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REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

October 9, 2017

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

- Pledge of Allegiance Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call Trustee Linda Garcia - ill 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
 Scott Law, Director-Facilities & Projects
 Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & SIS
 Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
 Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
 Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
 Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services
 Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Buena Vista 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
October 9, 2017 4-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2017.
1.311
Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña
Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia
- Approve Regular Meeting Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson and the motion carried 4-0 to
Minutes September 25, 2017 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017.

10-9-17

REPORTS

Student Board Representatives

Angel Macias-Paramount High School, Tabitha Vanwinkle-Paramount High School-West, Olivia Gonzalez-Buena Vista High School and Enrique Marquez-Paramount Adult School 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 and shared that teachers have donated 50 ill days to the Bignamis and in addition other days have been donated for another teacher who is dealing with cancer. Teachers are expressing concern about the expectations with new technology and its implementation and no consistent training for Amplify. She expressed her thank you to the Special Education department for their support to the Special Ed teachers in creating a better program. She thanked Mr. Frutos for the communication to employees on benefits. April thanked Mrs. Hansen and Mr. Frutos for visiting Zamboni and discuss the insect issues.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Anderson attended the LACOE teacher of the year awards luncheon, the monthly PTA Board meeting, the Our Lady of the Rosary Fiesta and the prayer service held for PHS teacher Autumn Bignami.

Trustee Cuellar thanked everyone for the support provided to the students and staff due to the tragedy in Las Vegas involving the Bignami's. She added that our hearts and prayers go out to all the victims. She also attended a two-day personnel institute.

Trustee Hansen attended the High School Design team meeting, the LACOE teacher of the year awards luncheon and the prayer service held for the Bignami family.

Trustee Peña visited Collins, Lincoln and Tanner schools. He attended the District wide College Fair, the PHS football game versus Downey and the prayer service held for Bignamis.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Pérez highlighted the following:

- Superintendent Pérez shared she was in communication with Frank Bignami and shared with him all the love and care that has been seen for Autumn their family.
- Dr. Pérez attended the prayer service for the Bignamis.
- Dr. Pérez met with Lt. Barragan regarding the recent arrest of a substitute. A letter was prepared and sent home to District families, a Connect Ed message was also sent out to all District homes and has been posted on the District website.
- Superintendent Pérez shared that our thoughts go out to all the families impacted by the various fires. She added that the District is following guidance and direction by the SCAQMD on air quality due to the fires.
- Dr. Pérez attended the first annual K-12 College and Career Fair and was excited to see so many in attendance.

- Superintendent Pérez shared that the PSAT will be administered this week.
- Dr. Pérez announced that the District's Quartermania event is scheduled for this week and money raised will be for scholarships.

Facilities and Projects Update

Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services and Scott Law, Director-Facilities and Planning provided the Board with

an update on the various facilities projects taking place throughout the District for Collins School, PHS-West, CDS, P3 Clinic and Pathways moves, Odyssey STEM Academy and Tanner School.

The District has also replaced over 55 HVAC units over the summer and the LED exterior lighting replacement project was completed and currently working on interior LED lighting replacement.

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

Air Quality Test Results

Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services provided the Board with information on the Air Quality report that was conducted at Gaines, Lincoln, Mokler, Jackson and Zamboni. The purpose of the study was to measure Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)).

The results of the study indicate the following:

- *No airborne Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) was detected inside any of the classrooms during the five days of sampling.* Small quantities of Cr(VI) was detected in the ambient outdoors air from air pollution from local manufacturing during the same sampling period that classrooms were monitored.
- Cr(VI) results inside the classrooms was *below* the limit of detection and below the OEHHA NSRL for inhalation of 0.001 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Outdoor levels measured ranged from less than 0.39 to 0.40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Additionally, these levels are *well below* occupational exposure levels established by California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH -- better known as Cal/OSHA) as referenced in Table I.
- The current Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Unit filters MERV 10 are effective in that there was no measurable Cr(VI) inside the room even though there were levels measured outside at two locations.
- Based on the data collected to date, observations and measurements, in terms of potential exposure to Cr(VI), the classrooms are safe to occupy and for continuous use with the air handler in operation during all periods of occupancy.
- Sampling Results: The sampling results indicate that exposures to all measured parameters, in all areas, were below the Cal/OSHA PELs, OEHHA RELs, OEHHA NSRL, ACGIH TLVs, NIOSH RELs, and ASHRAE recommendations.

The presentation is available on the District website.

SBAC Results

Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Information provided the Board with results of the SBAC scores recently received and discussed key steps the District will take moving forward for the high schools, at the elementary level and middle schools.

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 speakers addressed the Board:

Gerald Cerda addressed the Board and said that in July he brought up the issue of unlawful pupil fees being collected and used for coaching fees and retaliation occurred right after a Uniform Complaint Procedure was submitted. In August, indoor testing was requested by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health. In September a for a status was requested, and no status has been provided. The Supervisor for this District asked the Captain to look into the matter. During a meeting with Superintendent Pérez he states she indicated she did not know anything as Mr. Frutos was not in the meeting. On October 6, phone calls and a letter was sent to parents about one of their own being arrested, all of this has happened within the last 6 months under Superintendent Pérez. A vote of no confidence for Superintendent Pérez and the School Board members is in place. He requested for the resignation of Superintendent Pérez and the Board.

Eric Varela, teacher at Roosevelt School address the Board regarding facilities, safety and environmental concerns at Roosevelt School. Mr. Varela shared that he is on his 15th year serving the Paramount Unified School District and is honored and excited to do his job. He is grateful to the Board for their collaboration with the City to address safety issues. He added that Roosevelt School has seen little evidence on improvements done with Measure I. Concerns with the bungalows at Roosevelt include, bad carpet that should be replaced and only been stretched out, fleas, barn like odors, termites and rain gutters are rusting. Sidewalks in the parking area are uneven which are tripping hazard for students and staff. A portable bathroom blocks the path which is a safety concern. He is requesting that physical improvements be done to the site to make their school great again. He extended an invitation to the Board to attend the school's Trunk or Treat, Math night, STEM night and Career Day.

Sara Patricia Huezo asked the Board if there are air purifiers at Jackson School. A letter was recently received from the SCAQMD with results of air monitor readings and she is concerned for the teachers, students and staff at school and added that we need to protect them as it is know to cause cancer, nose bleeds and asthma. If there are no air purifiers, she is asking that some be installed. She added that there are scientific articles linking Hexavalent Chromium to kidney failure.

Ms. Huezo also asked what is being done to upgrade Lincoln School with Measure I funds. She asks that money be used for all schools and not only for some.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.313

Trustee Cuellar motioned, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent items.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Human Resources

Personnel Report

17-05

2.313

Accepted Personnel Report 17-05, 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

3.313

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

Business Services

Purchase Order Report 17-05

4.313

Approved Purchase Order Report 17-05 authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Acceptance of Donations

4.313

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

Human Resources

2017-18 Declaration of Need
for Fully Qualified Educators

2.314

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the 2017-18 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators in Paramount Unified School District for submission to the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Teaching Internship
Agreement with California
State University, Fullerton

2.315

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agreement with California State University, Fullerton for participation in the Teaching Internship Program.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Hourly Rate Increase
for Non-Classified Positions

2.316

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve an increase to the hourly rate for non-classified positions effective January 1, 2018.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Hansen, Peña

Absent: 1 – Trustee Garcia

Educational Services

Nonpublic School Placement
for a Special Education
Students for 2017-18
3.317

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the placement for a special education student in nonpublic schools as determined by the student's Individual Education Plan for the 2017-18 school year.

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

Business Services

Notices of Completion – Field
Service Contracts
4.318

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept as completed the Field Service Contracts for replacement of HVAC units (4) at Lakewood School, and installation of LED lighting at Wirtz. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to file the Notices of Completion and make payment to all contracted parties upon expiration of the lien period and determination that no liens are outstanding.

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

Agreement with Aflac Group
Insurance Company for
Supplemental Group
Insurance Plans and Section
125 Flexible Spending
Enrollment
4.319

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agreement with Aflac Group Insurance Company to provide Section 125 flexible spending enrollment services, offer supplemental voluntary group insurance plans, and assist employees with online open enrollment. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to complete all necessary documents.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Williams Settlement Quarterly
Uniform Complaint Summary

The Board received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the first quarter July 1 – September 30, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, October 23, 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 7:24 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 9:04 p.m. Vice President Hansen reported that they discussed Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation and Public Employee Performance and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Public Employee
Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2.320

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to ratify the decision of the Administration not to grant permanent status to the Director of Safety and Security. The effective date of termination shall be October 6, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 9, 2017 at 9:05 p.m.

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

Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk