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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

March 26, 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 David Daley, Director-Special Education, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hansen asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of the students who were injured at Paramount High School.

Roll Call Vivian Hansen Linda Garcia – 6:02 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
Jesse Flores, Interim Director-Safety & Security
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education
Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs
Scott Law, Director-Facilities and Projects
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Info.
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Topekia Jones, Principal-Lincoln School
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Kevin Longworth, Principal-Paramount Park Middle School
Michael Naruko, Principal-Gaines School
Lisa Nunley-Macon, Principal-Hollydale School
Mike Ono, Principal-Paramount High School
Darren Platt, Principal-Keppel School
Roxanne Allessandro, Assistant Principal-Buena Vista High School
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Paramount High School-West
Alicia Megofna, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School-West
Edgar Ortega, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School

Approve Agenda
March 26, 2018
1.113

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018.

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

Study Session Meeting
Minutes March 12, 2018
1.114

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 approve the minutes of the Study Session Meeting held on March 12, 2018.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018
1.115

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2018.

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

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives

Angel Macias-Paramount High School, Melanie Rodarte-Paramount High School-West, Oscar Vasqueñ-Buena Vista High School and Jairo Aguirre-Paramount Adult School reported on school academics, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Superintendent's Report

PHS Students

The Board of Education and Superintendent Pérez recognized Paramount High School students Gabriel Orozco, Anthony Farias, Juan Garza and Fernando Melgar for their heroic efforts at the scene of an accident that occurred at Paramount High School that injured four of their fellow Pirate classmates. Gabriel, Anthony, Juan and Fernando were the first on scene and took immediate action by picking up the section of the mangled fence which was resting upon one of the injured students. Despite the shocking and horrific scene, they did not stand back but rather took it upon themselves to take immediate action. Their actions are commendable and truly heroic. We cannot thank them enough for their quick thinking and quick action given their young age. Their actions went beyond any expectation and these students truly lived what a PIRATE is all about. Their actions were truly honorable and exemplify who our students are.

Gabriel, Anthony, Juan and Fernando received certificates of recognition and their families were also recognized.

TAG Art Show Student Winners

The first place and special recognition student award winners of the 21st Annual Traditional Artists Guild Show were congratulated and introduced: John Garcia (TK) Kindergarten; Semaya Williams, First grade; Makayla Williams, Second grade; Alexis Tinoco, Third grade; Eduardo Villareal, Fourth Grade; Janae Ramirez, Fifth Grade; Jocely Phillips, Sixth grade; Alessandra Soriano, Seventh grade; Andrea

Exiga, Eighth grade; Annette Angulo, Ninth grade; Daniela Campos, Digital Art; Stephanie Bravo, Tenth grade; Giselle Guevara, Eleventh grade; Alexa Medina, Eleventh grade; Nataly Campos, Judge's Award-Best Use of Color; Vanessa Campos, Judge's Award-Best Composition; Juan Serrano, Superintendent's Award; Gabriel Morales TAG Chairman's Award; Leilani Gormley, Commissioner's Award; Paola Villalobos, Chamber of Commerce Award; and Noah Endo, Mayor's Award.

The Board of Education members and Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez recognized the students for their artistic excellence and presented them with a Certificate of Achievement. Superintendent Dr. Pérez thanked John Nowlin, Show Chairman from the Traditional Artists Guild, for his continued support of our students in the area of visual arts.

Bulletin Boards – Buena Vista High School

Morrie Kosareff, Buena Vista High School Principal and students Joseph Bender, Justin Garcia, Olivia Gonzalez, Monserrate Sierra, Marionna Smith, William Stewart, Oscar Vasquez and Diamond Washington presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Buena Vista High School's educational program and student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of "Eagles Soaring to New Heights" and enhance the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

Employee Representative Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

TAP president April O'Connor commented that staff appreciates the updates on the status of the PHS students who were injured. She is looking forward to the Day of the Child celebration. She added that there are many concerns at the high school and many things need to happen before the end of the school year. She is hoping that the Association can get a commitment from the Board to wrap up the teacher's contract. She appreciates administration visiting the Preschool teachers. She commented that it is very frustrating to see people traveling out of state but there is no contract yet for teachers.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson wished everyone a happy Spring break. She attended Mokler School's Open House, the FACTOR graduation at PHS-West, Schools To Watch celebrations at Hollydale and Paramount Park Middle schools.

Trustee Cuellar attended the Schools To Watch celebration at Paramount Park Middle School and shared that she is very proud of both Paramount Park and Hollydale School and added that we are only one district out of five that all middle schools are Schools To Watch.

Trustee Garcia attended a Tepic Sister Cities and a guest from Hermosa Beach was in attendance. She provided a reminder of the Dia Del Niño event on Saturday and also the Paramount Library Open House that will be taking place in April. She attended a WELL 2018 Annual Conference in Sacramento.

Trustee Hansen attended the FACTOR graduation at PHS, Schools To Watch celebrations at Hollydale School and Paramount Park Middle School and she wished everyone a happy Spring break.

Trustee Peña visited Los Cerritos School and Tanner School with the GRIP program, he supported various PEP fundraisers and he attended the Schools To Watch celebration at Paramount Park Middle School and congratulated both Paramount Park Middle School and Hollydale School for their designation.

Superintendent's Report
continued

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez thanked the Board for always being so supportive.
- Dr. Pérez met with Kyle Miller the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and with Barbara Crowson.
- She shared with the Board that the District received information in regards to the Williams complaint and the news received is favorable. The California Department of Education agrees with the District conclusion that the outdoor air issues created by local industrial businesses are outside their jurisdiction and control. CDE further stated that despite determining that the issues of concern do not meet the definition of a Williams facilities complaint, and that despite the problem originating outside the school's jurisdiction, the District and School Board of Education have taken the matter seriously, and taken proactive steps to protect the health of the students and staff while at school by testing indoor air quality of classrooms.
- Superintendent Pérez attended an active shooter training.

History Social Science Framework and Textbook Adoption for Grades 6-12

Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services and Dr. Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education provided the Board with information on California's New History-Social Science Framework, the FAIR Education Act and implications for materials, professional development and parent communication and the process for reviewing and recommending new instructional materials for History-Social Science.

Dr. Stark shared that the following activities, which affect K-12 History-Social Science instruction, have taken place:

- 2011 - Senate Bill 48, the FAIR Education ACT is passed
- 2016 - California's K-12 Framework for History Social Science is rewritten and approved.
- 2017 - New History Social Science materials approved by State.

The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act, SB 48, was enacted to include LGBTQ history in education and promote school safety. The research that supported this legislation showed that the inclusion of LGBTQ people in instructional materials is linked to greater student safety and lower rates of bullying at school.

This Act prohibits inclusion of discriminatory matter "reflecting adversely upon persons because of race, sex, color, creed, handicap, national origin or ancestry. The Fair Act added "sexual orientation" to the list.

Governing Boards must adopt materials that "accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity of our society. K-8 materials approved by the State must address the requirements of the FAIR Act.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

The full version of the presentation is available on the District website. There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

During the hearing section, the following speakers addressed the Board:

Sara Patricia Huezo thanked the District for the quick response in regards to the accident at Paramount High School and the fact that parents received notice by phone informing parents what had happened. In regards to air quality, she added that there are still unanswered questions. She added that yes, some air purifiers are at some schools but we still do not have the right air filters in the air purifiers. She asked that the Board look into it. She also shared that she looked Air Quality Management website and the information they used to placed on there regarding the data/level of Hex Chromium. She added that it is hard to navigate and added that maybe the District may have information on that. She commented that in regards to the California Water Fix, the Metropolitan Water District can invite anyone to take a tour. She also shared that what many people may not know is that there are over 60 lawsuits filed against it and this project will raise property taxes, water rates and the water coming from the two tunnels will not come to us, it is for the agriculture community up north. She asks that the data be read.

Gerald Cerda commented on the Tepic Sister Mexico and asked that students be chaperoned properly by responsible adults because Mexico continues to be a hot zone. He added that Governor Brown has tunnel vision and the California Water Fix tunnels were not approved by voters because citizens were not involved in the process. This is a \$17 billion project and said if we are going to push that here, he asks that we look and our infrastructure under AB 746 to test water in the District and re-pipe any schools built before 2010. He commented on the Williams quarterly report 2017-18 states July 1 through September 30, that means that the unlawful pupil fees and Williams complaint fall under this quarter and this report says no complaints. He added that he does not know if it is being corrected but he has not received anything. He provide Superintendent Pérez with a copy of a letter and asked why every request he has made has to be channeled through the Superintendent? He would like to know if it was approved by the Superintendent's Office. He asked why the letter was not on letterhead and added that the information on the letter is being answered before it is was asked. He asked that the Williams Complaint be reconsidered as the California Department of Education and District misinterpreted it.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.116

Trustee Anderson motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-1 to approve the Consent items.

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

Human Resources

Personnel Report
17-14
2.116

Accepted Personnel Report 17-14, 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
3.116

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

Overnight and/or Out-of-County Study Trips
3.116

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

Professional Activities Report 17-09
3.116

Approved the out-of-state conference request for the Principal and Dean of Students from Odyssey STEM Academy to attend the Big Picture Learning Affinity Leadership Program that will take place in Seattle, Washington from Tuesday, April 24 through Thursday, April 26, 2018.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 17-14
4.116

Approved Purchase Order Report 17-14 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Approve Warrants for the Month of February 2018
4.116

Approved the warrants for all funds through February with a total of \$14,423,116.59.

Acceptance of Donations
4.116

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.

Consultant Services
4.116

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

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

Resolution 17-26 Ordering Governing Board Election
1.117

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 17-26 ordering the Governing Board Election of three members of the Board of Education on November 6, 2018.

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

Board Member Election – Resolution 17-27 Establishing the Candidate Statement Policy
1.118

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 17-27 establishing the District's candidate statement policy providing a 200-word limitation and cost to be paid by the candidate at the time of filing for the Board Member election to be held on November 6, 2018.

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

Human Resources

Clinical Experience
Agreement with Healthcare
Career Center
2.119

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Healthcare Career College for participation in clinical experience for Vocational Nursing Certificate candidates.

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

Educational Services

Advancement Grant
Application for Arts Education
3.120

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the Arts Education Advancement Grant application to support the arts and expand the District's K-12 Visual and Performing Arts Program for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Turnaround Arts Partner
School Application
3.121

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify submission of the Turnaround Arts Partner School Application for Zamboni School which will provide resources and support in pursuit of a high-quality arts program.

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

K-8 Summer School and
Extended School Year
Program for 2018
3.122

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2018 K-8 Summer School and Extended School Year Program and authorize the employment of staff and purchase of materials and supplies.

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

Memorandum of
Understanding with Vision to
Learn
3.123

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Vision to Learn to provide free eye screenings, exams and eye wear to qualified K-12 Paramount students.

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

New CTE Course: Baking
and Pastry
3.124

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Baking and Pastry Course and the purchase of textbooks for the 2018-19 school year.

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

New Course: Interactive
Mathematics Program Course
1-2
3.125

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Interactive Mathematics Program Courses 1-2 and the purchase of textbooks for the 2018-19 school year.

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

New Course: Design
Thinking: ELA 1
3.126

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Design Thinking: ELA 1 course for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

New Course: Design Thinking: ELA 2
3.127

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Design Thinking: ELA 2 course for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

New Course: Physics and Engineering: Human and Mechanical Systems
3.128

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Physics and Engineering: Human and Mechanical Systems course and the purchase of textbooks for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

New Course: Advisory
3.129

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Advisory course for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

New Course: Leaving to Learn
3.130

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption of the Leaving to Learn course for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Summer School and Extended School Year Program for 2018
3.131

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2018 Summer School and Extended School Year Program for Grades 9-12 and authorize the employment of teachers and support staff and purchase of materials and supplies as necessary.

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

Business Services

Budget Adjustments for Second Interim
4.132

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2017-18 Budget Adjustments for the General Funds, Unrestricted and Restricted, Adult Education Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Deferred Maintenance Fund, Building Fund, Measure I Fund, Capital Facilities Fund, Special Reserve Fund, and Workers' Compensation Fund.

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

Authorization to Bid Phase I Facilities Work at Odyssey STEM Academy
4.133

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the staff to prepare bid specifications and seek bids for Phase 1 of the Odyssey STEM Academy facilities project. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to advertise, review, and award bids to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) and execute all necessary documents..

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services

3-26-18

Average Daily Attendance Summary Report Through February 16, 2018 and the Sixth Monthly School Enrollment Report

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

Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Audit Report

The Board received as information an update on the annual audit of Measure AA projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

Staff Employee Comments Per Government Code 54957

There were no staff/employee comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent).

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 10:05 p.m. President Hansen reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent).

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 March 26, 2018 at 10:06 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk