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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

October 22, 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.

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| Pledge of Allegiance | Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs 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
Debbie Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
David Daley, Director-Special Education
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Student Nutrition Services
Jim Wolff, Director-Technology
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Paramount High School-West Campus
Alicia Megofna, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School-West Campus
Hector Lujan, Assistant Principal-Paramount Adult School | |
| Approve Agenda
October 22, 2018
1.348 | Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña | |
| Regular Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018
1.349 | Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018.

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

REPORTS

Student Board Representatives

Richard Genchi-Paramount High School, Jaime Lopez-Paramount High School-West, Adela Carmody-Buena Vista High School, Sakura Ponce-Odyssey STEM Academy and Jazmin Hernandez-Paramount Adult School reported on school academics, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representative Reports

There was no CSEA representative in attendance.

Kim Goforth, TAP President greeted all in attendance and shared that this Friday is the end of the quarter and teachers will be busy with progress reports.

Ms. Goforth attended the Parent Fair, which was coordinated by PTA, TAP and Paramount USD. The event was attended by 150 parents, plus many children. The topics discussed were how to support K-5 students, Special Education students, and how to provide social and emotional support. This was the first year of this event; she hopes it will continue.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the MESA Kickoff at PHS-Senior Campus, early in the morning of October 13, 2018. She attended the Parent Fair, Dia de los Muertos with the Tepic Sister Cities, the Elks Lodge barbeque fundraiser and the ribbon cutting ceremony at Paramount Adult School for their Cosmetology Program.

Trustee Cuellar attended the MESA Kickoff, which was a nice event even with the rain.

Trustee Garcia attended the City Council meeting in which she presented the Air Quality report. She also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Paramount Adult School for their Cosmetology Program, the Elks Lodge barbeque fundraiser, the Tepic Sister Cities' meeting at Pizza Press, the Tepic Sister Cities' Dia de los Muertos 3rd annual event, which was wonderful.

Trustee Hansen attended the City Council meeting, the MESA Kickoff, parent workshops, the Tepic Sisters Cities event, the PHS vs. Gahr H.S., and the ribbon cutting for the Cosmetology Program. Last, she attended the tour of the Adult Transition Apartment for students.

Trustee Peña attended three parent meetings for the STAR program at Hollydale, Tanner, and Lincoln Elementary. He attended the football game of PHS vs. Dominguez, the Paramount USD Safety Committee meeting, the Long Beach Transit meeting, and the PHS vs. Gahr game.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pérez reported that she attended the MESA Kickoff, the Parent Fair, Dia de los Muertos Event, the Elks Lodge barbeque fundraiser, the football games of PHS vs. Gahr and Dominguez high schools, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cosmetology Program, the tour of the Adult Transition Apartment for students and the parent workshops. Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Dr. Pérez informed the Board that the Parent Fair was a beautiful experience due to all the stakeholders collaborating to bring this event together. The parents were very appreciative.

- Dr. Pérez thanked the Board for their support and for attending the ribbon cutting for the Cosmetology Program, in which Board President Hansen gave a speech. Dr. Pérez gave a special thanks to Trustees Anderson and Garcia for bringing the program to the community; she is sure that it will be a great success.
- The MESA Kickoff was attended by over 200 students, in which they were served a nutritious breakfast and were sent off to Cal State University, Long Beach. It is good to note that the MESA Program was an initiative of then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; it was cut due to funding. Paramount USD has continued with this program, because it is beneficial to our students.
- The Great American Shakeup was held at Paramount USD on October 18, 2018 at 10:18 in the morning; it received great reviews.
- The Adult Transition Program now counts with their own Adult Transition Apartment; this is a program that no other district has. The program assists our Special Education students up-to the age of 22 to be better prepared to live on their own. The apartment counts with a living area, a stove, a refrigerator, and other amenities one might find in an apartment. Other districts are amazed by our work and want to come to see the program.

LCAP Highlight – Where Everyone Belongs (WEB)

Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, provided information as to how LCAP provides services to improve student achievement by utilizing WEB.

WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program, which assists students to have a positive transition to middle school. WEB increases school connectedness by having the 8th grade students help incoming 6th grade students through structured activities.

In Spring of 2018, two Certificated staff from each middle school attended a three-day WEB training; this enabled each school to implement WEB this school year.

Connectedness is defined as ‘How school is for me’ by having each student connect at school, in one or all of the following:

1. Connected to adults
2. Curriculum engagement
3. Extra curriculum activities (example; sport or dances)

The more connected the students are with school, the more they are likely to succeed in school.

The full version of the presentation is available on the District website.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

Ms. Marcelina Bridges, community member came to speak to the Board and the audience about the Tepic Sister Cities’ Dia de los Muertos event, which is in its 3rd year. The intent of this event is to bring the community together. An example of the community aspect of it is that

student volunteers have the opportunity to receive up to eight hours of credited volunteer work.

This year the event was tainted, because of people that used this event as a platform to campaign. Tepic Sisters hosted both clubs and booths and gave the opportunity to people to sign up, as late as Thursday to sign up to have a booth.

The event is meant to be a safe and fun environment. Unfortunately, the people that were campaigning were pushy, rude, and out of line, while making comments and calling out the Board for nepotism and other names. She is here to stand up to the bullies that she rather not name, because she was raised better than that.

Ms. Sara Patricia Huezo, community member comes as a concerned parent with the following concerns:

It is mid-October and she looked at the websites for Gaines, Wirtz, and other schools and noticed that they did not have funding for the GATE program posted in their school site plans. When will the GATE program be established? GATE is very important to children.

