

## **Regular Meeting of Board of Education (Monday, March 9, 2020)**

### **The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM**

#### **1. Opening Items**

##### 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Hansen.

##### 1.3 Roll Call

#### **Members present**

Carmen Gomez, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Yesenia Cuarenta, Vivian Hansen

##### 1.4 Approve Regular Meeting Agenda - March 9, 2020

Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda March 9, 2020.

Motion by Sonia De Leon, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action, Minutes: 1.5 Approve Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2020.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

#### **2. Student/Employee Representative Reports**

##### 2.1 Student Board Representatives

Janella 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.

##### 2.2 Employee Representative Reports

Kim Goforth, TAP President shared that CTA and TAP visited all schools sites with one goal to gather signatures for an important initiative schools and communities first. The TAP bargaining team has been hard at work for a strong contract. She thanked Dr. Perez for the email updates on the coronavirus and on safety. She thanked Ruben Frutos for answering her calls and for the communication. She asked for everyone to remember why we are here.

Lourdes Aguayo address the board on behalf of CSEA and the Negotiations Team and shared that the Board has always been fair in negotiations as it pertains with salaries. CSEA is made up of loyal community members who take pride in their community and their work they put into being fair with contract and all they do. She addressed the step 6 that was negotiated four years ago. Members are still at 1.75% and step 6 is not complete. Why is step 6 being taken in increments that they have not seen and why do they have to take it as part of their salary increase. They understand that it cannot

all be done at once. They are at a point now where they want to know how it will be made whole and how is it going to happen and not be part of their salary increase as it has been in the works for some time now.

### **3. Public Hearing**

#### Procedural: 3.1 Hearing Guidelines

During the hearing section, the following speakers addressed the Board Gerald Cerda, Brenda Nannette, Ms. Diaz:

Speaker Gerald Cerda addressed the Board regarding Measure Y and how will the money be spent, what is being done to eliminate fights, grant funds for air filters, concerns of the air in Paramount, and asked who is responsible for student if they all ill, the District or City and he shared with the Board of his illness diagnosis.

Speaker Brenda Nannette addressed the Board regarding the altercations at PHS West, asked that more cameras be implemented around campus and for more security to protect the kids. She shared about her visit to PHS-West to share what has been seen on Social Media, these incidents only happen at PHS-West during February and March during Black History month and she commented that Paramount is a good district.

Speaker Diaz addressed the Board to speak about parent concerns as it relates to the A.A.C. , the lost session that are not recovered, the worry that their children are not progressing, goals set in the children's I.E.P. are not being met, goals are the same year-to-year, the goals are too high and students are not able to meet them and that there is no permanent speech language therapist. She asked how parents know if they can get back the lost sessions and added that there does not seem to be consistency in the sessions that were recovered and asked what is the District policy on Special Education and sessions not provided. She appreciates the Board for their willingness to listen to the concerns of the community and she hopes that by bringing her concerns the Board will assist in improving the services and appropriate for their children.

### **4. Board Members/Superintendent Report**

#### 4.1 Board Member Reports

Board Member Gomez attended the meeting by Principal Mrs. Salcido for parents and students at West Campus regarding fights that happened on campus. She attended celebration Black Culture & Black Pride event in celebration of Black History Month and thanked Co-Advisors of Black Student Union Christine Barboza and Jeremy Mulcolan and the Black Union Executive Union for organizing event. She attended the LCAP meeting and referenced a robo call received on the LCAP meeting that was only in English and requested that all robo calls to be bilingual in English and Spanish. She requested for an alumni on how can donations be made to schools to assist with programs. She asked that questions from speakers be read once again at Board meetings as it has been shared with her that responses have not been read since January and February.

Board Member De Leon attended the event at Paramount West concerning Safety and said there needs to be collaborative discussions, she attended the Black Student Union event, the LCAP meeting and asked maybe we can bring motivational speakers and she would like to see follow up and follow through.

Board Member Garcia visited Lincoln school for the reading with Dr. Seuss. She shared that the Woman's Club has now for 21 years done the Woman's History Month and this year Collins school was selected to participate in the essay contest. She listened to the Odyssey podcast and encouraged everyone to listen to a podcast. She shared that the Odyssey students will be taking the AP test at PHS.

Vice President Cuarenta thanked PHS teachers for facilitating "We are more than just a color" she had a chance to be there and also thanked to Lena Gonzalez and Anthony Rendon for speaking to the students.

President Hansen attended State of the City Address and thanked Dr. Perez for providing an update on services provided to students. She attended The Lions Club speech contest and she thanked Christine Barboza for coaching the students. She attended the PHS parent coffee on a presentation on Social Media and hopes it can be provided to the other schools, the Special Ed parent workshop the parent forum at PHS West regarding the altercations that happened recently a timeline of events and steps staff is taking to ensure safety was presented, and she attended the CSBA workshop on the governor's budget and upcoming legislation that affect districts.

## 4.2 Superintendent's Report

### **Recognitions**

#### UC Irvine Graduate Advantage

Last year a historic agreement with Compton College was signed known as The Paramount Promise which provides our graduates who continue their educations at Compton College with waived enrollment fees for two years, money for books and supplies, and the use of a laptop computer that the student will be able to keep after their second year there.

An additional part of this agreement is a unique arrangement with UC Irvine called the Compton College Promise Graduate Advantage Agreement. This transfer agreement will provide students who move from Compton College to UC Irvine with a multitude of resources and support upon enrollment there. With these agreements, Compton College, UC Irvine, and the Paramount Unified School District have established a supported pathway for students to earn an Associates and Bachelor's degree upon graduation from high school.

In attendance to sign this agreement was Mr. Santana Ruiz, Deputy Director of the Center for Educational Partnerships at UCI Irvine, Dr. Keith Curry, Compton College's President and CEO. In attendance as well for Compton College were Sonia Lopez, President of the Board, Barbara Calhoun, Clerk and Dr. Deborah LeBlanc Board Member.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez recognized the following students/staff:

Samantha Franco, 2nd grade student at Tanner School for being selected as the L.A. County Library's 40th Annual Bookmark Contest Winner. Samantha's bookmark was chosen as one of the bookmarks to represent Los Angeles County. The bookmark will now be reproduced and distributed to all libraries across the Los Angeles County.

Paramount Rotary Club Art Contest Winners: Steve Gomez - 1st place (PHS) and Jorge Ante - 2nd place (PHS)

Paramount Rotary Speech Contest Winners: Ty'Iona Johnson - 1st place (PHS), Meosha Turner - 2nd place (PHS) and Nadalie Leon Munoz - 3rd place (PHS)

Paramount Rotary Club Instrument Contest Winner: Kalany Resendiz - 1st place (PHS)

Paramount Rotary Club Vocal Contest Winner: Mariah Acosta - 1st place (PHS)

Paramount Lion's Club Speech Contest Winner - Zahkir Citizen - 1st place (PHS)

#### Lourdes Talamantes - Paramount High School

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Perez recognized Lourdes Talamantes, Paramount High School Counselor for her ongoing support and for empowering young ladies in the Paramount

Unified School District by coordinating the 3rd Annual Young Women's Empowerment Conference that was held at Paramount High School.

## **Presentations**

### Creating a Positive School Climate

Dr. Ryan Smith and Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendents and Principals Christian Kraus, Kevin Longworth, Linh Roberts and Elizabeth Salcedo provided the Board with information on Creating a Positive School Climate, how PUSD's Strategic Plan addresses school climate as a district priority and to learn about three approaches for creating positive climates at the elementary, middle and high school levels with Safe and Civil Schools, Leadership Academy, Capturing Kids Hearts and Breaking Down the Walls and how schools are engaging parent at the elementary, middle and high schools.

There were questions/discussion on the following: where are the (Guidelines for Success) posters posted (Gomez), do students get to select their elective (Gomez), is there a wait list (Panther Academy) (Garcia), how many students have these grades (D-Fs - Paramount Park) (Gomez), how many level 1 in the 51% - Capturing Kids Hearts) what happens with parents who can't attend, do you call them (Gomez).

### LCAP Update

Dr. Deborah Starak, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services and Dr. Renee Jeffrey, Director-K-5 Instructional Support provided the Board with an update on the LCAP that included summary feedback from the LCAP community forum, report on updated goals for LCAP 2020-23, show how the new LCAP will include services to address student groups identified as needing support through Differentiated Assistance and Targeted Assistance and review the changes to the e-LCAP template that will be used this year.

There were questions/discussion on the following: who comes up with the questions (Gomez), request for the Board to receive the questions (Gomez)

### 2019-2020 Second Interim

Mr. Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services and Mrs. Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services provided the Board with information on the 2019-2020 Second Interim, the financial status of the District, enrollment & average daily attendance, impact of declining enrollment, General Fund – Unrestricted/Restricted, components of 2018-19 ending fund balance, components of 2019-20 ending fund balance, unrestricted multi-year projections, multi-year analysis: revenues vs. expenditures, funding analysis – expenses, certification, challenges, and the District's next steps.

The Second Interim is based on updates from the California Department of Education, what fiscal information we know today, and guidance from the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

There was a question/discussion on the following: do you see ADA going up (Garcia)

## **5. Board Meeting Calendar**

Board Meeting Calendar - There were no changes to the Board Meeting Calendar.

A reminder was provided of the Board Study Session calendared for Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

## **6. Consent Items**

6.1 Approval Consent Items 6.2 - 6.10

Resolution: Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

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Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

There were questions/discussion on the following: Personnel Report - What is A-1 (Gomez), do they need a Bachelor's or Master's degree (Gomez), Resignations - why are they not coming sooner (Gomez)

Action (Consent): 6.2 Personnel Report 19-09

Resolution: Accept Personnel Report 19-08 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.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.3 Consultant Services - Human Resources

Resolution: Ratify the Consultant Services Request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.4 Consultant and Contract Services - Educational Services

Resolution: Approve the Consultant and Contract Service request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services as submitted.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

There were questions/discussion on the following: will it be divided into two fiscal years (Gomez), will we see it on this fiscal year and then some on the next fiscal year (Gomez)

Action (Consent): 6.5 Overnight and/or Out-of-County Study Trips

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

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.6 Professional Activities Report 19-06

Resolution: Approve Dr. Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Educational Services and Dr. Greg Francois, Director – Secondary Education and Instructional Technology to attend the Prepárate College Board conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from April 22-24, 2020.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.7 Purchase Order Report, 19-09

Resolution: Approve Purchase Order Report 19-09 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.8 Warrants for the Month of February 2020

Resolution: Approve warrants for all funds through February with a total of \$15,950,099.93

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.9 Acceptance of Donations

Resolution: Accept 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.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action (Consent): 6.10 Consultant Services - Business Services

Resolution: Approve the Consultant Services requests authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

Approve Consent items 6.2 - 6.8 as presented

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

## **7. Action Items**

Action: 7.1 Selection of Representatives California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Region 24

Select up to six (6) candidates to serve as representatives to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly-Region 24

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Sonia De Leon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

The Board of Education selected the following candidates:

Leighton Anderson - Whittier Union HSD

Maggie Bove-LaMonica - Hermosa Beach City SD

Jeremy Gerson - Torrance USD

Karen Morrison - Norwalk-La Mirada

Ann Phillips - Lawndale ESD

Jesse Urquidi - Norwalk-La Mirada

There was a question on the following: how many years has Ann been on there (Garcia)

Action: 7.2 Practicum and Internship Experiences Agreement with the College of William & Mary  
Approve the agreement with the College of William & Mary for participation in practicum and internship experiences.

Motion by Sonia De Leon, second by Carmen Gomez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.3 Agreement with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Ratify the agreement with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing outlining reimbursement for costs associated with the accreditation visit.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Sonia De Leon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.4 Comprehensive Support and Improvement Funds

Ratify submission of the 2019-20 Every Student Success Act Comprehensive Support and Improvement Application for funding.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.5 Nonpublic School Placement for a Student with an Individualized Education Program 2019-20

Approve the placement for a student in nonpublic schools as determined by the student's Individualized Education Program for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.6 Public Hearing: General Waiver Request (Special Education) - Extended Year (ESY)

Conduct a public hearing regarding the Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Close the public hearing regarding the Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.7 General Waiver Request (Special Education) - Extended School Year (ESY)  
Approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.8 Summer School and Extended School Year Program for 2020

Approve the 2020 Summer School and Extended School Year Program and authorize the employment of staff and purchase of materials and supplies.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.9 Sports for Learning Inc.

Approve the Sports for Learning contracts to provide services for Alondra, Jackson and Zamboni Middle School students starting March 9, 2020 through June 5, 2020.

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Linda Garcia, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Nay: Carmen Gomez, Sonia De Leon

There were questions/discussion on the following: how are the schools chosen or do they choose (Garcia), this is only thru the end of the school year (Hansen) who created the curriculum, do teachers (Cuarenta).

Board Member Gomez commented for the record why she voted nay:

She reached out to five principals and the feedback she received from two. In the emails there is no data on absenteeism and suspensions. The schools did not have a high suspension rate. Believes the Board can explore other options. She asked how does the Board determine the effectiveness of a program if there is no data and support to reduce the absenteeism and disciplinary. She would like the last three years of data on why students are being suspended. She supports teachers and they can do a good job themselves and district can develop their own program. Vice President Cuarenta commented that teachers have a lot on their plate and this is a great way for teachers to focus on teaching and sees this program is an asset.

Action: 7.10 Agreement with Los Angeles Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Approve the agreement with Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide preventative and treatment centered programming for substance abuse.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.11 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments as of January 31, 2020

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.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Vivian Hansen.



Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.12 Notice of Completion

Accept as completed the Field Service Contracts 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.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.13 Second Interim Report 2019-2020

Approve the Second Interim Report with a positive certification.

Motion by Yesenia Cuarenta, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

Action: 7.14 West Coast Protection LLC DBA: Interquest Detection Canines

Approve West Coast Protection LLC (DBA: Interquest Detection Canines) agreement effective March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

There were questions/discussion on the following: is there data having canines, does it have positive results (De Leon), would like a report every three months (Gomez), concern for students if they have a fear of dogs (De Leon), if student tipped security about issue in a classroom, what would happen (Hansen), would the classroom be emptied before the dog goes in (Hansen), if a report is received and an email gets sent, they will sniff lockers (Garcia), do they come in once a month to do a search (Perez), students would not know when the dogs will be on campus (Garcia), student associated with another in a different class and the student informs the other the dogs are here, what happens then (Gomez), a request to have the item to next month's agenda (Cuarenta), is it defeating the purpose by letting the students know that this is going to be coming (Garcia), it is about how they would feel about a dog, seeing dogs on campus (Cuarenta), is the contract until the end of the school year (Hansen), is this a yearly contract (Garcia), does this include Buena vista and Odyssey (Garcia)

Action: 7.15 2020 No Kid Hungry - Summer Meals Grant Opportunity California

Approve submission for the 2020 Summer Meal Grant Opportunity California

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Sonia De Leon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carmen Gomez, Linda Garcia, Sonia De Leon, Vivian Hansen, Yesenia Cuarenta

There was a question/discussion on the following: it does not include anything about the food services (Garcia)

**8. Information Items** - The Board received as information the following:

8.1 Monthly Financial Statements, January 2020

8.2 Monthly Financial Statements, January 2020 – Special Education

8.3 Monthly Financial Statements, January 2020 – Self-Insurance Fund – Health and Welfare

## 9. Announcements

9.1 President Hansen announced that the next Regular Meeting is on Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Boardroom of the District Office.

9.2 Employee Comment Per Government Code 54957

President Hansen referenced a sample CSBA policy on student cell phone usage that the Board may want to look at.

Board Member Gomez provided different ideas of how to pilot this program and how other school districts handle the policy in their own district (using a pouch to store in/pouch-locked up).

There was discussion/questions on the following: a request for a pilot program (Gomez), make a policy for middle schools as they will go to the high school and know that they will not be allowed to use them (Gomez), was there a survey done on how many students are using cell phones in classes (Garcia), lunch time usage is the problem because of social media (Gomez), PHS-West pilot program to start in August with the new school year (Gomez), maintaining data if someone gets caught (Gomez), at the 21-22 school year we can try at Paramount High School (Gomez), issue was brought up by parents and they don't want them using cell phones (Hansen), policy can start next year (Hansen), policy will need to be in the handbook that goes out (Hansen), declining enrollment due to students transferring because of social media (Gomez), the request to have staff bring back a policy in April for first reading and second so that it is ready for the schools handbooks that go to parents (Hansen), disagreement if phones are taken away or locked up in pouches (Garcia), phones will not be locked up (Gomez), a suggestion to have information/data as back up to show that when they are not allowed to use them, academic increases and we've seen that in other schools (De Leon), teaching parents why cell phones are not a good choice (Cuarenta), data that shows there is less distractions, having the science behind us to prove it (De Leon).

President Hansen addressed issue on Augmentative and Alternative Communication Device that a parent stated students were not given services/devices and not given training and same thing came up tonight. The County Office of Education used to provide the trainings but now the Districts do and believes Dr. Garcia is in charge of that. President Hansen asked how many students use devices via the Wednesday report. President Hansen added that the parent who brought up this issue last time has received the training in October of last year and knows that they are trying to reschedule the training for her and her student and it's being taken care of.

Other questions she would like to provide answers for are:

- The number of classrooms being used for instruction in the District: 837
- The number of classrooms that have Merv 16 filters: 51
- The number of classrooms that have Merv 16 filters: 786

President Hansen shared a comment that was previously made that the District should always use the Department of Public Health when testing. President Hansen commented that we have always used them every time except once when they did not want to be involved and this is on the website.

President Hansen also responded to a comment from a speaker that he was dismayed and shocked that Bea Spelker was in a meeting with parents of students with special needs and that it was an intimidating and ethical violation of the Brown Act. Bea Spelker is not an elected official and none of the people in the room were elected officials. The Brown Act applies to elected officials, there can be no more of a majority of elected officials in a room without it being a public meeting. It was not a violation of the Brown Act.

A parent stated that the money is sitting in the bank which was brought up again tonight, the money is for the grant for filters. The money is not sitting in the bank, it is money that we will pay and get reimbursed for. The District has not received money from the grant.

President Hansen commented that earlier tonight, there was a question made on what the District was going to do with Measure Y money. President Hansen shared that Measure Y money is not the District's, it goes to the City.

Vice President Cuarenta wished to follow up on the comment President Hansen made earlier on the parent and asked if the District followed up with the parent. President Hansen indicated that yes they did.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

10.1 The Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss the following:

10.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator per Govt. Code 54957.6

10.3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation per Govt. Code 54956.9 (b) (2 cases)

10.4 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release per Govt. Code Section 54957.6

10.5 Public Employee Appointment (K-8 Assistant Principal) Per Govt. Code 54957

## **11. Reconvene Open Session**

11.1 The Board of Education reconvened to open session at 10:40 p.m. Board President Hansen reported that in Closed Session the Board discussed Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Public Employee Appointment.

In Closed Session the Board took action on the following:

The Board of Education resolved by a 5-0 vote that certificated employee, #4745, willingly was assigned to the position of K-8 Assistant Principal for the 2020-21 school year and will be placed on the corresponding salary schedule.

Board Member Garcia moved, Vice President Cuarenta seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

## **12. Adjournment**

12.1 Board Member Gomez motioned, Vice President Cuarenta seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:41 p.m. in memory of Vera Amari.