

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

May 22, 2012

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President Linda Garcia in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance	Manuel San Miguel, Director–Secondary/Alternative Education led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Roll Call	Trustee Linda Garcia Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Alicia Anderson	Trustee Sonya Cuellar - absent Trustee Tony Peña
Administrators Present	David J. Verdugo, Superintendent Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services Ranita Browning, Director-Fiscal Services Kimberly Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction/Projects Rosemary Green, Director-Human Resources Troy Marshall, Director-Technology Jim Monico, Director-Student Services Manuel San Miguel, Director-Secondary/Alternative Education Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School Richard Morgan, Principal-Paramount Adult School/CDS Lihn Roberts, Facilitator/Supervisor-Instructional Improvement	
Approve Agenda May 22, 2012 1.129	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the May 22, 2012 Board meeting agenda.	
Regular Meeting Minutes May 9, 2012 1.130	Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2012.	

REPORTS

Student Board	Maria Rivera-Paramount High School, Kimberly Galvez- Paramount
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Representatives' High School-West Campus, Antoinette Flores-Buena Vista High School, and Claudia Mejia-Paramount Adult School, reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education thanked and recognized each student Board representative for their continued representation of their site during Board meetings. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Merit and gift card.

Employee Representatives' Reports No TAP representative was present.

No CSEA representative was present.

Board Member' Reports Trustee Anderson attended and assisted in hosting the Annual PTA HSA reception and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at PHS-West.

Trustee Hansen expressed how happy she was on what everyone who participated in the Relay for Life event accomplished.

Trustee Garcia attended the Rotary Club of Paramount's Scholarship luncheon and participated and walked with her team of family and friends in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at PHS-West. She extended a thank you to all those who provided support.

Trustee Peña attended the Rotary Club of Paramount's Scholarship luncheon, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at PHS-West, the Annual PTA HSA reception, and the Annual Mariachi Night at PHS.

Superintendent's Report Superintendent Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:

- Superintendent Verdugo attended the PHS Varsity Baseball Senior game day.
- Dr. Verdugo welcomed 450 PHS and PHS-West campus students to the 2nd Annual Unity Day event.
- He attended the Annual PTA Honorary Awards Dinner. He expressed his appreciation to Alicia Anderson for her coordination of the event and facilitation.
- Superintendent Verdugo also attended the Paramount Woman's Club Annual scholarship luncheon.
- Dr. Verdugo also attended the annual PHS Mariachi Night.
- He also attended and welcomed everyone to the 2nd annual Cancer Awareness Relay for Life event which took place at PHS-West.
- Superintendent Verdugo also assisted in hosting the annual Paramount Rotary Club Scholarship luncheon.
- He provided the Board with their own copy of the book "Thirty-three ways to be Kind" created by students of Mrs. Black's class at Roosevelt school.

Student Recognition – Gates Millennium Scholars

Superintendent Verdugo and Board of Education members recognized three Gates Millennium Scholars from the Paramount High School Class

of 2012. Paola Ruiz, Jesus Villegas and Maria Jimenez Aguilar were among the 1,000 students selected nationwide. The Gates Millennium Scholarship is renewable annually based on meeting program guidelines. The goal of the Gates scholarship is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential

California Common Core Standards Update

Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, reported that the purpose of the presentation is to provide the Board with information on the California Common Core Standards and how they are different from current State standards, provide an update on the Smarter Balance Assessment that will assess the new standards, and outline Paramount Unified School District's major strategies and goals for transitioning to the Common Core Standards over the next three years.

Common Core Standards were developed to provide consistent academic expectations for students throughout the nation and prepare them to be internationally competitive in the 21st Century. Currently 46 states have adopted the Common Core Standards which will be implemented following NCLB in 2014-15. In 2010, California adopted the Common Core Standards with minor modifications, the California Common Core Standards (CCCS). Common standards ensure that every child across the country is getting the best possible education, no matter where a child lives or what their background is. They provide a rigorous and consistent set of K-12 standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. They are internationally benchmarked to ensure that students will be globally competitive, include college and career readiness expectations and address best practices in pedagogy-how we teach-as well a description of what students need to learn.

The CCCS Language Arts standards focus on rigor to prepare students for college and career, they have an emphasis on informational reading and text dependent questions, focus on expository and persuasive writing, and extend Language Arts standards to include reading and writing in history/social studies, science and technical subjects.

