasing equity and access to college readiness exams.

A full version of the Increasing Equity and Access to College Readiness Exams presentation is available on the District website.

#### 2015-16 Unaudited Actuals

Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services and Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services provided the Board with information on the 2015-16 Unaudited Actuals that is also before the Board for action on the agenda and formal approval.

A full version of the 2015-16 Unaudited Actuals presentation is available on the District website.

### **BOARD MEETING CALENDER**

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

### **HEARING SECTION**

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

0.231

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Cuellar, Garcia, Peña

Absent: 2 - Trustee Anderson, Hansen

### **Human Resources**

Personnel Report

16-03

2.231

Accept Personnel Report 16-03, 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 2016-17 State Budget Act and related legislation.

### **Educational Services**

Consultant and Contract  
Services

3.231

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

Overnight/Out-of-Country  
Study Trips

3.231

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

Memorandum of

Accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles

Understanding with the Los Angeles county District Attorney Abolish Chronic Truancy Program  
3.231

County District Attorney for the Abolish Chronic Truancy Program (ACT) for the 2016-17 school year to provide assistance to students with attendance and tardy problems.

### **Business Services**

Purchase Order Report  
16-03  
4.231

Approved Purchase Order Report 16-03 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Acceptance of Donations  
4.231

Accepted 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.

Consultants Services  
4.231

Approve the consultant services request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Human Resources**

Fieldwork Placement Agreement with Cerritos Community College  
2.232

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the agreement with Cerritos Community College for participation in fieldwork placement for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

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

Hourly Rate Increase for Non-Classified Position  
2.233

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia and the motion carried 3-0 to approve an increase to the hourly rate for non-classified positions effective January 1, 2017.

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

#### **Educational Services**

Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Student  
3.234

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve and authorize payment for attorney fees and settlement agreement for a special education student.

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

Updated Criteria for Reclassification of English Learners  
3.235

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the updated reclassification criteria for English Learners that aligns with California Department of Education guidelines.

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

<p>Consortium on Reaching Excellence in Education, Inc. Agreement 3.236</p>	<p>Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve Consortium on Reaching Excellence in Education, Inc. Agreement to provide professional development to teachers at Our Lady of Rosary School.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>Supervisor Don Knabe’s 2016 Arts Education Partnership Program Grant 3.237</p>	<p>Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 accept the Supervisor Don Knabe’s 2016 Arts Education Partnership Program Grant to support learning in the arts for grade four students for 2016-17.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>Nonpublic School Placement for a Special Education Student for 2016-17 3.238</p>	<p>Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve the placement for a special education student in a nonpublic school, as determined by the student’s Individual Education Plan for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>Agreement with California Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program 3.239</p>	<p>Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve the agreement with the South Los Angeles Health Projects WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program to provide health and nutrition information to District families for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>SAT/PSAT College Readiness Assessments Agreement 3.240</p>	<p>Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve the SAT/PSAT College Readiness Assessments Agreement with College Board for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>Kaplan Professional Services Agreement 3.241</p>	<p>Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve the Kaplan Services Agreement with Kaplan K12 Learning Services, LLC for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>
<p>Saturday School Program for 2016-2017 School Year 3.242</p>	<p>Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve the Saturday School Program for grades 6-12 for the 2016-2017 School year.</p> <p>Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, Hansen</p>

Extended Day High School  
Program for 2016-2017  
3.243

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 approve an Extended Day High School program for the 2016-2017 school year including hourly employment of certificated and classified staff.

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

Memorandum of  
Understanding with UCLA's  
Community Programs Office,  
Pacific Islander Education  
and Retention Project  
3.244

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the UCLA's Community Programs Office, Pacific Islander Education and Retention Project for the 2016-17 school year.

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

Online Courses: Edgenuity  
Multi-Year License  
Agreement  
3.245

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the purchase of Edgenuity licenses for 2016-19 at Adult School Diploma Lab and Buena Vista High School.

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

### **Business Services**

2015-16 Unaudited Actuals  
4.246

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the 2015-16 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

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

Agreement for Consultant  
Services with The Lew  
Edwards Group  
4.247

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to ratify the Agreement for Consultant Services with the Lew Edwards Group, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Agreement for Use of  
Facilities, Four Square  
Church Parking Lot  
4.248

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to ratify the Agreement for Use of Facilities, Four Square Church Parking Lot, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Resolution 16-08,  
Establishing the 2016-2017  
Gann Appropriations Limit  
4.249

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 16-08, establishing the 2016-2017 Gann Appropriations Limit at \$91,967,964, as calculated by the State formula.

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

Agreement with VMA  
Communications for District  
Communications Services  
4.250

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Agreement with VMA Communications for District Communications Services, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS**

### **Educational Services**

Revised Board Policy 6172.5  
– Opportunity Classes and  
Programs and Other  
Alternative Placements or  
Involuntary Transfers

The Board accepted for first reading proposed revised Board Policy 6172.5 – Opportunity Classes and Programs and Other Alternative Placements or Voluntary Transfers.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Educational Services**

Student Fundraisers at  
Paramount High and  
Paramount High-West

The Board received as information the list of proposed student organization fundraiser activities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Employee Comments  
Per Government Code 54957

President Peña reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, September 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

There were no staff/employee comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss liability claims, public employment, public employee performance/evaluation, conference with labor negotiator and student discipline.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:50 p.m. President Peña reported that they discussed liability claims, public employment, public employee performance/evaluation, conference with labor negotiator and student discipline.

The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employment  
2.246

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Becerra as Secondary Assistant Principal effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

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

Public Employment  
2.247

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Theresa Cimino-Diaz as High School Dean of Students effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

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

Public Employment  
2.248

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of Samuel Peña as High School Dean of Students effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

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

Student Discipline  
Student A-1  
3.249

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to allow student A-1 to return and attend Paramount Community Day School for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2016-17 school year.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 12, 2016.

Ayes: 3 – Trustee Cuellar, Garcia, Peña  
Absent: 2 – Trustee Anderson, 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