

# Paramount Unified School District



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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## **REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **MINUTES**

**September 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Linda Garcia in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Information, 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  
David Daley, Director-Special Education  
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations  
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Education  
Renee Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs  
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & SIS  
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services  
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel  
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services  
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista High School  
Keith Nuthall, Principal-Specialized High School  
Mike Ono, Principal-Paramount High School  
Hector Lujan, Assistant Principal-Paramount Adult School  
Alicia Megofna, Assistant Principal-Paramount High School-West

Approve Agenda Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion carried  
September 25, 2017 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 25,  
1.296 2017.

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

Approve Regular Meeting Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen and the motion carried 5-0 to  
Minutes September 11, 2017 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017.

**9-25-17**

**REPORTS**Student Board  
Representatives

Angel Macias-Paramount High School, Jocelyn Murillo-Paramount High School-West, Olivia Gonzalez-Buena Vista High School and Enrique Marquez reported on school academics, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representative  
Reports

There was no representative present for CSEA.

TAP president April O'Connor was in attendance but had no report.

## Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the Jackson, Zamboni, PHS-West and Buena Vista High School Back to School nights. She visited the Paramount Adult School and was impressed at all of the remodeling taking place. She traveled to Oakland to visit MedTech High School with Dr. Smith and Mr. Nuthall.

Trustee Cuellar attended the PHS-West Back to School night.

Trustee Garcia attended the Tepic Sister Cities meeting and the City of Paramount Council meeting.

Trustee Hansen attended the PHS back to school night and PHS-West and was quite impressed with the Solar boat that is being built.

Trustee Peña visited Wirtz and Roosevelt Schools through the GRIP program. He attended the Hollydale, Tanner and PHS-West Back to School nights.

## Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- ❖ Superintendent Pérez attended the PHS and PHS-W Back to School nights.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez attended the Safe and Civil teacher training at Wirtz School.
- ❖ Dr. Pérez attended the ACSA Superintendent's Council meeting.
- ❖ Superintendent Pérez announced that she provided all District users with Air Quality facts and will also be posted on the District website. She added that the SCAQMD is moving onto the cities of Long Beach and Compton. The monitors purchased by the city will remain at the four school sites. The voluntary testing results were received and show that they are below levels and there are no significant levels of concern. The District is working with the California Department of Public Health and they have indicated that recess is important to the development of children and it was recommended not to cancel recess. Dr. Pérez also shared that the HEPA filters are replaced every two months and that there are no known filters that remove Chromium 6.

**Bulletin Boards - Jefferson**

Kelly Williams, Jefferson School Principal presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Jefferson School's educational program and student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of

“Jefferson on the road to Success” and enhance the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

#### SBAC Results Update

Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment and Student Information provided the Board with an update on the SBAC assessment results that included preliminary for grades 3-8 and 11 for English Language Arts and Math, preliminary ELA subgroup performance, and preliminary Math subgroup performance.

Final CAASPP results will be available from the state, and will be shared with the Board including comparisons with the state, county and local Districts.

The presentation in its entirety is available on the District website.

### **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

### **HEARING SECTION**

During the public hearing section the following speaker addressed the Board:

Gerald Cerda reported that the California Department of Public Health requested back in May to do some indoor testing and questioned why its just now being done. He doesn't know why the agency was not allowed to do the testing. He added that he still doesn't know who is overseeing the testing. He met with Dr. Perez and Mrs. Hansen and thanked the Superintendent for meeting with him. He asked when can parents obtain the indoor testing results under the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Cerda also asked what can be done to prevent chronic truancy. He also asked what is in place to replace SES tutoring services.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

0.298

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

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

### **Human Resources**

Personnel Report  
17-04  
2.298

Accepted Personnel Report 17-04, 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 2017-18 State Budget Act and related legislation.

### **Educational Services**

Consultant and Contract  
Services  
3.298

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

Overnight and/or Out-of  
County Study Trips  
3.298

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

Memorandum of

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Compton College to

Understanding with Compton College for Administration of Justice 100 Course Offering  
3.298

provide after school instruction for the Administration of Justice 100 Course at Paramount High School for the 2017-18 school year.

### **Business Services**

Purchase Order Report 17-04  
4.298

Approved Purchase Order Report 17-04 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Warrants for the Month of August 2017  
4.298

Approved warrants for all funds through August with a total of \$6,414,834.00.

Acceptance of Donations  
4.298

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**

Naming of New STEM High School located on Michelson Street  
1.299

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to name the new STEM High school located on Michelson Street Odyssey STEM Academy.

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

Revised Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest Code  
1.300

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept for second reading and adopt revised Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest Code revised in compliance with a request from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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

#### **Human Resources**

Dietetic Affiliation Agreement with the University of Houston  
2.301

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement with the University of Houston for participation in community nutrition learning experiences for Dietetic Interns.

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

#### **Educational Services**

Robotics Education and Competition Grant Award to Paramount Park Middle School  
3.302

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to ratify the acceptance of the VEX Robotics Grant for Paramount Park Middle School to participate in a team robotics competition.

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

Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials  
3.303

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conduct a public hearing regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2017-18 school year.

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

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to close the public hearing regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2017-18 school year.

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

Resolution 17-11 Sufficiency  
Of Instructional Materials  
3.304

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 17-11, assuring compliance with Education Code Section 60119 for State funds receivable for instructional materials for the 2017-18 school year.

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

Nonpublic School Placement  
for Special Education  
Students for 2017-18  
3.305

Trustee Peña 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 2017-18 school year.

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

Partnership Agreement with  
Tree People to Support  
Environmental Literacy in  
Science  
3.306

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the partnership agreement with TreePeople.org to provide curriculum support for environmental literacy in 2017-18 and 2018-19 at no cost to the district.

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

Memorandum of  
Understanding with Dr. Albert  
E. Clegg  
3.307

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the partnership agreement with TreePeople.org to provide curriculum support for environmental literacy in 2017-18 and 2018-19 at no cost to the district.

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

Memorandum of  
Understanding with UCLA's  
Community Programs Office,  
Pacific Islander Education  
and Retention Program  
3.308

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA's Community Programs Office, Pacific Islander Education and Retention Project for the 2017-18 school year.

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

Carl D. Perkins Grant  
Application for Paramount  
Adult School  
3.309

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

### **Business Services**

2017-18 Budget Adjustments  
as of August 31, 2017  
4.310

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2017-18 Budget Adjustments for the General Funds, Unrestricted and Restricted, Adult Education Fund, Child Development Fund, Building Fund and Measure I Fund.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Garcia reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

Staff Employee Comments  
Per Government Code 54957

There were no staff/employee comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Public Employee Performance/Evaluation and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:04 p.m. President Garcia reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation and Public Employee Performance and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

The was no action 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 August 14, 2017 at 8:05 p.m. in memory of the lives lost in all the recent tragedies.

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

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Ruth Pérez, Secretary  
To the Board of Education

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President

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Vice President/Clerk