There are two CCCS Math standards, Mathematical Practice Standards and Mathematical Content Standards. Mathematical Practice Standards recur throughout grades K-12 and describe the expertise in math that students need to solve problems. Mathematical Content Standards that are specific to the math concepts and skills for each grade. High School math standards are organized by conceptual categories rather than by course.

The new standards will be assessed using a national assessment providing support of the national standards. The Smarter Balance assessment will be implemented in 2014-15 and will replace California's current STAR testing program.

Linh Roberts, Facilitator/Supervisor-Instructional Improvement explained that Smarter Balance is a very different kind of assessment from STAR

and CAHSEE. The new test will include three types of questions:

- Selected response questions are multiple choice
- Constructed response questions require short responses written by the student
- Performance tasks require multiple steps that lead to an extended response
- The new test will be web-based. Districts have up to three years to transition to a technology based test

Dr. Stark added that implications for schools and school districts include:

- Develop a three year transition plan
- Align district work with the transition to the Common Core
- Provide professional development to build awareness and understanding of the shifts that the CCCS will require
- Use internal and external resources to support the transition. Align categorical funds to professional development, instructional materials and technology.

She added that Paramount Unified School District will prepare for the transition to the Common Core Standards using four major strategies:

- Professional development
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
- Use of resources
- Communication

Common Core Lead teachers will represent every school beginning in August 2012. The role of the CC Lead teachers will be to:

- Attend an August kick off session and monthly meetings throughout the year to learn about the California Common Core Standards
- Share information learned with their schools, using materials from monthly meetings
- Participate in piloting instructional strategies aligned with the new California Common Core Standards

The District's next steps include to implement Lead Teacher structure in 2012-13, refine three year plan, based on input from planning group and Lead Teachers, assess progress and evaluate next steps each year, and Educational Services Planning Team continues participation in CCCS professional development.

Budget Update

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services reported as the District prepares the development of the District's budget, we consider the following District principles:

- Maintain fiscal solvency
- Maintain student achievement
- Maintain positive labor relations

The following are key budget assumptions for 2011-12 and 2012-13: Enrollment, ADA, COLA, Deficit, projected loss of funding/tax initiative, step and column, health & welfare, flexibility transfers, encroachment, personnel reductions, general fund reserves and budget reduction.

The May Revision first recognizes that January's projected \$9.2 billion State budget shortfall has grown to \$15.7 billion in May. As a result, the Governor proposes:

- More cuts to the non-Proposition 98 side of the budget
- More manipulations to reduce Proposition 98 actual funding
- Planned K-12 funding is much like the January proposal (flat funding if the taxes pass, big cuts if they don't)
- 2012-13 will not be a good year for education funding
- Temporary taxes
- Cash deferrals
- Redevelopment agencies
- Weighted student formula
- Flexibility proposals
- Transitional kindergarten (Governor reduces savings estimate, but still proposes elimination of the mandate)

Our District, our schools, our classrooms will not get additional monies whether the Governor's taxes pass or not. Our gain is the absence of yet another cut. The state has not provided a single new dollar to local schools since 2007-08.

The California economy is recovering slowly as well. The state leads the nation in exports, especially to the Pacific Rim countries. The high tech sector is also a strong advantage for California. The state's housing market, however, continues to be a drag on growth. Like the nation, California's employment growth has sputtered his spring.

If the Legislature adopts the Governor's May Revision as proposed, the State budget would face huge risks in 2012-13. Voter approval of the Governor's tax initiative is uncertain at best as the Governor's measure has yet to qualify for the November ballot and a competing measure sponsored by Molly Munger and the Parent Teacher Association could confuse voters and draw support away from the Governor's initiative.

For the 2011-12, revenue limits were reduced as a result of the midyear "trigger" reductions.

- 0.198% reduction to districts' undeficitated revenue limit, or about \$13 per ADA on average
- 0.65% reduction to district's undeficitated revenue limit, or about \$42 per ADA for all school districts, related to the \$248 million cut to home-to-school and special education transportation

The midyear "trigger" reductions were one-time and these funds are restored for 2012-13.

For the 2012-13, the May Revision recognizes the statutory cost-of-living adjustment of 3.24%. The May Revision fully funds ADA growth of \$169 million in 2012-13 for school districts and county offices of education. The deficit factor to eliminate the statutory COLA and provide flat funding in 2012-13 is 22.272%, after restoration of the one-time reductions in 2011-12.

School Services of California has been recommending \$455 per ADA as a planning factor if the taxes fail. The May Revision proposes school district authorization to reduce school year by up to a total of 15 days over the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. Planning again will be difficult because of the potential for major changes at midyear.

If the Governor's tax initiative passes, we plan for the weight student formula to move forward with phase-in beginning in 2012-13, have a plan to reserve planned budget cuts and restore flat funding and under this plan, district do not get new dollars but we do not take another cut. If the Governor's tax initiative fails, we plan to make a \$455 per ADA cut on an ongoing basis, the weight student formula will not move forward, we will hold on to reserves-without the taxes, expect the Governor to propose another cut in January 2013 to address the structural deficit.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.131

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
11-17
2.131

Accept Personnel Report 11-17, 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 2011-12 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.131

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

Overnight and/or Out-of-
County Study Trips
3.131

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

Professional Activities
Report 11-04
3.131

Approve the Professional Activities Report 11-04 for District employees' attendance at an out-of-state conference.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
11-17
4.131

Approve Purchase Order Report 11-17, authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of
April 2012
4.131

Approve warrants for all funds through April with a total of \$9,521,078.45.

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Donations
4.131

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.

ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

2012-2013 School
Calendar
2.132

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt the proposed calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

Educational Services

Amendment to Contract for
Los Angeles Universal
Preschool Grant
3.133

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve acceptance of the Amendment Contract for additional funds from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool Grant.

Transfer of the Los Angeles
County Office of Education
Programs and Services to
Paramount Unified School
District
3.134

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the transfer of all instructional 10th through 12th grade academic programs and services currently being operated by LACOE by the 2012-13 school year to Paramount Unified School District.

Application for the
Elementary and Secondary
School Counseling Grant
for 2012-2013
3.135

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the District's application for the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Grant for the 2012-2013 school year

New High School Course
Two Year Algebra 1A and
1B for the 2012-2013
School Year
3.136

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve course for two year Algebra 1A and 1B in order to provide additional time and support for students to master algebraic concepts and skills.

High School Course
Outlines: Principles of
Engineering Design for the
2012-2013 School Year
3.137

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve course and authorize purchase of instructional materials for a new course, Principles of Engineering Design to expand Career Technical Education curricular offerings for high school students.

Proposed Change in
Criteria for Reclassification
of English Learners
3.138

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve revisions to the District's reclassification criteria for English Learners.

Business Services

2011-12 Budget
Adjustments as of April 30,
2012
3.139

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the 2011-12 Budget Adjustments for the General Funds, Unrestricted and Restricted, and Adult Education Fund, Child Development Fund, Cafeteria Fund and Self Insurance Funds.

New Board Policy 3300 –
Expenditures and
Purchases
3.140

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept for the second reading and adopt new Board Policy 3300 – Expenditures and Purchases to conform to CSBA’s suggested policies and regulations guidelines and current laws and regulations.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

General Services

Revised Board Bylaw 9122
– Vice President/Clerk

The Board accepted for the first reading revised Board Bylaw 9122 – Vice President/Clerk revised to include current information related to State and Federal law requirements and to conform to CSBA’s suggested policies and regulations guidelines.

Educational Services

Revised Board Policy
6163.4 – Student Use of
Technology

The Board accepted for first reading proposed revised Board Policy 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology reflecting current District practice.

Business Services

New Board Policy 3110 –
Transfer of Funds

The Board accepted for the first reading new Board Policy 3110-Transfer of Funds, which is updating and replacing Board Policy 3140 – Transfer of Funds Between Categories; Amendments, to conform to CSBA’s suggested policies and regulations guidelines.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services

2011-2012 End-of-the-Year
Projection Report

The Board received as information a review of the End-of-the-Year Projection Report which has been provided to the Board under separate cover.

Revised Administrative
Regulation 3553 – Free
and Reduced-Price Meals

The Board received as information revised Administrative Regulation 3553 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals.

Retire Board Policy 3120 –
Development of Budget
Documents

The Board received as information Board Policy 3120 – Development of Budget Documents, being retired because it is outdated.

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Retire Board Policy 3123 – Public Hearing on Publication Budget – The Board received as information Board Policy 3123 – Public Hearing on Publication Budget, being retired because it is outdated.

Retire Board Policy 3130 – Adoption of Budget – The Board received as information Board Policy 3130 – Adoption of Budget, being retired because it is outdated.

Retire Board Policy 3150 – Budget as Spending Plan – The Board received as information Board Policy 3150 – Budget as Spending Plan, being retired because it is outdated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Garcia reported that the next Regular Meeting would be June 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss public employee performance/evaluation, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:09 p.m. President Garcia reported that the Board had discussed employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 22, 2012 at 9:10 p.m.

David Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk