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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

June 12, 2017

The 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 Daniel Aguilar, Director-Safety and Security, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call Trustee Linda Garcia Trustee Sonya Cuellar
Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Tony Peña
Trustee Alicia Anderson
- Administrators Present Ruth Pérez, Superintendent
Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Daniel Aguilar, Director-Safety & Security
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education
Renee Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research & Evaluation
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services
Damon Dragos, Interim Principal-Paramount High School
Kevin Longworth, Principal-Paramount Park Middle School
David Daley, Program Administrator
Juliana Sauvao, Program Administrator
- Approve Agenda Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion.
June 12, 2017 Superintendent Pérez shared with the Board that item 3.9-A was being
1.186 pulled from the agenda. The motion carried 5-0 to approve the agenda
of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017 as amended.
- Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Study Session Meeting
Minutes May 22, 2017
1.187

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve to approve the minutes of the Study Session Meeting of June 12, 2017.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2017
1.188

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

REPORTS

Employee Representative
Reports

There was no representative present for CSEA.

TAP President April O'Connor met with Superintendent Pérez for their last meeting of the school year. She shared that TAP filed a grievance a week and a half ago regarding Co-Teaching. She shared that summer school has started and began well. She wished everyone a good summer.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the District's Retirement Tea and Years of Service event, the Ad Hoc meeting, PHS Senior Awards night, Buena Vista High School, Paramount Adult Transition and Paramount High School graduations, Jackson School's promotion, PHS Soccer team Championship dinner, the City of Paramount 60th Anniversary Heritage Festival and the Relay for Life in Catalina Island.

Trustee Cuellar attended the District's Annual Retirement Tea and Years of Service event and the Buena Vista High School and Paramount High School graduations.

Trustee Garcia attended the Woman's Club Scholarship luncheon, the PHS Awards night, PHS Soccer team Championship dinner, the City Hall Day of Prayer, Buena Vista High School and Paramount High School graduations, Alondra Middle School promotion, the City's 60th Anniversary Heritage festival and the Catalina Island Relay for Life. She invited everyone to the upcoming Relay for Life in Bellflower on July 15, 2017.

Trustee Hansen attended the District's Annual Retirement Tea and Years of Service event, the PHS Awards night, Lincoln School's Jungle Book play, the Ad Hoc meeting, the PHS Soccer Team Championship dinner, the Art competition at Wirtz School, the Buena Vista High School graduation, Keppel School's Accelerated Readers field day, the Adult Transition graduation and the City of Paramount's 60th Anniversary Heritage Festival. She wished everyone a happy summer.

Trustee Peña attended the STAR awards at Wirtz School, he joined Superintendent Pérez and Mr. Frutos for a joint meeting with the City of Lakewood, he attended the District's annual Retirement Tea and Years of Service event, the PHS Senior Awards event, the PHS Soccer team Championship dinner and wished to thank Magda from the City and Chris Stamm, he attended the Buena Vista High School, Paramount High School and Paramount Adult Transition graduations, the City of Paramount 60th Anniversary Heritage celebration. Mr. Peña shared that the Summer Food program has begun and all has gone well. He wished everyone a great summer.

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- ❖ Superintendent Pérez shared that she is excited about the planning for staff development for teachers. Staff development is also being planned for assistant principals led by Dr. Smith and were provided with a book titled "Innovators Mindset in preparation for their staff development.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez attended the Buena Vista High School and Paramount High School graduations.
- ❖ Superintendent Pérez attended the Paramount Park Middle School promotion.

Recognition: MESA Regional Winners

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Pérez recognized MESA Regional student winners from Jackson School, Paramount Park Middle School and Zamboni Middle School and Paramount High School.

MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) is an organization whose mission is to provide middle and high school students with hands on science, math and engineering experience with the goal of inspiring them to pursue college studies in these subjects.

This year's student winners placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the areas of Bridge Structures, Public Speaking, Gliders, Mousetrap, and Egg Drop. Student winners were from Jackson School: Mackenzie Peña, Percival Swayze, Paramount Park Middle School: Amelie Belmontes, Quetzalli Orta, Christopher Velasquez, Zamboni Middle School: Valeria Alvarez, Rodrigo Arenas Loma, Andrea Exiga, Emanuel Salas and Paramount High School: Fatima Carlos Ramirez, Natalie Caro, Genesis Galarza, Marisol Torres and Angela Zamudio.

Co-Teaching Update

David Daley and Juliana Sauvao, Program Administrators provided the Board with an update on Co-Teaching.

They shared that Co-Teaching is a delivery model that offers different ways to provide quality services to students with special needs in the general education classroom. It increases differentiation in instruction to benefit all students and provides to equally-qualified individuals who may or may not have the same area of expertise jointly delivering instruction to a group of students.

The history of Co-Teaching in PUSD was also shared with the Board, what has been the impact and what will be taking place in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The complete version of the presentation is available on the District's website.

LCAP Update

Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services provided the Board with an overview of new services in LCAP 2017.

Dr. Stark shared that the majority of the services and activities in the LCAP are multi-year initiatives and will continue from previous years.

Some examples are, AVID, College and Career centers, CTE staff and programs, K-5 music and PE instruction, professional development, collaborative planning for middle school teachers as well as many other services.

New services added in the plan are the result of student needs related to academic or behavior, new or expanded initiatives in 2017-18 and data from survey results or feedback.

This year, the LCAP must include services for any student group performing two levels or more below all students on any of the state targets. The plan must identify the student groups, the state targets and where the services to decrease the performance gaps are located.

The District will print a copy of the LCAP for each school site and post on the District website, send a Blackboard Connect message to all families, submit the final plan to LACOE and in the summer obtain approval from LACOE.

The complete version of the presentation is available on the District's website.

May Revise Budget Update

Mr. Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services provided the Board with an update on the budget.

Mr. Frutos highlighted a few areas in the budget that included:

- Proposition 98: The 2017-18 Guarantee is projected to be \$74.5 billion, which is slightly under the May Revision proposal.
- LCFF Implementation: A compromise of \$1.36 billion for LCFF implementation is a little lower than the May Revision.
- One-Time Discretionary Funds – District to receive one-time discretionary funds (counting towards prior-year mandate reimbursement claims), proposed to be released in 2017-18, compared to the May Revision, which proposed to delay the one-time funding until May 2019.
- Districts of Choice program – the committee voted to extend the program for an additional 5 years to 2022.

Funding Proposal News:

- \$50 million for After School Education and Safety Program augmentation
- \$44 million one-time for additional special education costs
- \$15 million to restore the CTE Pathways program (we will provide more information on this program as soon as it is available)
- \$5 million one-time for Bilingual Teacher Professional Development

Budgetary Challenges

- Declining enrollment
- CalSTRS & CalPERS increases
- Health & Welfare Benefit Increases
- Slower LCFF Funding Growth
- Unknown future of Categorical and Free & Reduced lunch programs

The complete version of the presentation is available on the District's website.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Sara Patricia commended the School Board for all the programs being offered in the District. Ms. Patricia would like the Board to allocate funds from Measure I to protect the students from the high levels of Chromium 6, the health of the children. She understands that the Board can only do so much but it is important that we protect the health of the children as recently levels have been really high as reported on the AQMD website. You can smell the metallic odor outside and as a parent that terrifies her. She asked that filters be installed in classes. She also asked for the Board to allocate funds from Measure I for new piping for the water fountains, since the pipes that deliver water to the fountains our children drink out of may be leaking lead.

Mr. Jose De Leon shared with the Board that he has been wanting to come to a Board meeting but he has been busy. Mr. De Leon stated that the main reason for coming to the meeting is that last week on Thursday, there was a strong smell from 7:45 – 11:00 a.m., then again from around 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. he asked the Board, "What can you do?" He stated that we need to protect our kids. The problem with the air has been going on for many years, he knew something was wrong since he moved to this area. He stated that we need to do something, especially the Board because they are in charge of the new generation.

Mr. Reno Ridola came to the meeting to voice his concern on the rising levels of Chromium 6 in our neighborhood. Upon learning that it affects our most vulnerable place of learning for our children, he asked of the Board, "What are your plans of action on behalf of our children to get rid of this pollutant facilities or did you refer it to politicians?" He added that the Board must protect our children's health since this deadly exposure of Chromium 6 into our kids immune system makes them vulnerable.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.189

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded. Trustee Peña informed President Garcia that he abstained to item 3.1-C and announced his abstention is due to his employment with the City of Paramount.

Trustee Cuellar amended her motion and asked that 3.1-C be pulled from the Consent Items and be voted on separately.

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Consent Items 2.1-C and 3.2-C through 4.3-C.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

0.190

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 4-1 to approve Consent Item 3.1-C.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen
Abstention: 1 – Trustee Peña

General Services

Professional Activities
16-09
1.189

Approve the Professional Activities Report 16-09 for Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez's attendance at an out-of-state conference, as submitted.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
16-18
2.189

Accepted Personnel Report 16-18, 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 2016-17 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.190

Approve the consultant and contract services request authorizing contracts with consultant or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Professional Activities Report
16-10
3.189

Approved the Professional Activities Report 16-10 for the Paramount High School West Campus, Buena Vista High School and Director of Student Services to attend an out-of-state conference.

Professional Activities
Report 16-11
3.189

Approved the Professional Activities Report 16-11 for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ryan Smith's attendance at an out-of-state conference, as submitted.

Memorandum of
Understanding with
Paramount Publishing
Company
3.189

Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Paramount Publishing Company for the summer internship program for the 2017-18 school year.

Memorandum of
Understanding with Weber
Metals, Inc.
3.189

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Weber Metals, Inc. for the 2016-17 school year.

Memorandum of
Understanding with Kaiser
Permanente
3.189

Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding with Kaiser Permanente for the Youth Work Preparation Certificate Program during the 2016-17 school year.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 16-18
4.189

Approved Purchase Order Report 16-18 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Consultant Services
4.189

Approved the consultant and contract services request authorizing contracts with consultant or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Acceptance of Donations
4.189

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

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

Amendment to Employment Agreement between Paramount Unified School District and Dr. Ruth Pérez
1.190

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the amendment to employment agreement between Paramount Unified School District and Dr. Ruth Pérez to reflect the correct number of work days and extension to the contract.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Human Resources

Approval of a Job Description for District Social Worker-Special Education and Establishment of, and Employment Authorization for, One District Social Worker – Special Education
2.191

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Approve the job description of District Social Worker – Special Education and establishment of, and employment authorization for, one District Social Worker – Special Education

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Educational Services

Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan, 2017-2020
3.192

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan required to receive Local Control Funding for years 2017-2020.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan required to receive Local Control Funding for years 2017-2020.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Organization Management System Subscription
3.193

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the subscription renewal for the Organization Management System for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Sunbelt Staffing Consultant
3.194

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Sunbelt Staffing to provide a psychologist to complete evaluations and provide services to new and continuing students for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Nonpublic School Placement for Special Education Students for 2016-17
3.195

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the placement for special education students in nonpublic schools as determined by the students' Individual Education

Plan for the 2016-17 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

WorkAbility I Grant
Application for the 2017-18
School Year
3.196

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the application of the WorkAbility I Grant for the 2017-18 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.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Approval of A-G Edgenuity
On-line Courses
3.197

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve A-G Edgenuity on-line courses at Adult School Diploma Lab, Buena Vista High School, Paramount High School-West Campus and Paramount High School.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

International Institute for
Restorative Practices
Professional Development
3.198

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the implementation of Restorative Practices Professional Development for Alondra Middle School, Buena Vista High School and Jackson School, for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Carl D. Perkins Grant
Applications for grades 7-12
3.199

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the application for Carl D. Perkins Grant for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Forms and Graphics
Unlimited
This item was pulled

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Business Services

Authorization to Make
Appropriation Transfers
4.200

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools to make appropriate transfers at the close of the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Agreement with Food Safety
Systems
4.201

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with Food Safety Systems to provide consultant services for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2017, for regularly scheduled service visits, reviewing 45 points of food safety and sanitation requirements, averaging 9 visits per year per site. USDA Professional standards training modules will be provided at each service visit, to meet regulation requirements for all 20-hour-or-less employees.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Notice of Completion –
Cabling for Wireless Access

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept as completed the network cabling work for

Points at Community Day School, Collins, Gaines, Lincoln, Los Cerritos, Mokler, and Wirtz
4.202

wireless access points at Community Day School, Collins, Gaines, Lincoln, Los Cerritos, Mokler, and Wirtz school sites. 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.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Agreement for Consultant Services – Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act Project Implementation – Part II
4.203

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the consultant agreement with Facilities Commissioning & Technical Services to assist the District with completion of the Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act project implementation – Part II. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Public Hearing – 2017-2018 Tentative Budget
4.204

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing prior to the approval of the 2017-18 Tentative Budget.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to close the public hearing prior to the approval of the 2017-18 Tentative Budget.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services

Program Self-Evaluation Report for State Preschool

The Board received the program self-evaluation report for the State Preschool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Employee Comments Per Government Code 54957

There were no staff/employee comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employment, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Student Discipline.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 10:22 p.m. President Garcia reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employment, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Superintendent), Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Student Discipline.

There following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employment
2.205

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the appointment of Scott Law as Director-Facilities and Project Management effectively as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Public Employment
2.206

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the appointment of Yvonne Rodriguez as Principal-Paramount Adult School effective as soon as mutually agreeable.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Student Discipline
Student E-12
3.207

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to expel student E-12 for the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on June 12, 2017 at 10:24 p.m. in memory of retired employee Eli Lopez.

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen, Peña

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk