

## **Regular Meeting of Board of Education - Conducted Telephonically (Monday, May 11, 2020)**

### 1. Opening Items

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**

#### **1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Vivian Hansen

#### **1.3 Roll Call**

##### **Members present**

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

##### **Action: 1.4 Approve Agenda May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of Board of Education**

Approve agenda of the Board of Education May 11, 2020

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Motion Carries

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

##### **Action, Minutes: 1.5 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes April 6, 2020**

Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting April 6, 2020.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Carmen Gomez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **2. Employee Representative Reports** - The following comments were received prior to meeting and read aloud by President Hansen

TAP Vice President of Communications on behalf of President Kimberly Goforth shared that now in May, and instead of being in our classes going full force on our end of the year assessments, and planning our end of the year celebrations, we are still all at home. As each week goes by, she knows we all wish we were back in the classroom, yet also know that staying at home is best for our employees and students. TAP is proud of all the work members have put in. Not only academically, but emotionally as well. Our students require so much of us, and we have shown how strong we are, and how much we care for our students and their families. Along with the struggles of working and learning from home, many families are experiencing hard economic times. On behalf of TAP, this past month donated a total of \$8,000 to charities that help with food and necessities, and families in need (\$6,000 to local charities and \$2,000 to families). They also could not forget Teacher Appreciation Week. Without the determination from our teachers, this distance learning would not be as successful as it has been. We owe so much to our hard working teachers, that at times they feel as if they cannot show their appreciation enough. Last week they sent out virtual gift cards to teachers as a thank you, and a reminder that they are never forgotten, even when we have not had face to face interaction. We will also be celebrating this year's retirees, and teachers of the year during the STAR Awards: Quarantine Edition.

As they plan for the end of the year, they are also planning on how our next school year will look. She knows she does not only speak for herself, when she says Governor Newsom's announcement on opening schools in July, caught her off guard and made her panic a bit. Yet, after taking multiple deep breaths, and receiving Dr. Perez's reassuring email, she was able to find comfort that our TAP and District partnership would handle this situation with our stakeholders in mind. This also includes the start of the 'Back To School Task Force'. She knows that the 6-8 group met last week, and started their discussions on how distance learning has been going. She is also part of this

task force, for the k-5 section, and looks forward to also meeting soon. Just like with everything Paramount District does, she knows we will all come together to find the best possible solutions for our stakeholders, and provide transparency every step of the way. She ends this update by asking everyone to take time for themselves. Give yourself a break, and remember that together we will get through this. COVID-19 is not the only issue for some, all other problems do not stop because of a pandemic. So remember to be kind to yourself and others. Have a great week to all!

CSEA Representative Alex Maldonado via received comment, Good evening Board members and Superintendent Dr Perez and Cabinet. It has been a very strange few months. CSEA is heartened by the effort and time that the district has invested in making sure that our staff and students can return safely, when appropriate, to our school and work sites. They are very pleased to be part of that task force that is looking into this as well.

They wished to thank TAP and its' members for all their hard work as well. It's not easy doing what they do during a normal school year – but what they have done for our students with the new remote learning environment has been spectacular. Last but not least we of course want to recognize our amazing CSEA brothers and sisters who have continued to serve our students these past 2 months with the highest standards of excellence. Tens of thousands of lunches and breakfasts served, our facilities maintained, campuses secured, payroll and other financial work completed seamlessly, technology supporting all our employees, and all of the other tasks you do. You are the BEST of CSEA.”

### **3. Public Hearing** - Public comments were received and read by President Hansen

Marcie Bridges - Lincoln School Parent - She wished to thank the district, the teachers, and all of its employees. From the wonderful lunch ladies who are there rain, or heat wave to provide meals for our children. To the amazing teachers that have taken the options they had and aided my children in the ability to thrive during these uncertain circumstances. She is one of the first people to tell you that distance learning is not easy but the communication that these teachers provide and their accessibility to the parents make all the difference!

She would like to thank Dr. Jones and the Lincoln educators for making themselves accessible to the parents really reaching out and staying in constant communication with us. Pushing us not to give up, and lifting us up when needed. She feels blessed as a parent knowing that my children have teachers who genuinely care for their educational well-being, while she can't help feeling cheated that my children missed out on such amazing educators, the consistent communication and dedication from these teachers helps to ease that burden and show just how incredible they are!. My children are still engaged, they are still learning in different ways, they are thriving they are growing and it is all thanks to these educators they're going above and beyond the necessary calls of duty to support myself and other parents in this journey during this time.

She thanked the Lincoln staff for keeping them engaged with spirit week- zooms calls and even a quick check- in for parents she can assure it really means the world to them! Keep up the amazing work! Our children are lucky to have you!

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

#### 4.1- Board Member Reports

Board Member Gomez attended the Friday webinars where Nancy Rivas and Joy Go introduced a new tool called Jam Board that is a digital whiteboard tool that facilitates student collaboration. Dr. Smith shared information about how students patient is being monitored and distance learning through Schoology analytics. He showed that student's engagement in Schoology is strong, it's quality and in odd times. She has also been keeping up with state and local news and CSBA. She is a bit concerned about the financial news coming out of Sacramento regarding the shortfall to tax revenue and its impact on education funding. She shared that she would like to get a better understanding of the potential impact to our district. She wished to thank principal, Christina Kraus from Paramount High School for her Paramount High School family newsletter that it is a great resource for our community. She also provided a big thank you to all of the teachers and added that they have done an awesome job through zoom and also for the Nutrition Services for feeding all our students and all the Classified employees. Without them we would not be where we are today and she thanked everybody for what they're doing.

Board Member De Leon thanked the students, parents, administration for helping during this time. As a Board member, she reached out to workers, teachers, students and parents. We hear many people praising essential workers such as nurses, as heroes. She commented that we too in our district have heroes that make it possible for our district to provide students with the quality education they deserve. Our workers are an essential part of our District family. Yet sadly, the verbal praise given to our workers is not matched by our commitment as a District to pay them the salaries they deserve, especially during this time during this crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic should be a wake up call for us to be better prepared for catastrophic events such as earthquake or another virus. The pandemic also reminded us that indeed budgets are moral documents that reveal our values and priorities. For these reasons. Our district must put an end its bad habit of spending money in programs who are alleged to improve the quality of education, but for which no reliable data has been offered. We are spending money with no evidence of the promise effectiveness. On the other hand, we are denying our workers the wages they deserve. If we are to come stronger and wiser out of this quarantine, what should you be mining as a district? What are essentials for providing a safe learning environment for all our students? We cannot just give praise to our workers when they need a raise.

Board Member Garcia wished to provide her appreciation to everyone that's still been working, giving our students everything that they need, food services and everybody working. She very much appreciates it and she is sure all of the families appreciate it. Thank you.

Vice President Cuarenta thanked all Board members for a respectfully expressing their opinions. She had a chance to attend the STEP 2020 event. She shared that this month is actually Mental Health Awareness month and believes it's important to recognize as a Board of Education the importance of mental health awareness, specifically the support of the emotional wellbeing of students and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are feeling the pressures brought about by the changes we have had to adapt, especially our students and teachers. Stress, anxiety, fear and sadness and depression are all feelings that everyone is hearing is important that everyone learned about self care needed to help you cope. She is grateful that our school district provided a big Mental Health Fair at Paramount High School right before the pandemic. She added that it is important to learn self care strategies and to get the care you need to help you cope. We know what it takes to keep a child physically healthy. Nutrition, food, exercise, immunizations, but the basics for good mental health aren't always clear. The first basic is to know that children's mental health matters. We need to treat a child's mental health just like we do their physical health. She is grateful that our school district supports the social and emotional wellbeing of students through caring teachers and staff. Having counselors and social workers to work with friends and family helps promote the wellbeing of students. Having programs like Growth Mindset helps to develop a positive self esteem and having a curriculum that supports the social emotional wellbeing of students is important. She has asked the Superintendent to report at another meeting in May, a mental health awareness or resolution that the Board can approved in support of mental health awareness. She wants to thank everyone in the school district for their support of the social and emotional wellbeing of our students by helping them build their confidence and competence.

## **4.2 Superintendent's Report**

### **School Closures Update**

Dr. Perez expressed her gratitude to all of teachers, classified staff and administrators for the hard work that they are doing, but also acknowledge the students who are working hard to keep up with their education and we know that's critically important and it is the number one priority. She also thanked the community that responded to a which she will share a little bit about that later on during the Superintendent's report. She is grateful to the families that took the time to give feedback and help us with information that will inform the task force that we have created in order to hopefully open schools back in the fall, but only open them if our students are going to be safe. And if we cannot open in the fall, that we have something in place that we are tapping into the expertise of employees such as our teachers that share with us what we need to do to provide even more for our students and what our families are sharing with us will be critically important. This pandemic not only caught our school district by surprise, but it also caught, the entire country by surprise and the entire world by surprise. She is very proud of the effort that our employees have made to really provide for the needs of everyone and she w thanked everyone for their patience, understanding and support during a very critical time. It is being heard that due to the unemployment rate and the lack of tax revenues, providing to prop 98 and other funds that provide funding for education, news is being received of potential cuts that are coming to education that similar to that during the recession.

She added that in order to provide updated information is first to stay apprised of what is coming out of Sacramento and the federal government as well. This is a very important week as Mr. Frutos will mention because we will be receiving updates and we will be receiving May Revise to the Governor's budget and he will share about the process that goes into that and an understanding of how this budget will be formulated because we have been told that even through the summer, we will be receiving revisions to the budget due to what is happening in the country and in our state. She knows that school closures is very important to the Board of Education and Cabinet is ready to provide a report each.

Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services shared that we continue to receive new budgetary information. Last week, the legislative analyst office offered different views on the state budget. The governor and department of finance are predicting a \$54 billion budget deficit. While the report from the legislative analyst staff is, projects are shortfall of either \$18 billion or \$31 billion less than the governor. And depending on the severity of the recession, you will begin to hear a lot about if we recover by the summer, things could get better sooner. Additionally, the legislator analyst office stated that the California Corona virus induced budget deficits could continue on until at least 2024, well beyond what we believe will be the public health crisis. The California department of finance is projecting an unemployment rate of 18% or 46% higher than at the peak of the great recession. It was also stated that the state's record budget reserves cannot make up for the revenue lost due to the pandemic endue shutdowns and the governor and legislators will have to agree on state level cuts the governor and Thursday that made budget revisions for the year beginning in July, which are expected to provide us more details to assist with our ongoing planning process. All the estimates are severe, but as in prior downturns, it is important to wait until the district receives solid information before budgets are finalized and actions are taken.

Dr. Perez added that another aspect of this budget will be the advocacy that she hopes the Board is able to engage in through CSBA your own school board association.

Lucy Albera, Director-Nutrition Services from Nutrition Services shared that as of right now, we are continuing the grab and go meals located at the four meal distribution sites, which are Collins, Los Cerritos, Mokler and Wirtz Elementaries and are serving three days a week, Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-11:00 a.m.. About 34,000 meals are served on a weekly basis. And since March 16th, 227,000 meals have been served.

Dr. Debbie Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services shared that last week we had our third round of print materials that we distributed. They are distributed from every elementary school and they include materials for both reading and math for all students to transitional kindergarten through second grade. All principals show up to help distribute material. We'll have our final materials, to distribute on May 25<sup>th</sup> and with these, it will include a paperback book for each grade and the assignment that students get in the packets will be based on each book. In addition, our packets include sample schedules for parents so they can structure the day and also enrichment activities that parents and students can do at home that promote learning but require very few materials. Principals do a great job of communicating the packet distribution day and hours through Blackboard connect and all of the materials are on the website as well as well as other high quality digital resources and websites that are specific to each grade, kindergarten through fifth grade. And lastly, we are planning summer school for elementary and middle grades using digital instruction. This week we are sending out a survey to all our kinder thru five parents to find out what their ideas are about having their students participate in digital summer learning and if they have a K-2 student, whether or not that student has access to technology and internet. We look forward to hearing from our parents in this survey so that we can use those results to inform our summer planning.

Dr. Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services shared that professional development has been provided in the form of webinar Fridays and has been very well attended and is grateful to Board member Gomez, Cuarenta and President Hansen. He shared some usage data on Schoology and how our students are engaging in Schoology and is pleased to continue to report that overall Schoology usage continues to be quite strong. We've been averaging in the mid 90% range of students that are checking in at least once a week and on a daily basis.

Well over 70% of students are active in Schoology on a day to day basis. He pointed out that there was the very first fully virtual professional learning development, our learning event for educational technology known as STEP

2020 last Friday. There were some incredible presentations by teachers and staff from across the district on a variety of topics. There were over 40 to 60 people in attendance in each of those sessions, which is a really great turnout and it wound up being a really positive morning for us and a great opportunity for us to showcase a lot of the talent and a lot of the expertise in Paramount Unified and also help colleagues across the District.

Dr. Perez thanked the Board of Education for always supporting the technology programs, that are brought forward. We are grateful to have the technology initiative program as well as our other applications and other programs that are now very helpful to our students and families. That was very clear in the survey and also our teachers are very much appreciative. There are teachers that need to be recognized because a lot of this was teacher led. We are very proud and grateful to our teachers that gave their time to providing this.

Dr. Elida Garcia, Director-Special Education shared that right now they are planning for the extended school year. They are doing this in alignment with the District summer school plans as well. It will be a distance learning model but do hope to make it as interactive as possible so that it looks different than what they're doing now to entice the students to participate in that extended school year. They also have three special education small groups for the back to school task force with approximately 31 members participating. They represent teachers, specialists and service providers and those input meetings are taking place weekly.

Mr. Jim Monico, Interim Director-Student Services shared that numbers have increased in Foster Youth by one and are now up to 99 Foster Youth students in the district and it's increased by six for our homeless students and are at a total of 120. Staff continues to work with the students, especially with the ones who are struggling academically and social emotional issues and connect with these families by phone. These calls generate information to identify immediate needs expressed by the students and the parents. There have been a few home insecurities recently. There was one family from Roosevelt who had to relocate because of a house fire and another family from West campus left home to a motel last week. There was one foster youth that was relocated to another family. Staff continues to support these families in their current locations.

He thanked Julie White, the Foster Youth Coordinator and the mentoring staff as they are the ones that are making these phone calls and making these connections and making porch deliveries. This past Saturday food deliveries to 20 families was made and an additional delivery of seven more families this morning. Staff is in the process of delivering \$2,000 worth of \$50 gift cards that were donated by Walmart. Staff is trying to stay on top of it all, and really listening to the needs of the students and parents and most families and trying to stay in contact with them to support them.

Dr. Debbie Stark, Assistant Superintendent shared that there is new flexibility with the LCAP and normally she would be bringing the plan in June, but that requirement in light of school closure has been replaced. And the new replacement, the new requirement is a very short plan called the COVID-19 Operations written report. It is a very succinct report and will be submitting it for Board approval in tandem with the budget at the second meeting in June. And the purpose of the report is just to describe the changes that the District is making in response to the pandemic and in response to school closure. It will include information very briefly on how we are meeting. We continue to meet the needs of students, how we provide distance learning, how we provide school meals, and any steps we've taken to support supervision of students who may need it during school closure. The actual LCAP itself has been deferred until December, 2020 and that will be a one year plan. That's another change the state has made instead of a three year plan and the full three year plan has been deferred until June, 2021.

Dr. Perez commented that at the district office there are some technology experts that make themselves available three times a week to be able to fix Chromebooks and all the laptops or provide others if they're not fixable. Not every parent family, has needed that service, but she knows that those that have needed it and have attended or have gone there, keeping the social distancing protocols, they have appreciated being able to have that technology fixed for their children.

Mr. Jim Wolff, Director-Technology shared that extra provision as a result of lobbying efforts on our district's behalf for our families that don't have wifi access and he mentions this because as parents are listening to the Board meeting this evening, please know that they are providing the service if the Chromebook or laptop is not working

for your child on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the District office. These are free of charge to, help fix a Chromebook or a laptop and provide continued access for your children to learn.

Dr. Perez added that Governor Newsome two weeks ago issued an executive order asking Superintendents to start looking at what a return to school in the fall would look like. This is a result of wanting to get the economy going again because it realized that in order for parents to go to work, children have to go to school. However, the safety of our students is first and foremost as well as the safety of our employees. So this task force is very important and the feedback that we receive from all stakeholders is extremely important. She has asked Dr. Myrna Morales to lead this and she will share how we have started, as well as our timeline.

Dr. Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources provided information on the new Back To School Task Force and overview of the planning task force that will address coming back to school in district buildings. As you heard Dr. Perez just say, safety of our students and staff is a focal point of the work that we'll be. So the objective of the, of the task force and to ensure safety continuance of quality education in a variety of ways and develop contingency plans. If staff home order is re-instituted or continues, we plan to share the completed plan with you at the June 22nd board meeting. It is important to see that taskforce definition includes using experts and specialists to address solving a problem. Here are the teachers, the office staff, the maintenance workers to the student nutrition workers, the nurses, they're the specialists and the experts. So we want to make sure that we capture and ensure and get their input in all aspects of returning to school. Our structures that we have weekly planning meetings to help the facilitators plan their discussions for the topic of the following week. We also have weekly meetings that are led by facilitators. The small group specialty group in their areas will take place and discuss topics.

We want to focus to ensure that they have effective participation from group members. Our goal is to have authentic input. We want our facilitators to elicit contributions and solutions from their participants. They also record and report back their outcomes. There is a planning feedback sheet. It's the mechanism used to capture the work of the specialty sub-groups. Their work is shared and reviewed with others at the planning meeting. There are topics and timelines that we plan to cover. There are four to five long term distance learning plans have taken place to take a look if we do this on the long term, what needs to be fortified to increase our services to students and enhance learning. Groups will be looking at the optimal return to campus. What instruction might look like at each of our instructional levels from, special education, early childhood education to adult school. They will discuss social distancing and safety. On June 1st June 8th, they will discuss child care, plans, symptoms, testing and addressing social emotional, mental health support plans for students, staff and parents. As we know that is a need for all groups. On June 15th, once there is all the details of the plan, put in place, they will discuss what safety and sanitation needs to take place. Once the plans have more structure and take shape. Dr Renee Jeffrey will also meet with parents from DELAC impact to gather input and get feedback. They plan to communicate with the Board and to the entire group of employees on a regular basis.

### **COVID-19 Community Survey**

Dr. Perez a shared with the Board the key findings of the survey and added that the Board will receive a copy of the results in their weekly Board update. The purpose of that is to inform the task force of information to know areas where the District might be able to provide further services.

1. Over 1,700 families responded
2. In the immediate aftermath of school closures, parents give positive ratings to their school and the district for their handling of coronavirus and the transition to remote learning overall.
3. Parents give positive ratings to their schools and the district regarding communication efforts they are making when they call.
4. Teachers are providing greater emphasis on mathematics and reading in their instruction with students.
5. Families indicate that students are finding distance learning on the Chromebooks as successful and the TK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade instructional packets.
6. Families are very concerned about students returning to school in the Fall even with social distancing protocols being followed and the provision of facial masks.
7. Parents and families have academic and safety concerns for their children because of the Coronavirus impacts to education.

## 5. Board Meeting Calendar

Action: 5.1 Board Study Session May 26 or May 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Approve the scheduling of a Board Study Session on May 26 or May 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Sonia De Leon.

Motion Carries

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

## 6. Consent Items

### 6.1 Approval Consent Items 6.2-6.9

Resolution: Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6. as presented.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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

### 6.2 Representatives to Athletic Leagues for 2020-2021

Resolution: Approve Christiana Kraus, Paramount High School Principal and Alex Acosta, Paramount High School Athletic Director as District Representatives to athletic leagues for the 2020-21 school year.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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

### 6.3 Personnel Report 19-11

Resolution: Accept Personnel Report 19-11 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.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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

### 6.4 Consultant and Contract Services - Educational Services

Resolution: Approve the Consultant and Contract Services request a contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized service as submitted.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented., how do we get this number (De Leon)

President Hansen commented that if there was an increase over that, they would come back just like on this agenda. They would not go over that amount without coming back to the Board.

There were questions/comments on the following: Gallagher Pediatrics Therapy - do we know how many more students are requiring these services (Gomez), clarification requested on what increased by \$15,000, not to exceed \$40,000 (De Leon)

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

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

Resolution: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA's Community Programs Office, Pacific Islander Education and Retention Project for the 2020-21 school year.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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 (Consent): 6.7 Warrants for the Month of April 2020

Resolution: Approve warrants for all funds through April with a total of \$15,261,759.44.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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 (Consent): 6.8 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.

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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 (Consent): 6.9 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

Recommend of approval of Consent items 6.1-6.9 as presented.

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

## **7. Action Items**

Action: 7.1 Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Student with an Individualized Education Program

Approve and authorize payment for attorney fees and settlement agreement for a student with an Individualized Education Program.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Sonia De Leon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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



Action: 7.2 Approval and Adoption of Instructional Materials for Expanded Pilot in Sixth Grade Math Classrooms

Approve and adopt Open-Up Resources instructional materials as part of an expanded pilot in middle school math.

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 Renewal Subscription for Learning Genie, Inc.

Approve the renewal subscription for Learning Genie, Inc. software for 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

There were questions/comments on the following: does it mean there is 410 students (Gomez)

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 Memorandum of Understanding with Cerritos College for college course offering two

World Language Courses: American Sign Language 101 and Chinese 101

Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with Cerritos College for the purpose of providing after-school World Language courses in American Sign Language 101 and Chinese 101 and the purchase of textbooks and related student health fees for students at Paramount High School in Spring 2020 due to memorandum of understanding being received on April 10, 2020.

There were questions on the following: how many students will be eligible to participate (Gomez), what is the minimum credit that they will keep accepting if it goes lower (Gomez), will they continue or would they discontinue (Gomez)

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: 7.5 Suspension of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 - Grades-Evaluation of Student Achievement

Approve the suspension of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 - Grades-Evaluation of Student Achievement for the 2020 second semester and summer terms.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Dr. Ryan Smith and Dr. Debbie Stark provided the Board with a summary of the Study Session on graduation requirements and grading during COVID -19. At the April 28 Study Session one of the things that was presented was a comparison of both the state mandated requirements for graduation and how they compared to the Paramount Unified School Districts requirements for graduation and there are some important differences. There is a difference in overall number of credits in order to earn a diploma from Paramount Unified School District and what is between the two is the State does not require elective credits whereas Paramount Unified School District and many other school districts for that matter do. Part of the discussion that was had in the study session was the need to ensure that no student's graduation progress was derailed by the impact of COVID-19 and the resulting school closures. The recommendation to the Board was that for the Class of 2020 only, apply the state-mandated graduation requirements to the Class of 2020 only to provide equity and "do no harm" to students during these unprecedented times.

Why is a change in grading needed?

- The COVID-19 pandemic, which required a transition to distance learning, requires that we re-think grading practices.

- When schools are physically open , we can “level the playing field” by providing a consistent level of support and intervention. When students are learning remotely, they may face unique challenges that do not come into play when campuses are open.
- Our goal is to provide a grading policy for second semester and summer that is equitable for all students and based on the philosophy of “do no harm”.

Current Policy: K-5 Grade

Current policy states that criteria for academic performance will be based on the following rubric:

Rubric Score	Meaning
4	Consistently exceeds grade level standards
3	Consistently meets grade level standards
2	Making progress toward grade level standards
1	Little or no progress toward grade level standards

Proposed Change: K-5 Grade

- TK-5 report cards are given three times per year; students have already received two grades this school year (November, March).
- Grades issued in June would not reflect progress that many students would have made the last trimester; this is especially true for literacy in the early grades.
- Recommend grades are suspended and only “Teacher Comments” are included for June, 2020 report cards in grades TK-5<sup>th</sup>.

Current Policy: 6-12th Grade

Current policy states that criteria for academic performance will be based on the following:

Grade	Meaning
A	Excelling at District course standards
B	Significantly proficient at District course standards
C	Proficient at District course standards
D	Minimal proficiency at District course standards
F	Not proficient at District course standards - No credit (9-12)
I	Incomplete - No credit (9-12)

Proposed Change: 6-8 Grades

Recommend using students’ March 13 grades with any improvements that the student has shown during distance learning to provide a Pass/Fail Mark.

- Pass - Students who have an ending grade of A,B,C, or D will receive a Pass Mark.
- Fail - Even after intervention and support, students who have an ending grade of an F will receive a Fail Mark.

Option #3: Credit/No Credit with Grade Opt In

Description

- All students are given credit/no credit
- Student/Parent selects to get a grade in a class

Sample:	Spanish	A
	Algebra	A
	History	Credit (Had a B)
	English	Credit (Had a B)
	Science	A
	Art	A

7.6 Suspension of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.4 - High School Graduation Requirements Approve the suspension of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.4 - High School Graduation Requirements for the Class of 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 Action:

### 7.7 State Mandated Graduation Requirements

Approve for the Class of 2020 to use California's state mandated graduation requirements as the standard for earning a diploma from Paramount Unified School District.

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: 7.8 Grades-Evaluation of Student Achievement During School Closures

Approve for second semester/summer 2020 report card marks to include only teacher comments for grades TK-5; pass or fail marks for grades 6-8; credit or no credit marks for grades 9-12 and allow students to opt-in to receiving a traditional letter grade for each course if they prefer.

Vice President Cuarenta provided a shout out to student Valeria Torres who started a petition and obtained 492 signatures and for convincing classmates to stick up for what they believe in.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

President Hansen wished to thank everyone for the hard work and, and the thinking that went behind it, having to make these difficult decisions to make these changes from now until the end of the school year and she thanked staff for providing the information to the Board in a very thoughtful manner so that it was easy to understand and um, so that they can give this information to students and our parents.

### Action: 7.9 Approval and Adoption of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for World Language

Approve the adoption and purchase of texts and instructional materials for 9-12 World Language courses for the 2020-21 school year.

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: 7.10 Addendum to the Sprint 1 Million Project Agreement

Ratify The 1 Million Project addendum to allow us to issue hotspots to Paramount Unified School District's students in grades 3-8 who are part of our 1-1 Chromebook initiative.

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 Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College for College Course Offering: English 101

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College for the purpose of providing an after-school class in English 101 at Paramount High School in Summer 2020 and the purchase of textbooks.

There was discussion/question on the following: what is the criteria (Gomez)

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: 7.12 New Course: Introduction to Data Science

Approve the new partnership with UCLA for the Introduction to Data Science course and the purchase of instructional materials at Paramount High School for the 2020-21 school year.

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: 7.13 New Course: Advanced Placement Music Theory

Approve the New Advanced Placement Music Theory course and the purchase of instructional materials at Paramount High School for the 2020-21 school year.

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: 7.14 New Course: Advanced Placement Prep Music

Approve the new Advanced Placement Prep Music course and the purchase of instructional materials for summer 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

Action: 7.15 New CTE Course: Advanced Graphic Design Internship

Approve the new CTE course Advanced Graphic Design Internship and purchased of instructional materials, equipment and supplies for the 2020-21 school year at Paramount High School.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Carmen Gomez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.16 New Course: Biochemistry

Approve the new Biochemistry course and the purchase of instructional materials, equipment and supplies at Odyssey STEM Academy for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Vivian Hansen, second by Sonia De Leon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.17 New Course: United States History and Public Health

Approve the new United States History and Public Policy course and the purchase of instructional materials, equipment and supplies at Odyssey STEM Academy for the 2020-21 school year.

There was discussion/questions on the following: is the option also given to Paramount High School students (Gomez), there is a need to focus on the students that have not met or are barely meeting and bring program for them (Gomez), all I'm seeing is honors classes (Gomez)

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: 7.18 Renaming of CTE Course Principles of Biomedical Science to Principles of Biomedical Science Honors

Approve the renaming of CTE course Principles of Biomedical Science (PLTW) to Principles of Biomedical Science Honors (PLTW) for the 2020-21 school year.

There was discussion/question on the following: why are we changing it to honors (Gomez), is there something more important for it to have honors (Gomez)

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: 7.19 Renaming of CTE Course Cybersecurity to Cybersecurity Honors

Approve the renaming of CTE Course Cybersecurity to Cybersecurity Honors

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: 7.20 Board Policy 5131.8 Mobile Communication Devices

Approve Proposed Board Policy 5131.8 Mobile Communication Devices as a second read and approval of adoption.

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: 7.21 Khan Academy Agreement

Approve Khan Academy Agreement for the 2020-21 school year at all Paramount Unified School District high schools.

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: 7.22 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments as of March 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 Vivian Hansen, second by Yesenia Cuarenta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.23 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments as of April 30, 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 Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.24 Transportation Services Addendum – Independent Contractor Agreement

Approve addendum to the Durham transportation services agreement.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Carmen Gomez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.25 Coronavirus Relief Bill Grant for School Food Authorities (SFAs)

Ratify the submission for the Coronavirus Relief Bill Grant for School Food Authorities (SFAs) from No Kid Hungry Program

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: 7.26 COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding Grant

Ratify the submission for the COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding Grant.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Vivian Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.27 Authorization for Student Nutrition Services Supplies

Authorize staff to prepare specifications for Student Nutrition Services Supplies. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to advertise, review, award, and execute all necessary documents to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s).

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: 7.28 Notice of Completion – Field Service Contract

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.

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: 7.29 2012 School Facility Bridge Funding Program Certificates Scheduled Current Change Date Resolution 19-34, Approval of New Adjustment Period and Adjusted Interest Rate Parameters Adopt Resolution 19-34, authorizing the maximum parameters and activities needed to complete the implementation of the 2012 Bridge Certificates, new Adjustment Period and Adjusted Interest Rate process and on the June 1, 2020 Change Date.

Motion by Linda Garcia, second by Carmen Gomez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **8. Information Items**

The Board received as information the following:

8.1 Student Fundraisers at Buena Vista High School, Paramount Adult Education, Paramount High School, Paramount High School West-Campus and Odyssey STEM Academy for the 2020-21 school year.

8.2 Monthly Financial Statements, March 2020

8.3 Monthly Financial Statements, March 2020 – Special Education

8.4 Monthly Financial Statements, March 2020 – Self-Insurance Fund – Health and Welfare

8.5 Average Daily Attendance Summary Report Through January 23, 2020 and the Fifth Monthly School Enrollment Report

## 8.6 Average Daily Attendance Summary Report Through February 21, 2020 and the Sixth Monthly School Enrollment Report

### **9. Announcements**

President Hansen announced the next Regular Meeting will be June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and Special Meeting May 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

### **10. Closed Session**

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss the following: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employee Performance Evaluation.

### **11. Reconvene Open Session**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:41p.m. and President Hansen announced that the Board had discussed the following:

Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employee Performance Evaluation.

### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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