

Paramount Unified School District



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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MINUTES
September 24, 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.	
Roll Call	Vivian Hansen Sonya Cuellar Alicia Anderson	Linda Garcia Tony Peña
Administrators Present	Ruth Pérez, Superintendent Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services Debbie Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services David Daley, Director-Special Education Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations 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 Kelly Anderson, Principal-Leona Jackson Middle School Holly Hennessy, Principal-Howard Tanner Elementary Michelle Soto, Assistant Principal-Leona Jackson Middle School	
Approve Agenda September 24, 2018 1.323	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2018. Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña	

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2018.

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

REPORTS

Employee Representative Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

Kim Goforth, TAP President greeted all in attendance. She shared that she has been busy visiting school sites including Odyssey, PHS, CDS, Adult School and Zamboni. Teachers have questions about student discipline and safety for teachers. Teachers fear for their safety. There are growing pains with the new program, but no one should come to work fearful of their safety.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended Back-to-School at Tanner and Los Cerritos, and Hollydale schools, where she had a nice time visiting classrooms. She wanted to attend Jackson and Zamboni schools Back-to-School Night, but parking was impossible. She also attended the Rotary meeting. She might become a Rotarian.

Trustee Cuellar attended Safer for Schools in Lynwood; Mr. Patrick O'Donnell was the guest speaker. There were a number of superintendents and board members from other district present. It was a great conference.

Trustee Garcia announced that the Class of 1967 would host a reunion for all classes on October 6th at Paramount Park. She also had a flyer provided by Tepic Sisters Cities for the Dia de los Muertos Festival on October 21, 2018. The Mariachi Divas will be there. The money raised will be for scholarships.

Trustee Hansen shared that she attended a Human Resources workshop at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; she learned a lot.

Trustee Peña visited Tanner Elementary and other sites for Back-to-School Night. He also attended the STAR program for Wirtz and Lincoln schools. Lastly, Mr. Peña attended Back-to-School Night for middle school students at Hollydale School. Everything was good.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez was very thankful to the Board for their school visits.
- Dr. Pérez reminded everyone that the high school would be having Back-to-School night on September 25, 2018.
- Paramount High School will be hosting a College Fair on September 26, 2018 for students in K-12. The teachers in middle schools have given their students the assignment to attend the event in order for them to obtain extra credit. This event gives the parents a chance to connect with colleges.
- Dr. Pérez attended a Round Table on Safety in Lynwood sponsored by CSBA, in which Patrick O'Donnell was present. Mr. O'Donnell provided information as to laws that are

coming into place. It was a good opportunity to provide their view to our representatives in Legislative Office. Assembly Bill 1951 would give a choice to administer the SAT or SBAC to high school students.

- Dr. Pérez informed the Board about how Teacher of the Year, Rene Rodriguez, was supported by a group of colleagues from Paramount USD as the County recognized him. His background is impressive and his biography is moving and inspirational.
- Dr. Pérez also attended a workshop given by AALRR on Civil Rights in the 21st Century, in which the Board and Dr. San Miguel attended.

Paramount Unified School District's Website

At the request of Dr. Pérez, Mr. Frutos provided an update regarding Paramount USD's website information on air quality. Mr. Frutos shared how to find and navigate the website. He used the example of the uploaded bond information. There is also a section dedicated to the environment, which includes the framework that occupies multiple years and 7 major areas. HVAC information, vector control, and the indoor air quality design tools that integrate concepts into our designs

A second area showcased is the water quality. As we know, there was a law that passed to test water for lead. We are implementing different programs, which include water dispensers and water fillers.

The new interest is vector information and resources. One area of concern for us is mosquitoes and the District is working with Vector Control in a partnership to make sure that we are doing things right and that we are informed. We are hopeful that Vector Control will come in to inspect our sites.

LCAP Highlight – Instructional Technology

Mr. Durrell Jackson, Coordinator Instructional Technology, thanked and recognized his team comprised of Nancy Rivas and Joy Go-Ng. Mr. Jackson provided the Board with information on Instructional Technology that included some vignettes of grades 4th, 8th, and 11th.

Mokler Elementary: 4th grade students in Ms. Baltazar's and Ms. Bradburn's class have been working with Chromebooks using OneNote, Google, and Schoology to respond to a story. The teachers are happy with the ease of being able to use the applications.

Paramount Park Middle School: Mr. Hamilton can see the engagement and productivity of his students. He can address the kids' needs either one-on-one or in groups. Mr. Hamilton can use his computer to monitor how each student is using their own Chromebooks and what they are working on. All teachers can access the program off site. The students are becoming familiar with Schoology, Online Textbook, and online games that tie in with their curriculum.

Paramount High School: The Advance Placement students in Mr. Tellez classroom were able to share PowerPoint presentations as they split into groups by the empires they were studying. They had live access to the presentations and were able to share out instantly; in the

past, it would take two to three days to complete the presentation, now it only takes a period's time. Students are happy to report that they can even access Schoology's application on their phone, which provides resources, such as; the capability to send/receive emails to/from teachers or other students and most importantly the students can see their grades and see what assignments they are missing.

The overall responses from teachers and students throughout Paramount USD have been positive and very optimistic.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

Hollie Enriquez, community member and member of the Paramount Planning Commission addressed the Board and the audience to inform them that September is National Domestic Violence Month. She stated that one in four children witness violence in their home and that some of those perpetrators abuse the children as well, leaving the children with mental and physical scars.

She reported another statistic; 1.5 million teens experience violence from a partner that they are dating aside from violence in the home. She wanted to use the Board meeting as a platform for a public announcement on domestic violence.

She provided some helpful numbers Love is Respect 866- or Teen Text 22522*

Sonia De Leon, community member expressed the concerns of parent from Wirtz Elementary due to their complaints about gas odors in the area and other odors that are not pleasant. They had called 1-800-Quit-Smog. Her wish that the administration would support them and when they smell the odors that they would also call.

Ms. De Leon appreciates that the District put documentation on testing and she finds that there are still inconsistencies with what the District is putting and what the Department of Health is stating. When she looked at the DPH website the reports of January, April, and July of 2018, that the District has denied them to do their own testing. They were allowed to come as a visitor, but as a parent though and other concerned members in our community they are still questioning if everything is safe, then why wouldn't the District allow for testing and to let the DPH do their own testing.

Ms. De Leon looked at questions that were unanswered on August 6th meeting regarding the Oversight Committee. She does not have any information about the application process or bylaws. Downey Unified does provide information on the process. She understands that the committee has to have a parent, but she does not see a parent on the Oversight Committee and that is of concern to her. Parents should have a voice.

Sara Patricia Huevo, community member comes as a parent to voicing some concerns as to one is to why soccer is not being allowed in the high school fields, what is the reason? All other sports can use the fields.

Ms. Huezo inquired as to when was the last time that the District bought filters for the air purifying machines that are in some of those schools. The last time she spoke, she knows that they are not for chromium 6. She wants an update of when, if, the District changed the filters since they were brought into the classes and what kind of filters.

Ms. Huezo indicated that some parents are concerned about some breakfast items served at the schools. They feel that a 'Super Donut' is not something nutritional.

At Roosevelt, there is a music program, but students only have one instrument to learn how to play which is a clarinet. Lincoln has two choices. She would like to diversify the instruments provided at Roosevelt.

Ms. Huezo wants to know when indoor testing will happen again inside the classrooms.

Gerald Cerda, community member wanted to inform the Board and the audience that they have completed some training with the military for the last 30 days that sent 150 people to a facility to learn about security training on social media. He wants to know if there can be any type of student training in the classes to safe guard their private information. Also, letting students know the hazards of social media and the harm it can do to their reputation in the future since this information can be available while in pursuit of their future endeavors.

Mr. Cerda had a question about the HVAC units that were replaced. He wanted to know the weight of the MERV10 filters. He received information that the MERV16 would be better than the MERV10, he is not too sure what is the difference between the 16 and the 10, but if it is worth the health of the kids, why not. The kids' health inside the classroom, the kids' health and safe environment should be paramount versus the cost of the HVAC units.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.325

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
18-04
2.325

Accepted Personnel Report 18-04, 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.

Educational Services

Memorandum of
Understanding with
Community Union, Inc.
3.325

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Union, Inc. to offer parents of English learners classes utilizing the Parent Empowerment through Technology Program.

Consultant and Contract

Approved the consultant and contract services request authorizing

Services
3.325 contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Overnight and/or Out-of-County Study Trips
3.325 Approved the overnight and/or out-of-county study trips for students consistent with the District policies and instructional programs.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 18-04
4.325 Approved Purchase Order Report 18-04 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of August 2018
4.325 Approved the warrants for all funds through July with a total of \$8,795,205.98.

Consultant Services
Demsey, Filliger & Associates
4.325 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

Amendment – Assistant Superintendent Contracts
1.326 Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the amendments to the Assistant Superintendents' employment agreements reflecting the addition of Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) membership fees be paid by the District.

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

Human Resources

Proposed New Board Policy 4033 – Lactation Accommodation
2.327 Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for second reading and adopt proposed new Board Policy 4033 – Lactation Accommodation, which prohibits discrimination against District employees.

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

Educational Services

Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Student
3.328 Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize payment for attorney fees and settlement agreements for a special education student.

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

Data Sharing Agreement with Compton Community College District, Compton College
3.329 Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with Compton Community College District, Compton College to support students transitioning from Paramount Unified School District in to Compton Community College for the 2018-19 school year and for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

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

Carl D. Perkins School
Allocation Fiscal Year
2018-19 for Paramount
Adult School
3.330

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve to accept funds for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act for 2018-19 fiscal year to develop skills of students enrolled in Career Technical Education programs for Paramount Adult School.

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

Carl D. Perkins School
Allocation Fiscal Year
2018-19 for Grades
7-12
3.331

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve to accept funds for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act for the 2018-19 fiscal year to develop skills of students enrolled in Career Technical Education programs for Grades 7-12.

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

Memorandum of
Understanding with UCLA's
Community Programs Office,
Pacific Islander Education
and Retention Program
3.332

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA's Community Programs Office, Pacific Islander Education and Retention Project for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Business Services

2018-19 Budget Adjustments
as of August 31, 2018
4.333

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2018-19 Budget Adjustments for the General Funds, Unrestricted and Restricted, Adult Education Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Deferred Maintenance Fund, Measure I Fund and Capital Facilities Fund.

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

Purchase of Leased
Portables
4.334

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents for the procurement of two portable building from Williams Scotsman.

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

Notices of Completion – Field
Service Contracts
4.335

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for electrical services at Odyssey, plumbing services for (4) restrooms and replace drinking fountains (3) at Odyssey, install carpet in classrooms and offices at Odyssey, and installation of new roof at 700 building, gym, and girls locker room at PHS, 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: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Educational Services

Revised Board Policy 5134 –

The Board accepted for first reading proposed revised Board Policy

Pregnant and Parent Teens' Program

5134 – Pregnant and Parent Teens' Program, which reflects current State requirements.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:09 p.m. President Hansen reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent) and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

Staff Employee Comments
Per Government Code 54957

There were no staff/employee comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 24, 2018 at 9:10 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk