

Paramount Unified School District



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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

January 8, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 Support & Innovative Programs, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Vivian Hansen Linda Garcia – arrived 6:06 p.m.
Sonya Cuellar Tony Peña
Alicia Anderson

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
David Daley, Director-Special Education
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs
Scott Law, Director-Facilities & Projects
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Info.
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Mike Ono, Principal-Paramount High School
Alicia Megofna, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School-West

Approve Agenda Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion.
January 8, 2018 Superintendent Pérez informed the Board that item 3.5-A was pulled
1.33 from the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 to approve the agenda of the
 Regular Meeting of January 8, 2018 as amended.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Approve Statutory Meeting Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion

Minutes December 11, 2017
1.34 carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of December 11, 2017.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Approve Facilities Corporation Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017
1.35 Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Facilities Corporation meeting of December 11, 2017.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

REPORTS

Student Board Representatives Angel Macias-Paramount High School, Isis Moreno-Paramount High School-West, Montserrat Sierra-Buena Vista High School and Enrique Marquez-Paramount Adult School reported on school academics, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representative Reports There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP president April O'Connor wished everyone a Happy New Year. Association has asked to bargain on Odyssey STEM Academy. She added that they need to look at the school year 18-19 calendar but it is in a stagnant state with bargaining. She added that they need to focus on what needs to be done and backwards mapping and getting ready for next year and wrapping up this year on a positive note. The team will meet again on February 5th and hopes to find a resolution and move forward.

Board Members' Reports Trustee Anderson wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone in attendance. She visited Lincoln School and added that she is thankful to Board and the District for bringing back the Arts.

Trustee Cuellar welcomed everyone and wished everyone a great year and hoped that everyone enjoyed time with family.

Trustee Garcia shared that Tepic Sister Cities collected gifts for families and were delivered to Lifegate Church. She shared that her son donated a bike to a student at Paramount Adult School.

Trustee Hansen attended Paramount Adult School Holiday event.

Trustee Peña attended the District's holiday luncheon and various city functions. He hoped that everyone had a nice break and wished everyone a great year.

Superintendent's Report Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez commented that she is excited at what is ahead for the second semester.

Recognition – Lourdes Talamantes

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Pérez recognized Paramount High School Counselor Lourdes Talamantes for her continuous support of students. She recently coordinated and hosted a

Young Woman's Empowerment conference for Paramount High School young ladies in which over 400 students attended. The conference consisted of various keynote speakers and 40 topics that are essential for the young ladies to know about.

Dr. Pérez added that Ms. Talamantes works very hard and is one who always goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Superintendent's Report - continued

Superintendent Dr. Pérez informed the Board that during the winter break, a copy of an email was received by a community member that was sent to various governmental entities alleging that the District's performed some work and was not done by appropriate personnel and that it appeared to show unsafe conditions. The email also contained photos taken from outside the fence of the school, showing some of the work being done.

Dr. Pérez proceeded to ask Mr. Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services to provide the Board with detail of the work done during the break, including details relating to the allegations on the email.

Mr. Frutos shared and presented several photos to the Board of Education and explained that a community member had taken several photos of work being done at the Lincoln Elementary site during the winter break and emailed complaints about the work to various governmental agencies. The allegations were that the District was not using contractors, that the work was not appropriately performed and that the discarded materials showed dangerous conditions. Mr. Frutos showed the same photos where contractors can be seen working at the site, and added that the residual materials are discarded in refuse bins and equipment shown is put aside to allow for inside work in the facility. Mr. Frutos also explained that various rooms were modernized (new carpet, wall systems, lights and ceiling components) as part of the facilities project and that the upgraded equipment will significantly benefit the site.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

During the public hearing section the following speaker addressed the Board:

Gerald Cerda, community member commented on the presentation that Assistant Superintendent presented and said that anytime there is concern for construction, fiberglass or mold on demolition of classes, if there is no concern and we are transparent, why not allow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to come in and do an inspection or indoor testing? He added that to his knowledge Paramount Unified School District has refused the Department of Public Health to do an inspection and indoor testing. When there is construction work, fiberglass insulation is itchy and causes skin irritation, anytime there is mold if there is, there is no inspectors allowed, how do we know that it was not mold on the pictures. If it is mold, that is a question for the health of the children. He added that as seen on the pictures, material is leaning on class furniture. If there is deep cleaning as it was mentioned, where is the proof, as a parent he

would want to know. He added that he is following up on the students who were assaulted sexually, harassed and dis-enrolled that was mentioned at the December 11th Board meeting. He hopes that staff is not retaliating against the person who came forward. He commented that if PUSD is clear on the mandated reporting process under AB 1432 mandated child abuse reporting and training and AB 1455 for bullying. He asked that the California Department of Health be allowed to come in and do the indoor testing and inspection, if there are no concerns and being transparent, avoid bystander affects of knowing that stuff is being done but no one is looking out for the best interest of the children. He added that if information was sent to the parents before and if the school was open during the break, maybe the concern would have been addressed with the staff instead of the agencies. He added that sometimes what happens is that if a concern is brought to the District, there is no follow up, no letters.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.36

Trustee Cuellar motioned, 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
17-09
2.36

Accepted Personnel Report 17-09, 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 2017-18 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.36

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

Memorandum of
Understanding with Kaiser
Permanente
3.36

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Kaiser Permanente for the Youth Work Preparation Certificate Program for the second semester of the 2017-18 school year.

Professional Activities Report
17-04
3.36

Approved the out-of-state conference request for the Director of Secondary Education overseeing CTE, Greg Francois, Principal from Buena Vista High School, Morrie Kosareff, Assistant Principal from Paramount High School, Elizabeth Becerra, and administrator from Buena Vista High School and Paramount High School, the CTE curriculum specialists and two identified teachers.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 17-09
4.36

Approved Purchase Order Report 17-09 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Acceptance of Donations
4.36

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.

ACTION ITEMS

Educational Services

Memorandum of Understanding with The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
3.37

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide a mentoring program through e-Pal.

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

Nonpublic School Placement for a Special Education Student for 2017-18
3.38

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 2017-18 school year.

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

Respondus LockDown Browser Agreement
3.39

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Respondus LockDown Browser agreement from March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 for all middle schools and high schools in Paramount Unified School District.

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

Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College for Administration of Justice 115 Course Offering
3.40

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College to provide instruction for selected students as well as the purchase of Administration of Justice 115 textbooks at Paramount High School for Summer of 2018.

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

Memorandum of Understanding with Ambassadors of Compassion

This item was pulled from the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

Williams Settlement Quarterly Complaint Summary

The Board received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the second quarter October 1 – December 31, 2017.

Business Services

Average Daily Attendance Summary Report Through November 3, 2017 and the Third Monthly School Enrollment Report

The Board received as information the monthly school attendance reports for 2017-18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Employee Comments Per Government Code 54957

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, January 22, 2018 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 6:38 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:56 p.m. President Hansen reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 8, 2018 at 7:57 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk