

Paramount Unified School District



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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

August 6, 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 Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Vivian Hansen Linda Garcia - ill
Sonya Cuellar Tony Peña- ill
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
David Daley, Director-Special Education
Jessie 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
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Student Nutrition Services
Jim Wolff, Director-Technology

Approve Agenda Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded the motion and
August 6, 2018 the motion carried 3-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of
1.282 August 6, 2018.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen

Absent: 2 – Trustees Garcia, Peña

Regular Meeting Minutes July These minutes were tabled and will be brought back to the September
16, 2018 10, 2018 Board meeting.

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 21, 2018.

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

REPORTS

Employee Representative Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

Kim Goforth, TAP President apologized for not being in attendance at the last meeting but she was in attendance at the Schoology Next conference which was amazing and can't wait to incorporate new ideas in the classroom. She is excited for the new school year and based on the Study Session they know that there are a lot of new programs that may be overwhelming to some and encourages the District and Directors to be mindful as we move forward.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the ribbon cutting for Odyssey STEM Academy.

Trustee Cuellar attended the Governor's Budget Workshop and participated in the July 21st Goals and Objectives workshop for the District.

Trustee Hansen attended the ribbon cutting for Odyssey STEM Academy and added that it was very inspiring.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez attended the Odyssey STEM Academy ribbon cutting.
- Superintendent Pérez hosted the Annual Leadership Retreat and had two fabulous keynote speakers retired Three Star General Van and 2009 California Teacher of the Year Alex Kajitani.
- Dr. Pérez shared that at the previous Board meeting there were two speakers who spoke in regards to air quality and water and asked Mr. Ruben Frutos to provide an update and share the Districts efforts.

Mr. Ruben Frutos shared that The District has been working with our environmental consultant to develop a plan for water testing under the new required timelines. Under the new state law, California school districts and providers will need to test for lead in local schools' drinking water on or before July 1, 2019. The new law, AB 746, imposes certain requirements on both water providers and school districts. The District is implemented a pilot of water dispensing system at PHS-Senior and Lincoln schools. One goal was to test the water for contaminants and we have received preliminary information that is favorable.

AB 746 contains statutory requirements to test the lead levels of drinking water at all California public, K-12 schools and preschools and child day care facilities located on public school property by July 1, 2019.

Paramount USD has been in contact with our environmental consultants to develop a plan for water testing in partnership with our providers. The AQMD team, serving as the local lead regulatory agency for air quality, has determined that the levels of Cr6 have decreased enough through their enforcement efforts that a number of testers are being removed. Although District staff have been in constant communication with the AQMD and other regulatory agencies, we rely on the expertise of the AQMD to test and enforce adequately so that the air quality in our community is free of pollutants such as Chromium 6 and our goal is to have the purest air in our community.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

During the hearing section the following speakers addressed the Board:

Gerald Cerda wished to comment on the AB 746 and the pilot program of two water fountains in the District. He commented that these water fountains are exposed and asks that it be considered to be placed indoors instead of outdoors where there are exposed to contaminants. He added that LACOE says that they are suffice with what the city has done with testing but if that is the case then why would we have AB 746. The schools are old and would be good to test the pipes as food is also prepared in the kitchens. He asked that the District show some integrity and transparency, we are here for the kids, consider the kids safety and health.

Jose De Leon is in attendance as a parent and shared his concerns. He added that he knows most Board members thinks that the air problem is solved but it's not. In July there were monitors for seven days and one day the levels were high. He added that he checked he monitors everyday. He wants the Board to ask the AQMD to keep the monitors as the air problem has not been solved. He added that we have to work together, the Board is stronger than the residents and he asks that something please be done. In the beginning of 2017, it was asked to allow the Health Department to do testing at schools and there is no data.

Sonia De Leon is in attendance to address two topics: collaboration and transparency. The District has failed to collaborate with parents and not following up and addressing public inquiries. She added that the last time staff made an attempt to address public inquiries was August 2017. In August 2017, staff would not allow blue cards once the meeting had begun. This demonstrates the lack of collaborative efforts with parents. They have requested transparency of the report of phase 2 testing that took place in classrooms December 2017 and yet no transparency with the results. In addition it was requests that the District allow DPH to conduct testing and after the intervention of public attorneys for in February 2018, now August 2018 we are not aware if the testing took place and if it did take place, where are the results and if it has not, when will it take place? They have asked for transparency on Measure I. They asked how are members of the COC selected, who are the members and where is there a record of minutes of the meetings for public view, and where is the annual expenditure report? Information has not been able to be located on the website? She asks

that a follow up be made for public inquiries?

CONSENT ITEMS

0.284

Trustee Anderson motioned, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Consent items.

Ayes: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen

Absent: 2 – Trustees Garcia, Peña

Human Resources

Personnel Report

18-02

2.284

Accepted Personnel Report 18-02, 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 2018-19 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Consultant and Contract Services

2.284

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

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract Services

3.284

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

Memorandum of Understanding with Upward Bound Program at California State University, Long Beach
3.284

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Upward Bound program at California State University Long Beach to provide college outreach services to students at Paramount High School in 2018-19.

Overnight and/or Out-of-County Study Trips
3.284

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

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 18-02
4.284

Approved Purchase Order Report 18-02 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Agreement for Use of Facilities – Our Lady of the Rosary
4.284

Approve the lease agreement for use of a relocatable unit at Our Lady of the Rosary from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

Consultant Services
4.284

Approve 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.

Acceptance of Donations
4.284

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

Human Resources

Student Field Placement Agreement with the University of Southern California
2.285

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the agreement with the University of Southern California for participation in fieldwork experience.

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

Educational Services

Contract with Counseling Partners of Los Angeles
3.286

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Counseling Partners of Los Angeles contract to provide counseling and support services to Our Lady of the Rosary School for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Medical Center in conjunction with the University of Southern California
3.287

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Medical Center in conjunction with the University of Southern California to provide asthma related health services to students and families at no cost.

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

Extended Day High School Program for 2018-19
3.288

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve an Extended Day High School program for the 2018-19 school year including hourly employment of certificated and classified staff.

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

New CTE Course: Civil Engineering and Architecture (PLTW) Honors
3.289

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the adoption of the CTE Civil Engineering and Architecture (PLTW) Honors course, professional development costs, site registration fees, curriculum access and related materials/equipment for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Business Services

Authorization to Expand the State of California Department of General Services Program for Purchase of Commodities, Employee Expenses, and Professional Development
4.290

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to authorize staff to utilize State of California, Department of General Services, Cal-Card and Cal-Travel program and authorize the Superintendent or designee to review and execute all necessary documents

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

Notices of Completion – Field
Services Contracts
4.291

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for installation of EMS system at Odyssey, replacement of HVAC units at Collins, and 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: 3 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen
Absent: 2 – Trustees Garcia, Peña

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services

Student Fundraisers at
Paramount High School,
Paramount High School-West
Campus and Buena Vista
High School

Submitted for the Board's information is a list of proposed student organization fundraising activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Employee Comments
Per Government Code 54957

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

There were no staff/employee comments.

There was no Closed Session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 6, 2018 at 6:29 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk