

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

February 8, 2012

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by President Linda Garcia in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Jim Monico, Director-Student Services
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Secondary/Alternative Education
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
Jeff Bowers, Principal-Gaines School
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School
Lynn Butler, Principal-Alondra Middle School
Michele Dutton, Principal-Mokler School
Linda Go, Principal-Keppel School
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West
Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Kevin Longworth, Principal-Hollydale School
Susan Marilley, Principal-Roosevelt School
Yuki Mio, Principal-Jefferson School
Richard Morgan, Principal-Paramount Adult School/CDS
Lisa Nunley, Principal-Jackson Middle School
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Zamboni Middle School
Connie Toscano, Principal-Los Cerritos School
Kelly Williams, Principal-Wirtz School
Pamela Williams, Principal-Lincoln School
Andrea Aguilar, Assistant Principal-Jackson Middle School
Lee Besler, Assistant Principal-Alondra Middle School

Maria Cervantes, Assistant Principal-Hollydale School
Kim Chavez, Assistant Principal-Paramount Park Middle School
Josephine Contreras, Assistant Principal-Collins School
Damon Dragos, Assistant Principal-PHS
Jerry King, Assistant Principal-Paramount Adult School
Edgar Ortega, Assistant Principal-PHS
Yvonne Rodriguez, Assistant Principal-PHS-West
Hilda Verdugo, Assistant Principal-Zamboni Middle School
Lihn Roberts , Facilitator/Supervisor-Instructional Improvement
Elvia Galicia, Assistant Director-Fiscal Services

Approve Agenda
February 8, 2012
1.51

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded. Superintendent Verdugo informed the Board that item 4.1-A was being pulled from the agenda and will be brought back at a future meeting. The motion carried 5-0 to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of February 8, 2012 as amended.

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012
1.52

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2012.

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives'

Angelica Lopez-Paramount High School, Stephanie Sanchez-Paramount High School-West Campus, Bree Peters-Buena Vista High School, and Claudia Mejia-Paramount Adult School reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representatives'
Reports

TAP President Deb Meyers shared that teachers are heavily impacted and these difficult times bring for staff to think outside the box. She added that March 15 is fast approaching and asks that we avoid cuts to staffing. She wished to thank Isela Preciado for her continued support with keeping the communication ongoing with sites as it relates to PTA. She asked the Board to please involve stakeholders and consider their input on important decisions.

CSEA President Cheryl Browning was present but no report was provided.

Board Member' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the Annual Rotary Student Forum. She toured the PHS new Science building, attended a basketball game at PHS and attended the monthly PTA meeting.

Trustee Cuellar attended the Annual Rotary Student Forum and toured the PHS new Science building.

Trustee Hansen attended the CSEA Installation of Officers reception and wished to thank Cheryl Browning for the invitation.

Trustee Garcia visited Wirtz School to witness the creation of the murals. She attended the Annual Rotary Student Forum and also toured the new PHS Science building.

Trustee Peña visited Jefferson and Los Cerritos School. He also attended the Annual Rotary Student Forum.

Superintendent's Report

Edgar Ortega – Paramount High School Assistant Principal

Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education welcomed and introduced Edgar Ortega as the new Assistant Principal at Paramount High School. Mr. Ortega grew up in the Los Angeles area. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Spanish Literature from Saint John's seminary College in Camarillo. He also attended Pepperdine University and studied Leadership Education. Most recently, Mr. Ortega served as the Assistant Principal at St. Joseph's in charge of activities, facilities, and transportation.

Varsity Football 2011 SGVL Champions

Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education recognized the Paramount High School Varsity Football team on their success for earning the 2011 SGVL Champions Title. Coach Matt Howard introduced key players and captains of the team. In attendance were Cristian Andrade, Jeffrey Gutierrez, Kenneth Moore, and Bernard Foy. Congratulations were also extended to Assistant Coach Calvin Bryant also in attendance.

Bulletin Boards – Alondra Middle School

Principal Lynn Butler with the assistance of students Vanessa Arenivas, Ricardo Trejo, Avery DE La Cruz, & Justine Padilla presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Alondra Middle School's student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of "Teach Like a Champion, Learn Like a Champion, Be a Champion" enhancing the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

Budget Update

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services provided the Board with an update on the budget.

Dr. Conroy shared that Governor Brown has proposed increases to education funding, contingent on the passage of a major tax initiative in November. We are being advised by legislative analysts to budget as if the initiatives have not passed and plan conservatively and maintain prudent reserves. If the tax initiative fails, it is a loss of \$370 per ADA, \$5.6 million to Paramount Unified School District. In addition, it is a loss of 100% funding to Transportation, \$1 million to PUSD and NO COLA: a loss of \$1.8 million to PUSD.

Based on the information known today, the Paramount Unified School District's Board of Education must approve significant budget reductions to programs, services, and staffing for the Second Interim Budget in order to meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. Absent any additional budget reductions, the District will have a Qualified Certification at 2nd Interim and will not be able to meet its Multi Year Projection financial obligations as of July 1st Budget adoption resulting in a "Negative" type certification for 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15.

The District's Fiscal Stabilization Plan considers the following as principles: Maintain Fiscal Solvency, Maintain Student Achievement, and Maintain Positive Labor Relations.

The District's next steps will be to monitor the Legislative process in Sacramento, review the Fiscal Stabilization Plan/Considerations (budgetary reductions, flexible funds, reductions in force), maintain awareness of statutory deadlines, negotiations and concessions.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

1.53

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to cancel the April 11, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

HEARING SECTION

During the hearing section, Nicole Padilla representative from the American Cancer Society wished to thank Mr. Tony Peña for his assistance through the city with the upcoming Relay For Life event that will be taking place in March. Through the assistance of the City and District, she would like to tie in their events to the middle and K-5 schools to bring awareness to students on sun safety, nutrition and healthy lifestyles and educate and make them aware of cancer.

Mr. Mario Andrade, a parent who resides within District boundaries addressed the Board requesting that they please consider approving his permit request to enroll his daughter in a neighboring school district. The receiving District's deadline for permits is fast approaching and his concern is that current Paramount Unified School District's window for accepting permits exceeds the deadline of the receiving District.

Michele Lewis, currently a teacher at Keppel School addressed the Board and expressed her concerns regarding Kindergarten. She thanked the Board for trying to maintain low numbers in the classroom. She added that it has been difficult to have 33 students in the classroom. Although she has heard that in the past, 33 students in the classroom was normal, the reality is that Kindergarten is not what it was 20 years ago and now we have with No Child Left Behind. She wished to thank Dr. Debbie Stark and Dr. Randy Gray as she recently met with Deb Meyers, Jill Van Zant and herself to discuss possible accommodations and trying to find solutions. She added that Parent Centers at the site are great and encourages other sites to have them.

Yvette Shahinian, representative with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's office addressed the Board and wanted to provide information on the upcoming 2012 Congressional High School Art Competition which is a Nationwide contest. This contest is open to high school students and this year's theme is "What Inspires You". Winners will be selected on May 5, 2012. Ms. Shahinian distributed information on the campus which will be forwarded to the Secondary schools.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.54

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

Human Resources

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Personnel Report
11-11
2.54

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

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.54

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

Overnight/Study Trips
3.54

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

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
11-11
4.54

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

Donations
4.54

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

Clinical Experience
Agreement with Rancho
Santiago Community
College District on behalf of
Santa Ana College
2.55

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Rancho Santiago Community College District on behalf of Santa Ana College for participation in clinical experience for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Educational Services

Zamboni School Supplies
Grant
3.56

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify the acceptance of the Grant award for Zamboni School to provide a classroom set of student response devices.

Muzak Heart and Soul
Foundation Music Matters
Grant Program Application
3.57

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Muzak Heart and Soul Foundation Music Matters Grant Program application to support the high school vocal or instrumental music program for the 2012-13 school year.

Nonpublic School
Placement for Special
Education Students for the
2011-12 School Year
3.58

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the placements for special education students, as determined by the students' Individual Education Plans for the 2011-12 school year.

Workability I Grant Funds,
2011-12 School Year
3.59

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept continued funding of the WorkAbility I Grant for the 2011-12 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.

Title III Plan for Year 4
3.60

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Title III Plan for Year 4 Addendum that describes educational services for English Learner students provided through Federal and State Funds required by the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Business Services

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

This item was pulled from the agenda for further review.

4.61

New Board Policy 3460 –
Financial Reports and
Accountability 4.47
4.62

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for the second reading and adopt new Board Policy 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability to include current information related to state and federal law requirements.

New Board Policy 3550 –
Food Service/Child
Nutrition Program
4.63

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for the second reading and adopt new Board Policy 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program.

New Board Policy 3580 –
District Records
4.64

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for the second reading and adopt new Board Policy 3580 – District Records, which is updating and replacing Board Policy 2270 – Records Retention to conform to CSBA's suggested policies and regulations guidelines.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Educational Services

Revised Board Policy 5030
– Student Wellness

The Board accepted for the first reading the proposed revised Board Policy 5030 – Student Wellness which will establish consistency and uniformity with California Education Code.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

School Accountability
Report Card

The Board received as information the 2011-12 School Accountability Report Cards which are available both on the Paramount Unified School District website and in hard copy.

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Business Services

New Administrative Regulation 3400 – Management of District Assets/Accounts

The Board received as information new Administrative Regulation 3400 – Management of District Assets/Accounts.

Measure AA – Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase IV Science and Medical Health Building

The Board received as information an update on Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase IV Science and Medical Health Building within the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Measure AA – Change Order for Paramount High School – Phase V Modernization

The Board received as information an update on Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase V Modernization within the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Measure AA – Change Orders for Keppel School – Two Story Classroom and Library/Media Building

The Board received as information an update on Change Orders for Keppel School – Two Story Classroom and Library/Media Building within the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Garcia reported that the next Regular Meeting would be February 22, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:49 p.m. President Garcia reported that the Board had discussed employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiator and governance team items

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 8, 2012 at 9:44 p.m.

David Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk