

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

March 14, 2012

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Linda Garcia in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance	Randy Gray, Director – Curriculum & Instruction/Projects	
Roll Call	Trustee Linda Garcia Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Alicia Anderson	Trustee Sonya Cuellar 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 Jim Monico, Director-Student Services Manuel San Miguel, Director-Secondary/Alternative Education Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School Kevin Longworth, Principal-Hollydale School Richard Morgan, Principal-Paramount Adult School/CDS Damon Dragos, Assistant Principal-PHS	
Approve Agenda March 14, 2012 1.82	Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 14, 2012 Board meeting agenda.	
Special Study Session Meeting Minutes February 22, 2012 1.83	Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Study Session Meeting held on February 22, 2012.	
Regular Meeting Minutes February 22, 2012 1.84	Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2012.	

REPORTS

Student Board Representatives'	Angelica Lopez-Paramount High School, Kimberly Galvez- Paramount High School-West Campus, and Antoinette Flores-Buena Vista High School, reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.
Employee Representatives' Reports	There was no TAP representative in attendance. There was no CSEA representative in attendance.
Board Member' Reports	Trustee Anderson attended the PHS vs. Crescenta Valley Soccer CIF SoCal Division 1 Regional Final Championship Game. Trustee Cuellar attended the WASC – Meet and Greet at PHS and the Annual Paramount City Council Reorganization meeting. Trustee Hansen attended PHS vs. Crescenta Valley Soccer CIF SoCal Division 1 Regional Final Championship Game, the Annual Paramount City Council Reorganization meeting and the District's TK and Insurance Committee meetings Trustee Garcia attended the WASC – Meet and Greet at PHS, the Annual Paramount City Council Reorganization meeting and Buena Vista High School's open house. Trustee Peña attended the PHS vs. Crescenta Valley Soccer CIF SoCal Division 1 Regional Final Championship Game.
Superintendent's Report	<p><u>Superintendent Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Superintendent Verdugo attended a variety of PHS Varsity Soccer games that led to the CIF Championship three-peat game and the . SoCal Division 1 Regional Final Championship Game. He added that ESPN released their new rankings and our PHS Varsity Soccer team is ranked #1 in the State of California.• Dr. Verdugo continues his visits to school sites.• He attended the STAR-LACOE Healthy Learning Behavior Communities meeting hosted at Jefferson School. <p><u>Special Education Update</u></p> <p>Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/Early Childhood Education provided the Board with an update on the Hollydale Autism Program.</p> <p>The K-8 Autism program is a curriculum based, diploma track program with a core emphasis on behavior, communication and social skills. The Hollydale Autism program is in its first year of implementation. The program is supported by site administrators, multidisciplinary team, Autism program specialist, paraprofessionals and consultants with Autism Partnership. Classroom visits are scheduled monthly with the site principal, director and Autism Program specialist.</p> <p>General Education and Special Education staff received a two-day training by Autism Partnership on behaviors of autism and behavior</p>

modification intervention strategies. Special Education classroom teachers and support staff continue to be trained on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) strategies and behavior modification intervention within the classroom three days per week by an Autism Partnership consultant.

The Hollydale Autism program currently has 31 students in Kindergarten through 8th grade with an approximate 3:1 student to adult ratio.

Core Curriculum is used for reading instruction in grades K-3 and *Language!* intervention is used for reading instruction in grades 4-8. The curriculum introduces the strategies and skills that address grade level standards in reading and writing. *Core Curriculum* is used for math instruction in grades K-3 and *Math Triumphs* is used as an intervention in grades 4-8. The curriculum introduces the strategies and skills that address grade level standards in mathematics. *Crafting Connections* by Autism Partnership is the social skills curriculum being used for social skills training in grades K-8. The curriculum addresses real world issues such as teasing and bullying, conversational development, and social comprehension. Behavior Curriculum, *It's Time for School* written by Autism Partnership contains research based strategies for using Applied Behavior Analysis in the classroom. The curriculum teaches classroom environment and structure, analysis behavior, behavior programming and strategies, reinforcement and data collection and evaluation.

Next steps include, review and reflect on resources to ensure fidelity of the program. Continue training in best practices in Autism, continue to review data collection and observation, and continue to inform the Board of Education on progress and highlights of the Hollydale Autism program through updates.

Ms. Cole wished to acknowledge Kevin Longworth, Kay Cotter, Julie Hernandez, and teachers Jason Simco, Cynthia Ting, Carrie Hatch, and Tawny Bradley for their attendance and continued support of the program.

Budget Update

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services provided the Board with a Budget update.

Dr. Conroy shared that there are many factors influencing the District's budget which include, the State economy, State politics, State budget issues, declining K-12 Revenue limit funding levels (increasing deficit factor applied to revenue limit), District declining enrollment and declining attendance rates. All of these factors take part in the calculation of revenue for next year.

Dr. Conroy shared that as part of the responsibilities of a District, and districts who make a successful fiscal turnaround will recognize there is a multi-year problem, doesn't mask the structural budget problem, takes advantage of financial expertise available, works collaboratively with oversight agencies, recognizes the District is part of the solution and it takes action to address the issue.

The District's Fiscal Stabilization Plan is guided by three principles, maintain fiscal solvency, maintain student achievement and maintain positive labor relations. The District's budget solution includes a combination of one-time and on-going options. One-time options including the use of budget reserves and one-time budget reductions. On-going options including budget reductions in programs and personnel.

The District's next steps are to seek Board approval of the 2nd Interim with a "Qualified" certification, continue to monitor the Legislative budget process in Sacramento, monitor the State budget adoption, adopt a District Budget by June 27, 2012, monitor the November General election and provide the 1st Interim report come December 14, 2012.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

1.85

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.86

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

Human Resources

Personnel Report
11-13
2.86

Accept Personnel Report 11-13, 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
3.86

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 Trip
3.86

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

Application for Workforce
Investment Act, Title II:
Adult Education and Family
Literacy Act for 2012-13
3.86

Approve the application for funding from the Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education, Family Literacy Act Grant Award for 2012-2013.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
11-13
4.86

Approve Purchase Order Report 11-13, authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

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4.2-C
Donations
4.86

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.

4.3-C
Consultant Services
4.86

Approve the Consultant Services request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services.

ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

Student Affiliation
Agreement with
Standbridge College
2.87

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Standbridge College for participation in clinical experience for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

2.2-A
Presentation of Paramount
Unified School District's
Initial Reopener Proposal
for the 2011-12 Collective
Bargaining Agreement with
the Teachers Association
of Paramount
2.88

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to receive for public review the District's initial reopener proposal of the 2011-12 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teachers Association of Paramount.

2.3-A
Public Hearing on the
District's Initial Reopener
Proposal for the 2011-12
Collective Bargaining
Agreement with the
Teachers Association of
Paramount
2.89

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing regarding the District's initial reopener proposal of the 2011-12 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teachers Association of Paramount.

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to close the public hearing regarding the District's initial reopener proposal of the 2011-12 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teachers Association of Paramount.

Educational Services

Nonpublic School
Placement for Special
Education Students for the
2011-12 School Year 3.72
3.90

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña 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 2011-12 school year.

Business Services

Second Interim Report
2011-2012
4.91

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Second Interim Report with a qualified certification based upon inadequate reserves for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and projected reduction in revenue limit funding.

Measure AA -Change
Orders for Paramount High
School– Phase III Field
House
4.92

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the change orders for a total of \$176,800 and increase the guaranteed maximum price from \$13,165,704 to \$13,342,504, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to review and execute all necessary documents for payments.

Issuance of Purchase
Orders to Vendors for E-
Rate 2012-2013 Eligible
Projects
4.93

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to create and hold the 2012-2013 E-Rate Purchase Orders pending E-Rate funding approval.

Sale, Disposal or Recycle
of Surplus Property
4.94

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to identify surplus or obsolete property, and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to arrange for the sale or disposal of District surplus property in accordance with Board Policy and the requirements of State law.

New Board Policy 3551 –
Food Service
Operations/Cafeteria Fund
4.95

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for the second reading and adopt new Board Policy 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund to include current information related to State and Federal law requirements.

Resolution 11-41:
Temporary Transfers from
the School Pools Fund
Maintained by the Los
Angeles County Treasurer
4.96

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 11-41, Temporary Transfers from the Schools Pools Fund maintained by the Los Angeles County Treasurer.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

High School Graduation
Rate

The Board received as information an update on the graduation rate data and Adequate Yearly Progress for Paramount High School and Buena Vista High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Garcia reported that the next Regular Meeting would be March 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:09 p.m. to discuss conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:43p.m. President Garcia reported that the Board had discussed conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

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 March 14, 2012 at 8:44 p.m.

David Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk