

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

January 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Tony Peña in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount California.

Pledge of Allegiance Jim Monico, Director-Student Services led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Trustee Tony Peña Trustee Sonya Cuellar
Trustee Linda Garcia Trustee Vivian Hansen
Trustee Alicia Anderson

Administrators Present David Verdugo, Superintendent
Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Stella Toibin, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Ranita Browning, Director-Fiscal Services
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education
Patti Cummings, Director-Facilities
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Randy Gray, Director-K-12 Curriculum
Rosemary Green, Director-Personnel
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Jim Monico, Director-Student Services
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Alternative Education Chris Stamm,
Deborah Stark, Director-K-12 Curriculum
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West Campus
Richard Morgan, Principal-Adult Education Center

Approve Agenda Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion
January 12, 2011 carried 5-0 to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of January 12,
1.32 2011.

Regular Meeting Minutes Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion
December 8, 2010 carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on
1.33 December 8, 2010.

Facilities Corporation Meeting Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion
December 8, 2010 carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Facilities Corporation
1.34 Meeting held on December 8, 2010.

Special Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2010
1.35

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 8, 2010.

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives

Ana Godoy, Paramount High School, Maria Rivera, Paramount High School-West Campus; Stacy Higueros, Buena Vista High School and Teresa Leavenworth, Adult Education Center, reported on school academic, athletic and extra curricular activities.

Employee Representative
Reports

No CSEA representative was present and no report was given.

TAP President Deb Meyers welcomed everyone back after the winter break and reported there is a sense of relief as the Governor has reported there will be no budget cuts to education. She also wished to thank Dr. Conroy for providing the Budget Study Committee members with updated budget information.

Board Members' Reports

The Board of Education members wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone back.

Trustee Anderson reported she spent time with the High School swim team and was delighted to see the great participation of students.

Trustee Cuellar shared that it was good to hear the Governor report that there would be no cuts to K-12 education.

Trustee Hansen attended the monthly Ad-Hoc meeting and reported that she was happy to see an article in the City's Pulse Beat in which they will be reaching out to the community to continue their education by providing a College Transit Line to community residents.

Trustee Garcia accompanied by her mother, attended the PHS-W Winter Choir program.

Trustee Peña participated and rode the Santa train throughout the city and assisted with the City of Paramount Breakfast with Santa.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Dr. Verdugo attended the monthly DELAC meeting.
- He was in attendance at the LA84 Track & Field Coache's Clinic that took place at PHS.
- Dr. Verdugo attended the CTA sponsored CTA Legislature Dialog in which Assemblymembers Tony Mendoza, Mike Eng, Charles Calderon and Bonnie Lowenthal also attended.
- Superintendent Verdugo also attended the LACOE Leadership Associates sponsored Superintendent's Search meeting. Selected County Superintendents' were invited to provide input on the new LACOE Superintendent's vacancy.
- He attended the monthly City and District Ad Hoc meeting.

Pathways Volunteer Hospice

Leigh Clausen, Chairperson of Pathways Volunteer Hospice was in attendance to provide the Board with a brief update of the program currently housed at the former Lakewood School location.

Mrs. Clausen first wished to thank the Board and Superintendent Verdugo for assisting them when they needed help the most in providing them a facility that was most conducive to the services they provide to the community and families. She added that Pathways Volunteer Hospice has developed great relationships with Buena Vista High School staff, they have attended quarterly meetings and have been communicating with community members. Mrs. Clausen also wished to thank the District for their continued support during the annual Golf Tournament as one of the sponsors.

Mrs. Clausen concluded by presenting Dr. Verdugo with a Memory Box which resembles boxes that are created by children who receive support. In these boxes, children store items that remind them of the person whom they have lost or are grieving.

Budget Update

The purpose of the Budget update is to provide the Board with the most up to date information on the Governor's proposed 2011-12 budget.

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services reported that the Governor will not impose any cuts to education for now. He shared several budget highlights that include the following:

- ✓ Reduced General fund spending about \$2 billion below the level of expenditures adopted by the Legislature for 2010-11
- ✓ Eliminates the 18-month budget gap of \$25.4 billion (\$8.2 billion occurring in 2010-11 and \$17.2 billion in 2011-12)
- ✓ The Governor's proposed budget realigns services and revenues between the state and local governments
- ✓ Call for a special election in June to determine continuation of current taxes
- ✓ Current Prop 98 funding is contingent upon voter approval of extending temporary taxes (\$2 billion of this money would be committed to Proposition 98)
- ✓ No mid-year reductions for the 2010-11 fiscal year
- ✓ Defer \$2.1 billion in K-14 apportionments into 2012-13
- ✓ Zero COLA for 2011-12, but increases the revenue limit deficit factor by an estimated 1.67 percent
- ✓ Extend categorical program Tier III flexibility through 2014-15
- ✓ Continue the existing reduction (flexibility) in the penalties for K-3 Class Size Reduction through 2013-14
- ✓ Continue other flexibility provisions through 2014-15 (authorization to reduce routine maintenance contribution from 3 to 1 percent, suspension of deferred maintenance match, suspension of requirements to purchase instructional materials, and reduction of the mandated reserve amounts)
- ✓ Elimination of Office of the Secretary of Education (savings of

- \$1.9 million)
- ✓ State's "safety net programs" will be cut (Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, Dept. of Development Services, In-Home Support Services, Healthy Families program, housing aid for foster care and child care)
- ✓ Elimination of Redevelopment Agencies
- ✓ Cuts to higher education (\$1.4 billion)

Dr. Conroy added that the governor is attempting to put the real question before the voters. The failure to approve the taxes by the voters would reduce Proposition 98 minimum guarantee by \$4 billion. He added that answers to funding will not be known before the March and May layoff notice deadlines. The failed passage of the ballot measure would put public education back in the same predicament that it has faced the last few years, drastic cuts. This would amount to a drop of approximately \$600 per student with a fiscal impact to Paramount Unified School District at a loss of approximately \$9 million in 2011-12.

Mr. Kevin Gordon, President of School Innovations and Advocacy also addressed the Board and provided an insider look to the budget dilemma in Sacramento. Mr. Gordon is considered one of the State's experts on school finances.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

There were no changes in the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers for the Hearing Section.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.36

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
10-09
2.36

Accept Personnel Report 10-09, 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 2010-11 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.36

Approve the consultant and contract service requests authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
10-09
4.36

Approve Purchase Order Report 10-09 as submitted, authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Donations
4.36

Accept donations as presented on behalf of the District of any bequests or gifts of money or property for a purpose deemed to be suitable by the District.

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

Resolution 10-26 – School Board Recognition Month
1.37

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 10-26 recognizing Paramount Unified School District Board of Education members for their commitment, dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the educational success of students.

Superintendent Verdugo presented the Board members with Certificates of Recognition from County Supervisor Don Knabe and the City of Paramount.

Educational Services

Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Office of Education Career & Workforce Development/Regional Occupational Program Designated Subjects Credential Program for the 2010-11 School Year
3.38

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Office of Education Career & Workforce Development/Regional Occupational Program Designated Subjects Credential Program and Paramount Unified School District for the 2010-11 School Year

WorkAbility I Grant Funds, 2010-11 School Year
3.39

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept continued funding of the WorkAbility I Grant for the 2010-11 school year to provide supervision of special education students' on-the-job training and subsidized wages for high school and transition students and career awareness activities for middle school students.

Nonpublic School Placements for Special Education Students
3.40

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the placements for special education students in nonpublic schools, as determined by the students' Individual Education Plan for the 2010-11 school year.

Revised Board Policy 3260 – Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies
3.41

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Revised Board Policy 3260 – Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies.

Attorney Fees and Settlement Agreement for a Special

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize payment for 50 weeks of ABA,

Education Student
3.42

direct behavior intervention services and 395 ABA with a nonpublic agency, reimburse parents for an independent evaluation, with documentation for proof of services and attorney fees settlement agreement for a special education student.

Business Services

2009-10 Annual Audit
4.43

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for the 2009-10 school year the District annual audit report submitted under separate cover.

The 2009-10 Annual Audit satisfies one of the District's statutory obligations related to financial accountability. Vicenti, Lloyd and Stutzman, the District auditor, prepared the audit report and Karin Heckman Nelson, a manager of the firm, presented an overview of the structure of the report and findings. Ms. Nelson reported that there were four findings and each was enumerated in the Board item.

The auditors issued an "unqualified" opinion this year which is the best audit rating a District can earn. The District has complied with Federal and State laws and regulations and reportable conditions are discussed in the Findings and Questioned Costs section of the report.

Claim Rejection
4.44

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to reject claim number 2010:004 submitted by an individual and remand to the District's insurance carrier for adjudication.

License Agreement with
Pathways Volunteer Hospice
Program
4.45

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the extension of the license agreement with Pathways Volunteer Hospice and authorize the Superintendent or designee to complete all necessary documentation for finalization of the agreement.

Annual Operations
Application for K-3 Class Size
Reduction Program 2010-11
4.46

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to submit the Operations Application for K-3 Class Size Reduction 2010-11.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Revised Board Policy 4333-
Evaluation

The Board accepted for first reading the proposed revised Board Policy 4333 - Evaluation reflecting current District practice.

Revised Board Policy –
5111-1-District Residency

The Board accepted for first reading the proposed revised Board Policy 5111-1 – District Residency which reflects changes in Federal and State requirements.

Revised Board Policy – 6176
Education for Homeless
Children

The Board accepted for first reading the proposed revised Board Policy 6176 – Education for Homeless Children which reflects recent Education Code requirements.

New Board Policy 4112.25 -
Special Education Staff

The Board accepted for first reading the new proposed Board Policy 4112.25 – Special Education Staff which supports the new Education Code requirements.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

Williams Settlement Quarterly
Uniform Complaint Summary

The Board of Education received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the second quarter October 1– December 31, 2010.

New Administrative
Regulation 0440 – District
Technology Use Plan

The Board of Education received as information the new Administrative Regulation 0440 – District Technology Use Plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peña reported that the next Regular Meeting would be January 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss public employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. President Peña reported that the Board had discussed public employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

No action was taken in Closed Session:

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 12, 2011, at 8:11 p.m.

David J. Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk