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## **REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **MINUTES August 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Carmen Gomez in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance	Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Roll Call	Carmen Gomez Yesenia Cuarenta Sonia De Leon	Linda Garcia Vivian Hansen
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 Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations Jessie Flores, Interim Director-Safety & Security Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education Elida Garcia, Director-Special Education Renee Jeffrey, Director-K-5 Instructional Support & Innovative Programs Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel Roxanne Alessandro, Principal-Wirtz School Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School Christiana Kraus, Principal-Paramount High School Karen Sullivan, Principal-Gaines School Anjel Gutierrez, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School Viola Scott, Assistant Principal-Buena Vista High School Joseph Faulkner, Dean of Students-Paramount High School Leslie Leonard, Dean of Students-Paramount High School	
Approve Agenda August 12, 2019 1.239	Board Member Hansen moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded.  Board Member De Leon asked about the procedure on how items are placed on the agenda. She asks because there is still seems to be over flooring of the line as to who governs, who was elected to govern and who was paid to administer and they are paid very well and there seem to be a confusion of that. She added that there is an item on the agenda for Closed Session and she doesn't see why. She added that it should be made open to the public. She is very aware of her community, it will be something they could relate and it would be beneficial that they be	

included.

President Gomez confirmed that item number two of the agenda for Closed Session will be taken off the agenda.

Superintendent Pérez informed the Board that there is an issue not related to information provided by Mr. Romo. This new item is about a separate litigation matter to discuss with the Board but does not involve Mr. Romo.

President Gomez clarified that her understanding is that any Board member, any parent, or any resident can email the Board President or any of the Board members to inform them that they would like to add something to the agenda. Then, the information provided to the Governing Board President, would be shared with the Superintendent and discussed for placement on the agenda.

Board Member De Leon asked who finally approves the agenda? President Gomez responded that the agenda would be approved that night, however Dr. Ruth and her receive the agenda and review it but the the Board receives on the Wednesday on the same day which is he Wednesday prior to the meeting.

Board Member De Leon asked of President Gomez if she stipulates what goes on the agenda. President Gomez responded that she does not make the agenda and added that if any Board member would like to add topics to the agenda, they may and proper channels will be taken to add.

Superintendent Pérez provided an example of this under “Communications” that is on transportation of Special Needs students. This item that was placed on the August 12, 2019 agenda when a constituent approached the Board President about placing on the agenda. The Board President wished to have the discussion with the Board and asked that it be included on the agenda.

The motion carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

Regular Meeting Minutes July  
8, 2019  
1.240

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member De Leon seconded the motion.

Superintendent Pérez informed the Board of two changes needed on page 9 of the minutes under Business Services for Notices of Completion-Field Services Contracts and Ratification-Bid Summary Concrete and Carpentry-Field Services Contract both should state a final vote of 4-0 and not 5-0.

Board Member De Leon commented that on page 2, it stipulates what she says but she does not know how minutes are taken, action or summary minutes. She would like to make sure they reflect what she says. She noted that on the first sentence it stipulates that she attended as a representative or state delegate for the California Teachers Association and then she attended a protest in Houston and that she made sure that she said that she attended under her First Amendment right of freedom of speech which was not included. She added that on page five at the top it states that a Board member commented but it is not

known what Board member and further down it will state if its someone from the cabinet a full name and title. She asked why are we not being transparent on who is speaking and asking questions?

Superintendent Pérez stated that the names of the individuals making comments will be added and also the comments from Board member De Leon on the conference she attended will be added to the minutes.

President Gomez commented that the minutes used to be produced in verbatim and now all of a sudden it changed to abbreviated version and does not understand why. She requested for discussion from the Board on how they would like the minutes be done so there could be a happy medium that everyone can be happy with.

Superintendent Perez welcomed a directive on how the Board would like to see the minutes and added that Board member concerns have been heard. Action minutes reflect actions of the Board and changes can always be made prior to the minutes being approved. Staff is willing to make changes as the Board members would be happy with and asked for specificity around how the Board would like the minutes.

President Gomez commented that it is her understanding that in September, we will be going live stream.

President Gomez asked of the Board how they like to see it and an agreement needs to be made on the minutes. Board member De Leon would like minutes to stipulate what was said and who said what, in summary as before. Board member Hansen commented that she likes the new format and does not see a reason to go back to verbatim and votes to stay with action minutes. Board member Garcia commented that she votes the same as Board member Hansen. Vice President Cuarenta commented that she believes that one needs to respect each others work and if there is a disagreement with the way minutes are done perhaps there could be a meeting with staff. President Gomez commented the agenda was the way it was for six months since being elected and all of a sudden it was changed. She believes it needs to be brought back to the way it was before. If there is an error, not to get upset or frustrated, it be brought to attention for it to be changed. She has been to city council meetings, commission meetings and they make mistakes too and nobody gets upset. President Gomez added that everybody is a human being and makes mistakes too.

President Gomez asked for a vote from the Board. Board member Garcia voted to remain with action minutes, Board member De Leon voted for summary minutes as before, Board Member Hansen voted for new format action minutes, President Gomez voted for how they were before Vice President Cuarenta voted for summary as before.

Superintendent Pérez thanked the Board and for providing direction. If there is an error, they will be corrected and we will be happy to comply as direction has been provided. She asked for Board members not to get upset if modifications to the minutes are needed in the future.

Board Member De Leon asked President Gomez to please clarify for the constituents on what the Board is voting on. President Gomez clarified that the Board is voting on the minutes they have now, but moving forward we are going back to summary the way they used to be, meaning word for word, verbatim, what was said, who said then they were

changed to action, but now we will go back to summary.

The motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 8, 2019 with changes as noted.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

## **REPORTS**

### Employee Representative Reports

TAP President Kim Goforth reported that teachers hopefully took care of themselves, their family and made lasting memories. Many teachers of Google certified, many teachers attended professional development. AVID was a hot topic and she was able to attend as well. Science standards, ELA, and Math had many participants as well. PUSD teachers are dedicated to their students. TAP and PUSD bargaining teams will be meeting and have a lot to discuss this coming year. She feels that the beginning of the school year is a fresh start and clean slate. Looks forward to smooth start of the next year and wished the Board a good evening.

There was no CSEA representative present.

### Board Member Reports

Board Member Garcia shared that she was invited to a symposium with Lakewood's Sheriff's station and questions or concerns were received from citizens. They would like would to invite the District to their Halloween program that has been going on for 20 or 30 years that we never knew about. She added that one of the Sheriffs will be coming down hopefully before Halloween and visit with the elementary schools to invite them to go. It was shared that they usually have over 3,000 kids and the jail cells are open for them to walk through and they have face painting, food and games. She also talked with the captain there she believes his name is David and he is very interested in our art festival in February and seeing if some of the students would like to donate their drawings or paintings to the Sheriff's Department to hang on their walls as his walls are empty and he will provide plaques for underneath the paintings. She also attended Diane Martinez's retirement party which was very nice.

Board Member De Leon thanked those in attendance and commented that one of the most cherished principles that all school districts must teach all students and heads, all school board members should defend and promote is the first amendment of our constitutionally guaranteed bill of rights. Adversely, people see to impede the rights of people must always seek to restrict people's freedom of speech. You would assume that people with a basic education much more so any school board member would be clear on the fact that a citizen upon being elected to a school Board does not renounce or forfeit his or her constitutional rights as a private citizen. Yet sadly, this self evident truth is not gasped by all elected officials, especially to those who have grown accustomed to decades of fund change, political power. Unfortunately for those who continue to labor to stop the unavoidable and righteous empowerment of parents and community, there are many people like her, a proud daughter of a hardworking immigrant, parents who is aware and honors our people's history of struggle and is committed to speaking truth to power in a continuation of our people's struggle for equality and justice. At official Paramount Unified School Board meetings and events, she will

speak as a Board member and will always act as a voice of her constituency who honored her with their vote and trusted her to speak on their behalf. Outside of Paramount Unified School Board meetings she will fully exercise her constitutional rights to freedom of speech no matter who disapproves of it. She will never renounce her rights as a private citizen. It is precisely in exercising her rights as a private citizen that she got elected to this honorable school board. She is not the first Latina woman, nor the first daughter of immigrant parents who was attacked for speaking truth to power and who were the entrenched political reactionaries attempted to silence in order to defend the status quo, a status quo, which continues to pollute our neighborhoods and deny full participation to our immigrant parents and communities, she will not be silenced, she will not be moved. The people united will never be silenced and that is her message to all her constituents.

Board Member Garcia asked Board member De Leon if that is her report on attending school programs?

Board Member Hansen reported that she visited with the new senator Lena Gonzalez and a group of CSBA Board Members; they discussed fair and full funding. She also attended the Leadership Conference where she heard the author of the book *Shattering Inequities*.

Vice President Cuarenta welcomed the new administrators to Paramount and is looking forward to their amazing work with our students. She shared that this Saturday in Compton, Community Lawyers Inc. at 10:00 a.m. will be having a workshop "Knowing your Rights" and it will be on a donation basis and you can speak to volunteer attorneys.

President Gomez attended a Paramount Adult School commencement ceremony where ESL completers, US citizenship, CTE, medical assistants, CTE, Phlebotomy, CT information technology, high school equivalency and high school diploma graduates graduated. It was such an honor to be there. She attended the Paramount High School summer graduation and commented that it was very nice and no matter when you graduate, if either in May or in the summer, it's still congratulations. She commented that she knows that some of those students probably felt bad because they had to graduate in the summer, but it does not matter. It does not matter when you graduate. It's when you graduate and they did it. So congratulations to that class. She also attended the retired Councilwoman Diane Martinez retirement party and was very nice and very well attended. She attended the meeting of Lincoln traffic drop off zone community meeting where they're going to study the ingress and egress of Lincoln Elementary School because school is starting and hopefully that will be good and is looking forward to going and seeing it.

## Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

Introductions: The following new administrators were introduced to the Board and welcomed and each shared a few words about themselves and appreciation to the Board.

- Roxanne Alessandro, Principal-Wirtz School
- Karen Sullivan, Principal-Gaines School
- Anjel Gutierrez, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School
- Dr. Viola Scott, Assistant Principal-Buena Vista High School

- Joseph Faulkner, Dean of Students-Paramount High School
- Leslie Leonard, Dean of Students-Paramount High School

#### Zamboni Middle School Students Environmental Petition

Superintendent Dr. Pérez presented the Board with information on an environmental petition she received from students at Zamboni Middle School.

Superintendent Pérez shared a letter with the Board that will be provided to all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The letter informs them about their high school graduation requirements and includes a magnet that contains a QR code that can be scanned by the students or their parents. The magnets contain all the graduation requirements in English and Spanish. The District wants to encourage the students to do well from the beginning so that they can reach all their A-G requirements.

President Gomez requested the creation of a magnet for middle school students as well. Superintendent Pérez shared that one would be created for the middle school students as well.

Superintendent Pérez also reported that on June 14th she received a letter from 27 students at Zamboni Middle School in which the students are advocating for the District to throw away the use of straws in the District. The students researched why straws should not be used; it is due to all the pollution and all the species that are being hurt because of plastic in the ocean. To honor these wonderful students, Dr. Pérez would like to bring this item at the next Board Meeting as an information item to propose a board policy that leans towards being an earth-friendly district where the use of plastic straws would be banned. After approval at the following meeting, Superintendent Pérez would like to invite the 27 students to the Board meeting for the students to see the change a student can make to policy and how one student can affect the world in a positive way.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Elida Garcia, Director-Special Education and Mr. Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services presented the Board with information on the District's Special Education Transportation Services for students in Special Education, the taxi services implementation timeline, the benefits of taxi services, eligibility for transportation services under special education, legal aspects, transportation costs and funding sources.

Board Member De Leon commented that it was mentioned that the taxis will prepare our students for real life experiences, such as using access and asked what is the typical age that students with special needs will use Access? She knows that it is government transportation mode for students or people with special needs. So typically what age do children drive alone when they use access?

Dr. Garcia shared that it is a government subsidized transportation system and is not sure what is the mandate. She knows that our adult transition program starts providing those kinds of experiences for them to be able to start accessing Access.

Board Member De Leon commented that she is familiar with Access as she worked for Ability First and knows that most children, young children

would not drive that and is more for when they are in for in high school.

Dr. Garcia shared that it's getting them ready for when they finish. It's more like when they're in high school that she has seen, at least that's what she was trying to make sure that the point of that was just that we use the taxis and its children can start already understanding how you can transport in the future and how they could provide, that they will need when they reach adulthood, get the Uber, get the Lyft or make arrangements to use Access vans.

Board Member De Leon commented that her concerns with taxis are what age are they driving by themselves? And typically when you're on a bus, you socialize with your peers. So they're missing out obviously on that experience. She added that a particular vehicle in the picture is equipped for a student that has a wheelchair and asked if all students, that have perhaps a certain physical need if they are provided with such transportation that has that type of equipment or do they use a taxi?

Dr. Garcia commented that whenever a student is going to need a wheelchair lift, it is made sure that it's either the taxi or the school bus that would have that equipped with.

Board Member De Leon commented on a picture with a lady and a student and added that she is concerned about the students that may need adult assistance. Dr. Garcia responded that those decisions are made by the IEP team. Board member De Leon asked if they are required then? Dr. Garcia responded that if they are required, there is support for that and the IEP team would recommend.

President Gomez asked if the parent meets the taxi driver, do they get information on who the taxi driver is, their fingerprints, their phone number and how far in advance do they know that?

Dr. Garcia responded that yes, they definitely get that from the transportation service before the service is even initiated. So the transportation services staff will reach out to the parents, let them know when the time is for pickup, who the taxi driver will be and then give them the phone number if there's an issue and they could always call the transportation office themselves.

President Gomez asked if it is a different taxi driver every once in a while.

Dr. Garcia responded that they try to make arrangements for one consistent driver.

President Gomez asked what happens if the taxi driver does not arrive, who would take the child to the office.

Dr. Garcia stated that the parent calls the transportation services office and then they make arrangements for another taxi to go out and pick them up.

President Gomez asked if we have ever had that situation?

Mr. Frutos stated that it is not uncommon.

President Gomez asked if this happened in the past both with the buses.

Mr. Frutos stated that it might have happen for example if the vehicle

breaks down, but a backup system was in place for both situations.

President Gomez asked how parents were notified of the change in 2012. Superintendent Pérez informed the Board that the information would need to be researched and would be provided in a Wednesday Report.

Board Member Garcia asked about different districts that are using Uber or Lyft if they are qualified or trained to deal with an emergency with a student onboard. Mr. Frutos indicated that this is the reason why our District prefers the services that are in place, because of all the uncertainties with other transportation providers.

President Gomez called on the resident that wanted to speak to the Board about this topic.

Speaker Daysi thanked the person responsible for placing the Board meetings on YouTube, which is important to her because topics such as Special Education are discussed. Daysi spoke about transportation services for students in Special Education and added that she has spoken to other PUSD parents and there was no communication provided to them when the change was made from buses to taxis. She added that when it was commented that there were no accidents with taxis, she remembers having reported her daughter's taxi being in an accident.

Daysi shared that she would like to attend the upcoming Study Session on Special Education and she would like to approach the Board to speak about Special Education and transportation; she thanked the Board for their time.

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

## **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

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Vice President Cuarenta motioned, Board Member Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule Study Sessions on Monday August 26, 2019 (Term Limits), Wednesday, August 28, 2019 (Special Education Transportation/Mental Health) and Monday, September 16, 2019 (New Initiatives) at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Office.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

## **HEARING SECTION**

During the public hearing section the following speakers addressed the Board and provided public comments: Rose M. Smith, Gerald Cerda, Maria Estrada, Reno Redula, Sebastian A. Araquevera, Elizabeth Castillo, Fernando Ramirez, Rodolfo Cortes, Ms. Ibarra, Cesar, Adrian Alvarez, and Shannel Pittman.

Rose Smith addressed the Board on the lack of seniority. Rose shared an example: you have an employee with 30 years plus of service was not given the opportunity to work summer school or extra hours. However you had an employee with less than a year of service, still on probation was granted the opportunity to work summer school and extra hours over the 30 years, 15 years and a 10 year employee. Seniority helps prevent promotion with little or no experience, regents and favoritism. Seniority helps morale, builds trust and leadership. Without seniority, employees are not treated fairly. She thanked the Board.



Gerald Cerda commented that with a question on information being made as public as possible without detailing sensitive student information, Paramount USD is still a public district. He asked if Paramount Unified School District has a Freedom of Information Act or a California Public Records Act request form and is the process to request information on the district website. He wished to piggyback on what was mentioned on proper documentation. He thanked the Board for implementing the video recordings for transparency and added that it had been requested during the prior year under old Board members. He added Paramount Unified School District response letter did not fully address resident concerns since information was recorded as quickly as meeting took place and there was some missing information. He commented that Governing Board members are elected officials by the community, let's respect them and support them, District staff. Voters wanted change for better, so why have a fixed mindset on old ways. Let's make change progress. It's good to see passionate debating, not fighting. That's what voters wanted. He thanked the Board.

Maria Estrada shared she that she is the president of LULAC Los Angeles and on the board of the Native Women's Union Association and she ran to represent this the city or assembly and as a candidate. We canvased this whole city and without fail, we had many residents telling us about the, health issues they were facing, how sick they were, so many people with respiratory issues, cancer. She added that her friend who teaches at Simon Rodia, his mother just died on the ninth and she lived here in Paramount her whole life of cancer. She added that she thinks it's imperative that the school Board address the health issues and the health hazards that are affecting this community that affect children. It affects the way that they learn and it is their responsibility as a Board to acknowledge that and to do something about it. That's a health issue, it's a health problem that's here and to not address it and ignore it is doing an injustice to these children. She also commented that she ran for delegate to represent this district and she ran with several people that are here today. The Speaker was able to obtain several city officials to run on a slate against them, one of those people was Yesenia Cuarenta. They bused in five leisure buses with voters. Of the 37% of voters, she did an audit and had to fly to Sacramento, the California Democratic Party refused to give her the information, so she had to fly up there and manually enter them on an excel spreadsheet of those voters. She added that of the 542 voters, 199 were ineligible to vote. She did an audit from a November 13th voter registration form and got another voter registration there from the registrar's office in June, and they are still 188 ineligible voters. Maria commented that she committed election fraud and she had a discussion with her. She contacted her and she was relaying to me that she was having a hard time with the people on the slate. I told her that she needed to acknowledge the fraud and say that she did not want those numbers counted towards her vote. She refused to do that. She is now a sitting delegate representing you. And she did not win. She cheated and that's election fraud.

Reno Rendula thanked the students for fighting global warming. He commented that parents, residents of Paramount are gather to appeal once again as what have been stood for on the business of its 11 member, California State Board of Education, 12 policymaking body, not limited to each, accountability and responsibility of its local schools. Once again, you have been reminded Paramount school Board to uphold the spirit of democracy. The freedom of choice, the right to be informed by

the school Board, throughout each state, transparency laws and most of all the sacred freedom and the right to choose based on limited terms by laws to elect new comers who are more willing to serve the Paramount school district academic standard curriculum. Paramount residents don't deserve to wait and listen to traditional politicians rather than a school Boards policy makers who sit there for good without giving an opportunity to those who are capable of changing our school system. It is the pride for every parent in Paramount to witness their children's success academically and morally before they step on their next journey to college. He added that we can only obtain it by it's mandatory term limits. He commented that all members should adopt term limits now or Paramount residents will do the next final step. We need school Board term limits now. He thanked the Board.

Board member De Leon commented that she has a point of parliamentary procedure as it pertains to persons addressing the Board. As a Board and as President Gomez read, the Board cannot engage in public discussion. It is the people who are speaking, their right, their first amendment right to speak and if everyone should have read their Brown Act, it states the case in which it stipulates that people addressing the Board can state whatever they need to state and we should not engage in public discussion and asked that President Gomez remind the Board.

President Gomez informed the Board members that there are at least six or even seven speakers and to please not engage with the speakers.

Speaker Sebastian Araquevera thanked Rodolfo Barragan Cortes for encouraging to come. He addressed the Board on renewable energy being taught in schools. He commented on the need to add a curriculum that's more renewable energy based like by adding it to the STEM, the automotive programs that are in the school. He added that a lot of people are tired of watching their friends die from cancers or they feel like they could have done something about it, they could do something about it, if they taught this curriculum like developing solar panels, developing wind energy and building up for the communities. He added that it's also an added benefit if they end up having this education, they'll end up investing in the communities because those jobs make a tidy sum of money, which is also great for the communities. They would have more of a goal to pursue a college degree, which means they will be less likely to drop out, which is something that many schools need to address. He thanked the Board.

Elizabeth Castillo a nurse and patient advocate is in attendance to speak about the poisoning that's going on in Paramount of chromium six. She shared that last year she was doing some canvassing for Maria and spoke to a community member and he was very afraid to open his door. His doors were locked, his windows were locked and the reason was because he was afraid to come out of his house because of chromium six and he said he did not allow his children to go outside. That is a concern, especially as a nurse. She added that she takes care of patients and would like to know what the Board is doing to address this issue. She commented that she has a very good friend who's in her thirties and is now fighting an aggressive form of breast cancer that cannot be treated with other medications. It has to be just regular traditional medications and that is scary because most likely she will die. She believes it is important that the Board address this problem that's going on in Paramount and would like to know what the Board will be doing about

that. She added that as Ms. Cuarenta said she's in the trenches. Well, she claimed to be part of the Rendon mafia and a teacher that would ever say that and teach children maybe should not be a teacher. She thanked the Board.

Speaker Fernando Ramirez commented that he is not from the community but has strong ties to Paramount. His family has been living here and his sister has been here for 35 years and his brother-in-law has been here for generations and he has a lot of people in Paramount that he knows of, particularly that are activist trying to get the community involved, especially around environmental issues. He added that he has found out a lot about chromium six and everything that's happening right now in Paramount and shared that his brother-in-law's mom has cancer. She's been in Paramount all her life. He is in attendance to get support from the Board. A lot of his nephews grew up here, they went to Paramount High School and went through all the schools. He shared that his sister Leticia works in one of the schools as a cafeteria worker. He added that he has strong ties to this community even though he didn't grow up here, but he knows where environmental issues are that affect communities, especially working class Latino communities. He knows what environmental racism is. He comes from East LA Boyle Heights area where the excite contamination that happened there for 30 plus years, the community was neglected for so long and now you have entire communities in Southeast LA and East LA Boyle Heights that are contaminated and properties contaminated with lead and it was because of this company X site that was contaminating the community for 30 plus years and nobody listened to the community and this is what's happening here in Paramount. We need to listen to our people, especially people that are fighting to make the community better. At the environmental front, he appreciates Sonia De Leon, Board member, she is speaking on behalf of the community. She's been out there talking to the community about this issue and we're not going to back down and we're going to continue fighting until they hear our voices and we make the change that we need from the bottom up. He thanked the Board.

Speaker Rodolfo Cortes commented that in the spirit of education he wanted to bring to attention that next week, we are going to have the anniversary of a very important but essentially unknown event in U.S history. Of course we know a lot about some events like say the signing of the constitution, the declaration of independence, but there is another document that everyone who is caring about their community, caring about this country should know about, and it was released, written on August 23, 1971. It was written by a corporate lobbyists who would later become a U.S. Supreme Court judge and he was sending this short, letter memo to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce received the document which he has some extras for the community, but what he says is that up to that point, college students and workers were essentially gaining too much momentum. They were gaining too much power and that what corporations needed to do was fight back to silence that. They needed to organize. He added that he will quote "strength, lies and organization in careful long range planning and implementation and consistency of action over an indefinite period of years. And the scale of financing available only through joint effort and then the political power available only through united action and national organizations". And they say they are hundreds of local chamber of commerce that can play a vital supportive role. We hear everywhere in the media about how everyday working people are no longer represented

in government. Well why is that? Well, it's because this Nixon appointee decided that corporations are going to take over government. This is very important because there is another small sentence in here that I think is really relevant since there's been a lot of discussion about the first amendment and making sure that all Board members rights under that amendment are respected. It says there should not be the slightest hesitation to press vigorously in all political areas for support of the enterprise system. So what enterprise system is relevant in our communities? Nor should there be a reluctance to penalize politically those who oppose it. There's Board members, Mrs. Sonia De Leon who has supported the environment. Well supporting the environment, comes at a political cost and that is why we have to defend Mrs. Sonia De Leon. He thanked the Board.

Speaker Edna Ibarra shared that she has been in the trenches like a member here says for about 30 years now but she feels that if you say that you're in the trenches or there's something wrong with you, you need to get out of education. She commented that she was surprised to notice all the rules that were stapled onto the blue sheet that we need to agree upon before we speak here as if they were children. It seems very restrictive that they cannot say what they want or how they want it. She asked if we are all adults here? She commented that it seems this District does not support checks and balances and would like to speak on the term limits as she did before. If 60% of the community wants term limits on the Board, then what is the Board doing about it? She commented that she sees two senior Board members struggling to keep their seat, but they can agree on a date, is it the 29th, the 21st or the 26th? Cause they're too busy to do their job. She added that when she spoke last time regarding term limits, it was because she saw what was happening here and nobody is putting her up to anything, so she would like the threat to other Board members to stop. She asked if you're a Board member, then why do you recuse yourself from voting? You're not fulfilling your job and you're letting down the people that voted for you. Why does Paramount want to silence us? She added that it is no secret that Paramount is contaminated, so if people post about findings about whether it's lead arsenic or what other poison, it's a poison and it's killing people. She commented that she noticed on page 146 Franklin Covey meeting at the Catholic church, Franklin Covey is from a Mormon teaching and asked where is the separation of church and state? She asked how is the Board supporting immigrant families here in Paramount and how are they going to help or support them with the Ice raid? She thanked the Board.

Speaker Cesar commented that he is concerned and very alarmed and added climate change is coming within the next 12 months. The city of Paramount is both industrial and residential and with that, there's a lot of polluting here in Paramount due to chromium six and added that he does not see any accountability from the previous Board since they've been here 20 to 30 years and they don't buy filters, they don't demand field trips from the industrial companies. They did not make a resolution for the city to provide filters. He added that it wasn't until the new Board was elected that something was done, so he is asking if you've been here for 20 to 30 years, you have to go and it's time for you to resign. This is not a dictatorship. It appears to him that some Board members, the ones that have been here for 20 to 30 years are complying with Russia undermining our democracy, and are Russians undermining our democracy 20 to 30 years you've been here and you don't give up your seat. He added that he thanked God for allowing Board member Garcia

to be here today and blessings go to her family and to her and to your health, but that's independent from her being here for 20 years. He commented that maybe we can fundraise for Board member Garcia and her health to cover the costs because being in the hospital, it's pretty pricey when you go to UCLA. So maybe the community can organize to fundraise for her so we can cover the cost.

Board member Garcia commented that she hoped something like this never happens to him or his family members.

Speaker Cesar responded to Board member Garcia and said that if she must know his dad has cancer but he's not milking it like she is and added that it's time to give up her seat and if she's having a difficult time being here it's unfair to you and unfair for the community that you're here and it's time to clean up Paramount and its time to take out the trash.

Speaker Adrian Alvarez commented that it is always a sacrifice for the community to be here and to be put to the very last minute as we have a festival of love and self congratulatory, applaud. He added that he does not mean to be mean because apparently speaking the truth is somehow mean and cruel, but one of the greatest freedom fighters in American history, Malcolm X pointed out that when you speak the truth, it doesn't matter who likes it, as long as it is the truth. Another great person said that the truth shall set you free. This Board meeting is not intended for kindergarten children. This meeting is intended for adults and we deal with serious issues. The recommendations to be civil, to be courteous are understood. But when we're talking about the poisoning of the air and people dying of cancer, when we're talking about people making promises to voters, that they will come in and advocate for their rights and once they get elected, they completely forget those promises made. How can we in a courteous way, label your action? How can we say that when you and your classrooms you talk about Fidel Castro and Venezuela, people being in power from your point of view like dictators? But yet you don't promote new blood, new ideas to teach your students and you hold on to your seat as if it is a private inheritance. How can we talk about those in a way that people don't get offended or hurt? It's very difficult to contain the anger of the community and for you to be promoting fairy tails about how change occurs in the history of the world in particular, this country, every 4th of July we celebrate a revolution, a Boston tea party. You tell Harriet Tubman to be civil. You tell Dolores Huerta not to be angry about the poisoning of the campesinos that put food in your table. We are not children. We need to do deal with hard truth. People are dying. People are taking corporate money to keep defending those interests and people are angry. Five children have died in cages. Five people have died in cages by a maniac that says that wants to make America great again. How do we contradict that vicious fascist policy without being angry? The community is angry and it will not be silenced. We will fight back. We will not be stopped. We will not be silenced.

Speaker Shannel Pittman shared that her little cousins go to school in this school District and will soon be starting second grade. She is concerned naturally about the air pollution situation because she knows the last time she was here was a couple of months ago and the Board decided or someone gave a presentation about filters, but I haven't been able to read or see that there was some action taken to put the filters in the classroom. I know that this is a very high cancer area because she

can look at the data between the lead and the chromium six the lead in the water and the chromium six and they everywhere else. She is concerned because when things sit in the environment for that long, it just kind of sits there and contaminates the entirety of the area. She added that we have Carlton Forge and other heavily industrial things, right? In your middle schools and what not and the school Board does not necessarily have the power to force them to cap themselves, but as representatives of your district, if you thought about it, you could definitely use that place that you have to push your legislators, whoever they are to do something because you cannot be okay with the fact that people are dying when you can do something about it. She added that she is a little bit concerned about this taxi situation because she feels like whatever background checks exists for drivers, needs to be way more stringent because she knows as a disabled person that we are abused when we are in a situation where we cannot speak for ourselves, we're typically abused as soon as the cameras are off. She asked that there be cameras inside of those taxis and that stringent background checks are done. She commented that Uber and Lyft specifically require that someone who is using the service be 18 as far as Access is concerned, she was able to use Access at around 15 but that was because she has a PCA. She believes that in a situation where you have children using taxis to get to school, it should be a requirement that there be at least one other adult there with a driver, because again, too much stuff has happened to people she cares about in ride sharing services that she knows. The school would not, crimes would not purposely contract to pedophiles or horrible people, but she doesn't trust anyone because of the sort of things that she has seen happen to disabled children. She asked that something be implemented to keep these children safe, and she knows they will do that and has no question about that. She added that keeping children safe means literally doing everything you can to minimize whatever exposure they might have to harmful things and as someone with the leftover damage from being born, she knows that when your brain is damaged by led or chemicals, that never goes away and in her case, she developed new symptoms later.

Vice President Cuarenta wished to provide the following comment and clarification: She wants to let everyone in attendance know that she is proud of being an educator and one gentleman that is in attendance says he's good for the community, he wants to do great things. She added that right before she decided to run for school Board, out of his mouth, he said that no one is going to vote for you because they're going to think you're a lesbian. But for her, someone who is really about the community would never tell a young Latina that. What kind of message are we sending our young queer men and women from our community? So as you sit there and question us, she gets it, she's all about hearing what you think. But if you've ever told someone that, she wants you to think about, are you really about the community, what kind of message do we want to send to any young men and women in the future that are part of that community? And he knows who he is, she will not shame him. That's not her style, but just like he asked her to think about what she does, she wants him to think about what he tells people.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

0.242

Board Member Hansen motioned, Vice President Cuarenta seconded the motion.

The following questions were received from the Board:

Board Member De Leon requested information as to how many years the

District has renewed the contract for temporary teachers listed on pages 14 and 15. Board Member De Leon also requested Superintendent Pérez to remind the Board of what her definition is of Ed Code as to what temporary means. Superintendent Perez proceeded to provide information given to the Board on a Wednesday Report dated August 7, 2019 that specified the definition requested.

Board Member De Leon requested that data be provided that specifies how many temporary teachers' contracts have been renewed and how many years they have been on temporary status. Superintendent Pérez will provide the information requested.

President Gomez had a question about Consent Item 3.1-C consultant number 1 of page 38 as to why the District is contracting a consultant for Our Lady of the Rosary School because this is a private school. Superintendent explained that although Our Lady of the Rosary School is a private institution they serve District Title I students; per Title I (federal funds) stipulation the District is obligated to provide services to those students (not the institution nor their religious aspects) as explained by Dr. Renée Jeffrey, Director-K-5 Instructional Support & Innovative Programs. Vice President Cuarenta had the same question.

President Gomez had a question about Consent Item 3.1-C consultant number three as to if the software program provided by Mind Research Institute was in the first year of implementation in grades 6-8 if not, is data on the results available. Dr. Debbie Stark, informed the Board that the program has been used in grades K-5, but this is the first year of implementation in grades 6-8, therefore there is no data available.

The motion carried 5-0 to approve the consent items.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

## **Human Resources**

Personnel Report 19-02  
2.242

Accepted Personnel Report 19-02 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 2019-20 State Budget Act and related legislation.

## **Educational Services**

Consultant and Contract  
Services  
3.242

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

Memorandum of  
Understanding with Upward  
Bound Program at California  
State University Long Beach  
3.242

Approved 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 and Odyssey STEM Academy in 2019-20.

Professional Activities Report  
19-01  
3.242

Approved the out-of-state conference request for Principal from Odyssey STEM Academy to attend NuVu's Summit in Cambridge, Massachusetts from Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29, 2019.

NuVu Contract Amendment 3.242	Approved the change of funding source to the NuVu contract amendment request for Odyssey STEM Academy for the 2019-20 school year.
Alt School Agreement Amendment 3.242	Approved the agreement with Alt School to provide a personalized learning technology-based platform to teachers and students technical assistance for Odyssey STEM Academy and Paramount Unified School District.

**Business Services**

Purchase Order Report, 19-02 4.242	Approved Purchase Order Report 19-02 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.
Consultant Services 4.242	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.
Acceptance of Donations 4.242	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.
Warrants for the Month of July 2019 4.242	Approved warrants for all funds through July with a total of \$16,787,706.88.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Human Resources**

Presentation of the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 447 Initial Reopener Proposal for 2019- 20 2.243	Board Member De Leon moved, Board Member Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to receive for public review the California School Employees Association, Chapter 447, 2019-20 initial reopener proposal for the Collective Bargaining Agreement.  Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta President Gomez
Public Hearing on the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 447, Reopener Proposal for the 2019-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Paramount Unified School District 2.244	Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing regarding the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 447, 2019-20 reopener proposal of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Paramount Unified School District.  Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta President Gomez  A speaker spoke on the signage outside informing the community of the location of the Board meeting and the Boardroom. He would like to see additional signage to state, “open to the public.”  Board Member Hansen moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to close the public hearing regarding the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 447, 2019-20 reopener proposal of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Paramount Unified School District.  Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta President Gomez



Resolution 19-08: Institutional Memberships for the 2019-20 School Year  
2.245

Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 19-08 authorizing Paramount Unified School District's institutional memberships for the 2019-20 school year.

Board Member Hansen stated that since all five Board Members are at the Board table, that President Gomez can just say, "All those in favor say aye." President Gomez agreed, but requested that if someone of the Board was not in favor to point themselves out.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta  
President Gomez

Clinical-Practicum Agreement with Cerritos Community College  
2.246

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Cerritos Community College District for participation in clinical-practicum experience in the areas of Child Development, Nursing, and Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta  
President Gomez

Salary Realignment for Salary Schedule C and Addition to Salary Schedules B and C  
2.247

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the salary schedule for Principals at Paramount High-West Campus, Odyssey STEM Academy and High School Principal.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta  
President Gomez

Addition to Salary Schedule I: K-8 Principal  
2.248

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the addition of a stipend to Schedule I for principals working in schools with a middle school program.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta  
President Gomez

Affiliation Agreement with Claremont Graduate University  
2.249

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the affiliation agreement with Claremont Graduate University for participation in the internship program.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta  
President Gomez

### **Educational Services**

Arts Education Collective Advancement Grant Award  
3.250

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the Arts Education Collective Advancement Grant Award to provide K-5 students with Performing Arts instruction from September 2019 through June 2020.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

*FranklinCovey* Consultant Agreement  
3.251

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded the motion carried 5-0 to approve the *FranklinCovey* consultant agreement to provide professional development to teachers at Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic School.

Board Member Hansen commented that someone had made a comment that this was a religious based organization; this has nothing to do with the fact that the teachers will receive the in-service at the private school as required by law.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Subscription for *Lexia Reading Core5*  
3.252

Board Member Hansen moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve a one-year subscription of *Lexia Reading Core5* for Mokler School during the 2019-20 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Nonpublic School Placement for a Special Education Student for 2019-20  
3.253

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the placement for a special education student in nonpublic schools as determined by the student's Individual Education Plan for the 2019-20 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Student  
3.254

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize payment for attorney fees and settlement agreement for a special education student.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

West Shield Adolescent Services  
3.255

Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify the hiring of West Shield Adolescent Services to escort a special education student to Provo Canyon School for residential treatment in Provo, Utah.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Memorandum of Understanding with Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering for the Femineer Program, 2019-20  
3.256

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering for Alondra, Jackson and Zamboni Middle School's participation in the Femineer School Program and the purchase of materials for the 2019-20 school year.

Board Member Hansen commented that this is a great program.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Award  
3.257

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept funds for the CTE Incentive Grant Award to develop students' skills enrolled in Career Technical Education Programs.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Memorandum of Understanding with the South Coast Air Quality Management District  
3.258

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the 2019-20 school year.

Vice President Cuarenta asked if this is for every student or only for students within a certain grade? Dr. Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services clarified that this program will begin with the AP Environmental Science class. The actual curriculum will come out after the AP test.

Vice President Cuarenta wanted asked if there is a chance that this program can be District-wide. Dr. Smith stated that potentially it can, but first they would like to implement it and see what kind of fit it is and how it can be applicable in other areas.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Extended Day High School Program for 2019-20  
3.259

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve an Extended Day High School program for the 2019-20 school year including hourly employment of certificated and classified staff.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA's Community Programs Office, Pacific Islander Education and Retention Program  
3.260

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member Hansen 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 2019-20 school year.

Vice President Cuarenta asked how long has this been in the District? Dr. Smith commented that this will be the third year of implementing this specific program in the District. Board Members Hansen and Garcia acknowledged that it had been implemented in the District in another form in prior years.

Vice President Cuarenta commented that it is great that the District is working with an underrepresented population and catering to their needs. Board Member Hansen stated that they have a great workshop in the spring and she will notify the Board ahead of time of this event.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Carl D. Perkins School Allocation Fiscal Year 2019-20 for Paramount Adult School  
3.261

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept funds for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Improvement Act for the 2019-20 fiscal year to develop skills of students enrolled in Career Technical Education programs for Paramount Adult School.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

### **Business Services**

Notices of Completion – Field  
8-12-19

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and

Service Contracts  
4.262

the motion carried 5-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for repair of windows throughout Lincoln, kitchen remodel at Wirtz, repair basketball court surface at Wirtz, and utilities upgrade of band room at Zamboni, 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 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Ratification - Service and Shared Cost Agreement with the City of Paramount for Two (2) School Resource Officers with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
4.263

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify the Services Agreement with the City of Paramount for two (2) School Resource Officers with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Board Member De Leon thanked Mr. Frutos for taking the time and meeting to discuss the information; President Gomez dittoed that and she appreciates that and hopes to continue that because if not, they would probably be asking many more questions that day and added that it is really working well. She hopes to continue to dialogue. She knows that he can only meet with two members at one time because of the Brown Act, so if any other the Board members would like to meet with him, she knows he would be willing to do that and wants to make sure that all Board members have the same equal opportunity to meet with him and go over any questions that they have on the agenda

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Ratification – Bid Summary – Abatement Field Service Contract, Dairy Product, Frozen and Dry Food Commodities, Produce, and Bread Products  
4.264

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 ratify the above-mentioned contracts to the lowest responsive bidders as identified above. Authorize renewal of produce commodities to Sunrise Produce, and further authorize use of piggyback bid for bread products. Further authorize Superintendent or designee to sign all appropriate documents.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

School Resource Officers Services Agreement Between Paramount Unified School District and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
4.265

Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve School Resource Officers the Services Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Authorization to Use State Government Contracts for Purchase of Equipment and Authorization to Purchase  
4.266

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to use State-level contracts as described, and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign all documents as required for use of cooperative bid contracts.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Resolution 19-09 Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure as a Public Agency

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 19-09 Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure as a Public Agency Employer Self-Insurer.

Employer Self-Insurer  
4.267

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Service Agreement - Diligent Corporation for Web-based service BoardDocs  
4.268

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to enter into the service agreement with Diligent Corporation for the use of the web-based service BoardDocs and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

Superintendent Pérez informed the Board that the District will need to migrate to using iPads. Board Member De Leon was pleased that it will work with iPads.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

Service Agreement - California School Boards Association Policy and Regulation Review  
4.269

Board Member De Leon moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to enter into the service agreement with California School Boards Association for the review, development and maintenance of the Districts Policies and Regulations and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, Board President Gomez

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

The Board received as information lists of proposed student organization fundraising activities.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Employee Comments Per Government Code 54957

Board President Gomez announced that the next Regular Meeting would be on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Office.

Board Member Hansen commented that she had a question and said that our agenda under reports it reads Board member reports, reports on visit to schools, conferences attended or scheduled meetings. It doesn't seem to her like we're sticking to that and she would like to know what everybody feels about it. President Gomez shared that she was speaking to Dr. Pérez about that and she believes that we should probably add and "other", because there are sometimes situations where a Board member wants to make sure that the constituent or the residents know that they brought up a topic that was said to them or brought up that was very important to them and that is why she would ask to put "other". Board member Hansen disagreed because it was just read prior to closed session as necessary, staff or employee comments are taken per government code 54957 and that would be the place for that.

President Gomez called for a vote if the Board wants the "other" placed on part two under Board reports or do we want at the end of the evening for the Board members to still say whatever they want to say at the end.

President Hansen moved, Board member Garcia seconded and the motion carried 3-2 that the word "other" not be added under number two and that comments be saved for under announcements.

0.270

Ayes: 3 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta,  
Naves: 2 - Board Member De Leon, President Gomez

President Gomez informed Superintendent Pérez to keep agenda as is but to keep in mind that we might be taking a while for people to give their comments, staff or employees and board members.

Vice President Cuarenta asked President Gomez to confirm that visits to schools, conferences attended and/or scheduled meetings will still be reported by the Board under Board Reports. President Gomez confirmed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case), Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Public Employment.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:13 p.m. President Gomez reported that the Board discussed Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case), Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Public Employment.

In Closed Session the Board took action on the following:

Public Employee Discipline/  
Dismissal/Release  
2.271

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to find sufficient cause to uphold the 10-day suspension of a classified employee and to adopt the Hearing Officer’s written document entitled “Hearing Officer’s Discussion of Evidence, Findings of Fact, and Recommended Decision” in its entirety as the final decision of this Board.

Ayes: 3 – Board Members Garcia, Hansen, President Gomez  
Abstain: 2 – Board Member De Leon, Vice President Cuarenta

Public Employee Employment  
2.272

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 approve the appointment of Marvin Jacobo as Secondary Assistant Principal effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

2.273

Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the appointment of Angelica Diaz as Dean of Students effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

2.274

Board Member Hansen moved, Board Member Linda Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the appointment of Rita Cruz Wahl as Program Director-Child Development Programs effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Hansen moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 12, 2019 at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Hansen, Vice President Cuarenta, President Gomez

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Ruth Pérez, Secretary  
To the Board of Education

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