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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

May 14, 2018

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

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

Roll Call Vivian Hansen - ill Linda Garcia
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
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Kevin Longworth, Principal-Paramount Park Middle School
Michael Ono, Principal-Paramount High School
Kim Chavez, Assistant Principal-Paramount Park Middle School

Approve Agenda
May 14, 2018
1.159
Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. Superintendent Pérez informed the Board that consultant item numbers 11, 15, 19, 20, 21 and 22 to attached to 3.2-C were being pulled from the agenda. In addition, a correction was noted to item 3.3-A to reflect a correct amount of \$9,225.00. The motion carried 4-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2018 as amended.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018
1.160

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 23 26, 2018.

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

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives

Angel Macias-Paramount High School, Jocelyn Murrillo-Paramount High School-West, Joseph Bender-Buena Vista High School and Jairo Aguirre-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 shared that it is heartwarming to see her former student Armando Torres in attendance. She added that there are growing concerns on campuses and the needs are different from site to site and talk about services needed and being provided is need to get the best for our money. They want to make sure that students are safe. Their voices are not being heard and the positions hired are not filling the needs. She added that there are consultants that keep showing up on the agenda but yet the teachers don't have a contract. She hopes that the district and teachers can come together and sign a contract on the 18th. Teachers are highly motivated. She thanked the Board for their support.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the Annual PEP fundraiser event, the Shell Beach Conference, the California State PTA Convention, the PTA Daddy Daughter dance, the JROTC Awards night, and shared that she saw the Adult Transition students at work.

Trustee Cuellar attended the Annual TAP Who's WHO awards dinner, the Annual PEP fundraiser and the Shell Beach conference

Trustee Garcia attended the Annual PEP fundraiser, the 1st Annual Music and Art Show, a District Facilities Subcommittee meeting, her 50th PHS High School class reunion, and she shared that TEPIC Sister Cities will be hosting a fiesta on June 3, 2018.

Trustee Peña attended the Annual TAP Who's WHO Awards dinner, the City Council meeting celebrating Education Month, the Shell Beach conference, conducted STAR meetings at Tanner, Lincoln and Collins schools and he wished all the moms a Happy belated Mother's day.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez attended the TAP Who's WHO Awards Dinner honoring Dee Dee Aldridge.
- Pérez attended the 1st Annual Music and Art Show and she wished to thank Mr. Adrian Landa from Assemblymember Rendon's office for attending.
- She attended the Turnarounds Arts meeting.

- She attended the Youth Mental Health workshop that the District hosted for employees.
- Superintendent Pérez attended the City council meeting recognizing the top 25 students and the teachers of the year.

Recognitions – Kevin Longworth and Yolanda Cuevas

Superintendent Pérez and the Board of Education recognized Paramount Park Middle School Principal Kevin Longworth and Yolanda Cuevas, School Health Office Technician for their heroic efforts in coming to the aid of a parent of a student who was in need of life saving measures the morning of April 23, 2018. Due to the emergency services they provided, the mother of the student is alive and recovering.

Superintendent Pérez and the Board of Education presented both Kevin and Yolanda with a Crystal Bowl engraved with a message that read “Educating and Saving Lives”. Mr. Adrian Landa representing Assemblymember Anthony Rendon also presented both Kevin and Yolanda with certificates on behalf of Assemblymember Rendon.

25th Annual Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Art Contest Winners

Superintendent Pérez and the Board of Education recognized PHS seniors Susana Muñoz and Noah Endo for their talent in Art. Susana and Noah entered original pieces into the 25th Annual Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Art Competition serving the 40th Congressional District. Noah won 1st place for his entry of “A Growing Threat”, and Susana won 3rd place for her entry of “Mother Nature”. There were a total of 139 entries from 18 High Schools. Luz Castro representative for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and Adrian Landa from Assemblymember Anthony Redon’s office were also in attendance and presented Noah and Susana with certificates.

Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard’s art competition is known to be a magnificent showcase for the creativity and potential of our local students. This competition also reminds us that arts education is critical to a young person’s growth and development.

Noah will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, \$200 for art supplies, a trip to Washington, DC for him and a parent to attend the national exhibit opening and \$500 for travel expenses. Noah will also have his entry displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. In addition, 1,000 posters featuring Noah’s artwork have been printed, and copies will be distributed to schools and community organizations throughout the 40th Congressional District to inspire other young artists to participate in next year’s competition. Susana will receive a \$500 scholarship, \$150 for art supplies and will have her artwork displayed in the Congresswoman’s District Office in Commerce also for one year.