The District needs to make sure that the purchase for the Chromebooks for 3rd grade and up happens before the deadline, since they were approved to be distributed this year.

She took an informal survey with regards to the lunch program, a lot of children do not like Taco Tuesday. Is there a way to look at the number they entered to determine the quantity, because parents pack the lunch students?

Indoor testing, she does not understand why the District does not inform them that testing will take place. She has been asking since July 21st. She wants to be informed.

Mr. Gerald Cerda, community member has been observing numerous campus and they are congested. How can PUSD address this issue? Stagger dismissal, maybe speed bumps, maybe have an administrator to go out there to supervise, get some air, get out of the office.

Mr. Cerda is concerned that school administrators are putting a persona non grata for two years. Maybe they need a refresher course, because it is pretty much a restraining order.

Mr. Cerda commented that the Saturday and Sunday events are in a public park, we are in America.

Mr. James Howell came to speak about active play program, which focuses on social emotional learning. He inform the Board that was in the Olympics, has ran one lap in forty-five seconds. He works a program that serves many school districts, like Carson. This program supports the social/emotional learning of students. This program allows students to receive fifteen minutes of fame whether it is in tetherball or handball, etc. Essentially become coaches in training (CTI). This program bridges the gap with teachers and parents. The student see the adults in a different light.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.350

Trustee Anderson motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent items.

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

Human Resources

Personnel Report
18-06
2.350

Accepted Personnel Report 18-06, 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

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.350

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

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 18-06
4.350

Approved Purchase Order Report 18-06 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of
September 2018
4.350

Approved warrants for all funds through September with a total of \$16,180,270.01.

ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

Resolution 18-10: Teachers
Instructing Single Subject
Classes per Education Code
44263
2.351

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 18-10: Teachers Instructing Single Subject Classes per Education Code Section 44263 for the 2018-19 school year..

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

Resolution 18-11: Teachers
Instructing Departmentalized
Single Subject Classes per
Education Code 44256(b)
2.352

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 18-11: Teachers Instructing Departmentalized Single Subject Classes per Education Code Section 44256(b) for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Teachers Instructing Subjects
per Education Code Section
44258.7(b) – Coaching
2.353

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the list of teachers instructing subjects per Education Code Section 44258.7(b) – Coaching for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Fieldwork Experience
Agreement with Azusa Pacific
University
2.354

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Azusa Pacific University for participation in fieldwork experience for adaptive physical education candidates.

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

Update Job Description for
Director of Nutrition Services
2.355

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the revisions to the job description for the position of Director of Nutrition Services.

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

Educational Services

Revised Board Policy 5121 –
Grades/Evaluation of Student
Achievement
3.356

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for second reading and adoption proposed revised Board Policy 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement which reflects current State requirements.

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

Nonpublic, Nonsectarian
School/Agency Services
Annual Master Contract for
Special Education Students,
2018-19 School Year
3.357

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services Annual Master Contract for the placement of Special Education students in Beach Cities Learning in Long Beach, as determined by the students' Individual Education Plan for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Nonpublic School Placement
for Special Education
Students for 2018-19
3.358

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia 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 2018-19 school year.

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

Tech Smart Agreement
Amendment
3.359

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the amended Tech Smart agreement to provide training, support and instructional resources for teachers at Paramount High West Campus.

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

Happiness is Now Inc.
3.360

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the contract for Happiness is Now (HIN) Inc. for the purpose of providing three motivational dance presentations for Paramount High School-West Campus students during the 2018-19 school year.

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

Memorandum of
Understanding with CSU
Dominguez Hills' Male
Success Alliance Program
3.361

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with CSU Dominguez Hills' Male Success Alliance Program for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Application for the
Specialized Secondary
Programs Grant for the
2018-19 School Year
3.362

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the request to apply for the Specialized Secondary Programs Grant for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Business Services

2018-19 Budget Adjustments
as of September 30, 2018
4.363

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

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

Notices of Completion – Field
Service Contracts
4.364

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for office rehab at Buena Vista, kitchen remodel at Los Cerritos, replace windows in two story building at Los Cerritos, replace concrete planter at Jefferson, exterior painting at Roosevelt and Gaines, and install flooring and wall tile in boys and girls restroom at Odyssey, 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

Request for Proposal –
Waste Hauling and Recycling
Services
4.365

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to prepare specifications for waste hauling and recycling services and authorize the Superintendent or designee to advertise, review, award, and execute all necessary documents to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s).

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

Memorandum of
Understanding with Compton
College for the Approval of
Interim Agreement and
Implementation of a
Cosmetology Program
4.366

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College for the development of interim facilities for the cosmetology program and authorize designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Agreement with CalEd
Associates
4.367

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Agreement with CalEd Associates, Inc. for grant writing services, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matters that do not require formal action by the Board.

Business Services

Monthly Financial
Statements, September 2018

The Board received as information in J-200 format a Financial Statement for each fund for the months of July to September 2018.

Monthly Financial
Statements, September 2018
– Special Education

The Board received as information in J-200 format a Financial Statement for Special Education for the months of July to September 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be
Wednesday, November 14, 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 6:57 p.m. to discuss, Public
Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), and Board
hearing to consider expulsion of Student #1.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:30 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.

The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Student Discipline
Student #1
3.368

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion
carried 5-0 to allow student #1 to expel and suspend the expulsion so
that the student can attend Paramount Community Day school for the
remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

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

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 October 22, 2018 at 8:31 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk