

# Paramount Unified School District



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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

### **MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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                                       | Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research led the Pledge of Allegiance.   |
| Roll Call  | Vivian Hansen<br>Yesenia Cuarenta<br>Sonia De Leon<br>Linda Garcia<br>Carmen Gomez   |
| Administrators Present                                     | Ruth Pérez, Superintendent<br>Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services<br>Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources<br>Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services<br>Debbie Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services<br>Jessie Flores, Interim Director-Safety & Security<br>Elida Garcia, Director-Special Education<br>Scott Law, Director-Facilities & Project Development<br>Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research & Evaluation<br>Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel<br>Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services<br>Jim Wolff, Director-Technology<br>Margie Domino, Principal-Roosevelt School<br>Christiana Kraus, Principal-Paramount High School<br>Yvonne Rodriguez, Principal-Paramount Adult School<br>Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School<br>Jill Hammond, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School-West |
| Approve Agenda January 13, 2020<br>1.27                    | Board Member Gomez moved, Board Member Garcia seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.<br><br>Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen  |
| Approve Statutory Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019<br>1.28 | Board Member Gomez moved, Board Member Garcia seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on December 9, 2019.<br><br>Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen   |

## REPORTS

### Student Board Representatives

Janelle Jimenez-Paramount High School, Marlene Ramos-Paramount High School-West, Mariana Sandoval-Buena Vista High School, Andres Salcedo-Odyssey STEM Academy and Carlos Gonzalez Paramount Adult School reported on various activities that have been taking place at their school sites.

### Employee Representative Reports

Ms. Kim Goforth, TAP President welcomed everyone to 2020. She shared she was able to reflect back on a journal she keeps on the past year and looked for some trends. She read some articles about the current state of education and is terrified for their profession. She understands that there are standards that have gotten a lot tougher and there is a lot of accountability and they appreciate the programs and initiatives for students, but they have so many that they can't really master them. She hopes that together teachers, the Board and administration can come together to address concerns of teachers, students and families in Paramount.

There was no CSEA representative.

### Board Member Reports

Board Member Gomez wished everyone a Happy New Year. She attended the CTA dinner, 32<sup>nd</sup> District Legislative Water workshop. She shared information on a tour available to schools and hoped that in addition to Roosevelt School, other schools could take advantage of this opportunity.

Board Member De Leon attended the CTA dinner, met with the TAP President, met with Dr. Pérez and attended the Water Workshop-Water education for Latino leaders.

Board Member Garcia had no report but wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice President Cuarenta had no report but welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

President Hansen had no report but welcomed everyone.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez provided a "shout out" to all Principals for reaching out to Alejandra Ochoa who is the 2020 Census representative about scheduling time for her to present to their parents.

#### Budget Update

Mr. Ruben Frutos provided the Board with a brief update on the Governor's budget proposal. Mr. Frutos shared that on First Interim, it was shared with the Board that there are some economic changes. Friday, that budget moved up slightly to 2.29 COLA in the current budget proposal. Between now and the May Revision, there's a lot of discussion between the governor and the legislature to try and address various concerns. The budget capitalizes on some additional revenues. The budget is not going down, it is just slowing down in maturing which is important to us especially because we are a district in declining enrollment. The Local Control Funding Formula will benefit from the COLA. The District is receiving a little more money, but we are naturally spending a little more money because everything costs a little more year to year. The budget continues to show increases in areas like STRS, and PERS in Special Education that we hope make it to the final version of the budget.

#### Recognition – Roosevelt School – Barona Education Grant Recipient

Superintendent Perez and Board of Education Members recognized

Roosevelt School for being the recipients of the Barona Education Grant.

In attendance was Field Representative for Assembly Member Anthony Rendon Mr. Adrian Landa who received a certificate of appreciation for his support he provided to Roosevelt School as they applied for the grant.

#### California Data Dashboard

Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment and Student Information provided the Board with information on the California Data Dashboard that includes indicators addressed by the California School Dashboard, what it looks like, local indicators, academic performance for English, Math, College/Career, English Learner progress, academic engagement-chronic absenteeism, graduation, conditions and climate-suspension rate, positive outcomes and trends and next steps .

There was questions/discussion on the following: is this for grades 3-8 only (Gomez), what about other grades (Gomez).

A full version of the presentation is available on the District's website.

#### 2018-19 Audit

Priscilla Flores, Manager of Clifton Larson, Allen LLP informed the Board that the District is receiving an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest opinion that can be achieved. The audit resulted in zero findings and zero audit adjustments two years in a row and she commended the District for that.

### **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board Meeting calendar.

### **HEARING SECTION**

During the public hearing section the following speakers addressed the Board and provided public comment: Rodolfo Barragan, Jose De Leon, and Silvia Diaz

Speaker Mr. Rodolfo Barragan addressed the Board to provide general comments relating to air quality and the protection of public's freedom of speech.

Speaker Jose De Leon addressed the Board regarding his concerns on the air monitor readings for October and December, the filtration systems, and HEPA filters. He warned Vice President Cuarenta that they would remember her voting against some changes.

Speaker Silvia Diaz addressed the Board and inquired about SELPA's voting process. Board President Hansen recalled that Dr. Garcia was going to meet with Ms. Diaz and asked Ms. Diaz if she called Dr. Garcia. Ms. Diaz confirmed that she never called Dr. Garcia, because she had received information from other parents from other districts that the meeting where the members were selected/appointed had already taken place, prior to Ms. Diaz addressing the Governing Board of this district.

Board President Hansen reconfirmed that Ms. Diaz's concerns are the same that she had at the last Board meeting. Board President Hansen informed Ms. Diaz that the District would get back to her.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

0.29

Board Member Garcia motioned, Board Member Gomez seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the consent items.

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

**Human Resources**

Personnel Report 19-07  
2.29 Accepted Personnel Report 19-07 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  
3.29 Approved the consultant and contract services request authorizing contracts with consultant or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

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

**Business Services**

Purchase Order Report,  
19-7  
4.29 Approved Purchase Order Report 19-07 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Consultant Services  
4.29 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  
4.29 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  
December 2019  
4.29 Approved warrants for all funds through December with a total of \$14,251,537.54

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Educational Services**

Approval and Adoption of  
Science Textbooks and  
Instructional Materials for  
Grades  
K-5  
3.30 Board Member Gomez moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the adoption and purchase of NGSS aligned texts and instructional materials for K-5 science.

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

There was a question/discussion on the following: when was this information published in the Press-Telegram (Gomez), and a request was made for the date published in the newspaper to be added to the agenda item in the future (Gomez).

Nonpublic School  
Placement for a Student  
with an Individualized  
Education Program 2019-  
20  
20 Board Member Gomez moved, Board Member Garcia seconded the motion carried 5-0 to approve the placement for a student in nonpublic schools as determined by the students' Individualized Education Program for the 2019-20 school year.

- 3.31 Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- Nonpublic and Residential, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services Master Contracts for Special Education Students, 2019-20 School Year  
3.32 Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services Annual Master Contract for the placement of a Special Education student in a residential treatment center, as determined by the student's Individual Education Plan for the 2019-20 school year.  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- Mid-Cities SELPA Community Advisory Committee Members  
3.33 Board Member Garcia moved, President Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Appoint the nominated individuals as the District's representative to the Mid-Cities SELPA Community Advisory Community Advisory Committee for a two year term of office.  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- School Accountability Report Card  
3.34 Board Member Garcia moved, President Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2018-19 School Accountability Report Card and make available on the District's and schools' websites.  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- Resolution 19-27 United States Census 2020  
3.35 Board Member De Leon moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 19-27 to work closely with Los Angeles County Office of Education and California Complete Count Committee to ensure a complete and accurate count of all Paramount families in the 2020 census.  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Office of Education for Participation in Census Outreach  
3.36 Board Member Garcia moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Office of Education for participation in census outreach.  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen

### **Business Services**

- Notice of Completion – Field Service Contract  
4.37 Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Accept as completed the Field Service Contract as listed above and authorize the Superintendent or designee to file the Notice 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, Gomez, Vice President Cuarenta, President Hansen
- Memorandum of Understanding – Consortium – Strengthening Career and Technical Education for  
Ayes: 5 – Board Members De Leon, Garcia, Gomez, Vice President

Forecast5 Analytics  
4.39

Vice President Cuarenta moved, Board Member Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 Approve Forecast5 agreement effective February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

2019-2020 Budget  
Adjustments as of  
November 30, 2019  
4.40

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments for the General Funds, Unrestricted and Restricted, Adult Education Fund, Child Development Fund, Deferred Maintenance Fund and Measure I Fund.

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

2018-19 Annual Audit  
4.41

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the District's annual audit report for the 2018-19 school year submitted under separate cover.

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Educational Services**

Williams Settlement  
Quarterly Uniform  
Complaint Summary

The Board received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the first quarter October 1 – December 31, 2019.

### **Business Services**

Monthly Financial  
Statements, October 2019

The Board received as information in J-200 format a Financial Statement for each fund for the month of November 2019.

Monthly Financial  
Statements, October 2019  
– Special Education

The Board received as information in J-200 format a Financial Statement for Special Education for the month of November 2019.

Monthly Financial  
Statements, October 2019  
– Self-Insurance Fund –  
Health and Welfare

The Board received as information in J-200 format a Financial Statement for the Self-Insurance Fund – Health and Welfare for the month of November 2019.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/ DISCUSSION**

### **Governance Calendar**

President Hansen presented Board members with a copy of a sample CSBA Governance Calendar and asked Board members which governance calendar they would like Superintendent Pérez to develop for the school year either one like the CSBA Sample or the calendar that was provided the previous year.

There was discussion on topics areas the Board would like to see and will include, finance, facilities, policy, judicial review, human resources, collective bargaining, community relations, advocacy, effective governance, setting direction for the district and student learning & achievement.

There was consensus from the Board to use the CSBA Governance Calendar template that will reflect the needs of the District and incorporate Study Session topics that the Board would like to see. The governance calendar will begin in July and be posted on the District website, in the Boardroom and Closed Session rooms.

During discussion, the topic of Assembly Bills was also discussed. Further discussion/questions involved Assembly Bill that would bring a lot more revenue and taxes (De Leon), Assembly Bill 5 regarding independent contract and employees (Gomez), what is the impact on PUSD, plan of action and deadlines of Assembly Bill 5 – request for information to be included in the Wednesday report (Gomez) and Assembly Bill 48 (De Leon/Hansen) and Assembly Bill 272 on Smartphones and limiting phones in the classroom (Gomez).

There was consensus from the Board to place a resolution on Assembly Bill 48 on the agenda for the next Board of Education meeting for a vote.

There was further discussion and consensus on having staff provide a comprehensive report/data about filters, the grant received, testing, the cost and efficiency on filters so that the Board could have a conversation at the next Board meeting and make a decision on the District's next steps. It was asked for clarification what filters are in what classrooms (Gomez) and a request to invite Nancy Dinella from IQ Air to the next Board meeting (De Leon).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hansen announced that the next Regular Meeting would be on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Office.

Staff Employee  
Comments Per  
Government Code 54957

There were no staff employee comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education adjourned to Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation (1 case), Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent).

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board of reconvened from Closed Session at 8:39 p.m. President Hansen reported that the Board discussed Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation (2 cases), Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent).

There was no action taken in closed session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Gomez moved, Board Member De Leon seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 13, 2020 at 8:39 p.m.

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

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Ruth Pérez, Secretary  
To the Board of Education

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President

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Vice President/Clerk