Dr. Pérez also congratulated and thanked Art teacher Mr. Juan Navarro for his continued support of our students and their talent. Mr. Navarro will also be receiving \$500 for art supplies for Noah’s winning entry and another \$300 for Susana’s entry.

This now makes it a 3 peat for Paramount High School to represent as 1st place winners in the U.S. Capital with winning entries in 2016, 2017 and now in 2018.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Pérez recognized Paramount High School seniors Fernanda Corona for being Valedictorian of the PHS Class of 2018 and Alexis Armando Torres for being Salutatorian of the PHS Class of 2018. Fernanda will be attending Duke University and Alexis will be attending Stanford. We are very proud of them both and wish them much success.

Gates Millennium and Edison Scholars

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Pérez recognized Paramount High School seniors Karla Navarro, Alexis Armando Torres and Fernanda Corona at a recent Board of Education meeting. Karla and Alexis are two of just 300 students across the U.S. to receive the all-expense-paid Gates Millennium Scholarship, which is a tremendous honor for them, as well as for our District. Paramount High senior Fernanda Corona was a recipient of the Edison STEM scholarship, an accomplishment that will fuel her pursuit of biomedical engineering. Karla, Alexis and Fernanda received Certificates of Recognition from the Board of Education, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Assemblymember Anthony Rendon.

2017-18 Student Surveys

Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Information and Renee Jeffrey, Director, K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs provided the Board with results of the student surveys and highlights.

The student survey was administered in grades 5 and 7 to capture student perceptions of LCAP services as well as topics previously addressed in the CA Healthy Kids survey. The survey was administered in grade 12 for the first time and it will be administered in grades 9 and 11 in May. The entire survey included 42 to 60 questions depending on grade level. Questions were organized in services or strategies. Composites are calculated to summarize responses from multiple related questions.

Results show that students' feel the need for interventions; services for this are included in the LCAP. Data shows many students have an awareness of College beginning in 5th grade; this supports the expansion of AVID, which is included in the 2018-19 LCAP. 74 of students report a desire to earn a year 2 year college degree or higher. Data supports summer schools offering, AP and CTE courses and also provides a baseline as we move to expand services, such as Naviance and AVID.

The District will use the results as a baseline to monitor progress form year to year. The results were also shared with the LCAP committee which compared them to staff and parent surveys to discuss which services to continue, expand and include in the LCAP. Results were also shared with principals to validate school's work and discuss needs.

The full version is available on the District website.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

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

Kris Flaig, community member addressed the Board with concerns relating to Notice of Exemption at Odyssey STEM Academy. He commented that SEQA requires that lead agencies mail notices of exemptions to anyone who requests them. On July 7 of last year, he made his first request of many for information on Odyssey STEM Academy and he has finally received a letter of exemption by certified mail just a few days ago. He shared that there are several inaccuracies and omissions and he believes that it may invalidate the NOE. He added that the school is zoned as open space which is how the campus existed a few weeks ago, today it is covered by a parking lot. He shared that omitted from the NOE is the removal of three large mature trees along the west side of the Verdura homes leaving no habitat for birds, squirrels or other animals. He continued to add that another omission is the installation of shop equipment which would require a shop air collection system that filters to remove dust and materials much like AQMD requires permits. These permits have to be done prior to the NOE being approved and to his information, it has not been done. He added that he has no privacy now and is flooded with lights and can no longer enjoy a moonlight. He is appealing with the Board that he be compensated for his loss of enjoyment of his yard and home.

Lisa Bravo, mother of 3rd grade at Lincoln school. She shared that today is Apraxia Awareness Day. Her daughter Ashley was diagnosed at the age of three with Apraxia. Ashley began speech services with speech pathologist Ashely Boyer at the age of three and at that time she used sign language to communicate with her family and was informed by Ashley's neurologist and a couple speech pathologists that she would never speak. In the last year, Ashley has made a lot of progress. During her first IEPs she would be in tears as she didn't know what her daughter's future would hold. Ashley is making leaps and bounds in regards to her improvement. When Ashley began speech she could not say her sister Alyssa's name and at that time Ashley used a machine to assist with her speaking but over time she used it less and less and now she does not use it. Mrs. Bravo wished to show the Board the outstanding services they have provided to her daughter by sharing a video of Ashley. Mrs. Bravo wished to thank the Board once again for supporting Special Education students and she finished by reading a poem she wrote about Ashley.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.161

Trustee Anderson motioned, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent items.

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

General Services

Professional Activities Report 17-13
1.161

Approved the professional activities report 17-13 for Board of Education Vice President Sonya Cuellar, members Alicia Anderson, Tony Peña and Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez attendance at an out-of-state conference as submitted.

Human Resources

Personnel Report 17-16
2.161

Accepted Personnel Report 17-16, 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

Professional Activities Report 17-12
3.161

Approved the Professional Activities Report 17-12 for the principal and two teachers from Zamboni Middle School to attend the Turnaround Arts National Summer Leadership Retreat that will take place in Warrenton, Virginia from June 24 through June 28, 2018.

Consultant and Contract Services
3.161

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

Overnight and/or Out-of-County Study Trips
3.161

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

Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Guidance Center
3.161

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Guidance Center for the 2018-19 school year.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 17-16
4.161

Approved Purchase Order Report 17-16 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Acceptance of Donations
4.161

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
4.161

Approved the Consultant Services requests authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractor who provide specialized services.

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

Resolution 17-29:
Classified Employee Week
1.162

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 17-29 recognizing classified employees of Paramount Unified School District for their contributions, dedication and support for the educational success of students.

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

Educational Services

WorkAbility I Grant
Application for the 2018-19
School Year
3.163

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the application for the WorkAbility I Grant for the 2018-19 school year to provide supervision of special education students' on the job training and subsidized wages for high school and transition students and career awareness for middle school students.

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

Nonpublic School Placement
for Special Education
Students for 2017-18
3.164

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 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: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Hansen

Subscription for Learning
Genie, Inc.
3.165

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the subscription for usage of Learning Genie Inc. application for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

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

Schoology Learning
Management System
Addendum
3.166

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Schoology Learning Management System addendum to convert previously approved professional development web-hours to professional development on-site trainings for the 2018-19 school years.

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

Carnegie Learning
Addendum
3.167

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Carnegie Learning addendum for PHS and PHS-West for the 2017-18 school year.

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

School Sponsored
Study/Incentive Trips
3.168

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the school sponsored study/incentive trips to provide students with experiences that extend grade-level curriculum.

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

New Compton College
Course Theater of
Appreciation at Buena
Vista High School
3.169

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Theater of Appreciation course at Buena Vista High School for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Career Technical
Education Incentive Grant

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept the funds for the CTE Incentive Grant Award to

Award
3.170 develop students' skills enrolled in Career Technical Education programs.

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

Approval and Adoption
History-Social Science
Textbooks and Instructional
Materials for Grades 10-12
Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the adoption and purchase of texts and instructional materials for high school history-social science classes in 2018-19.

3.171
Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Hansen

Business Services

Geotechnical Observation
and Testing Services for
Measure I Bond Projects
4.172
Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agreement with Leighton Consultant, Inc. for geotechnical observation and testing during construction of the parking lot at Odyssey STEM Academy, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents for geotechnical observation and testing services for Measure I bond projects.

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

Addition of Inspector of
Record and Inspection
Services for Measure I Bond
Projects
4.173
Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agreement with Knowland Construction Services for inspection service and Inspector of Record services for Measure I bond projects, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Notices of Completion – Field
Service Contracts
4.174
Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contract for updating of site electrical services, classroom-related services; administration office, computer lab rooms and staff lounges at Odyssey; portable project electrical services at Roosevelt; replacement of HVAC units at Paramount High School-West and Gaines. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to file the Notices of Completion and make payment to all contracted parties upon expiration of the lien period and determination that no liens are outstanding.

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

Resolution 17-30, Approval of
New Adjustment Period and
Adjusted Interest Rate
Parameters – 2012 School
Facility Bridge Funding
Program Certificates
Scheduled Current Change
Date
4.175
Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 17-30, authorizing the maximum parameters and activities needed to complete the 2012 Bridge Certificates partial prepayment and new Adjustment Period and Adjusted Interest Rate process and on the Current Change Date.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Cuellar reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Tuesday, May 29, 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 7:28 p.m. to discuss, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation

(Superintendent), Public Employee Appointment and Public Employee Discipline Dismissal Release.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:32 p.m. President Hansen reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), Public Employee Appointment and Public Employee Discipline Dismissal Release.

The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employee
Appointment
2.176

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 approve the appointment of James Wolff as Director of Technology and Information Systems effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 14, 2018 at 9:34 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk