San Pasqual Union School District

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at San Pasqual Union School

- Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Goe, Merz, and Murray were present. Members Gourley and Redmond were not present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present.
- Jolene Mallory, SPETA President, addressed the Board regarding ongoing negotiations, highlighting the need for a fair salary increase and timely resolution.

Adjournment at 4:33 p.m. for closed session.

Regular Session

- Meeting reconvened at 6:05 pm.
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: Governing Board gave direction to the Superintendent on Closed Agenda items.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Merz motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the March 10, 2026, regular meeting. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Mrs. Zdunich presented the AP report (see attached), which included an update on i-Ready Diagnostic growth scores in both mathematics and reading. The report highlighted student progress over the current assessment window and explained how these growth metrics can be used to project performance on the CAASPP, providing an early indicator of end-of-year academic outcomes and areas for targeted support. Mrs. Zdunich also highlighted updates from key community groups, including the Foundation, PTO, and DELAC, sharing recent news and engagement efforts.
- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's report (See attached)
    - Enrollment Update (2026–2027 Projections):
        - Currently down approximately 19 students compared to this year; a relatively small gap at this point in the enrollment cycle
        - Reviewed projected class sizes and how they are expected to balance across grade levels
    - LCAP Goal #1 – Academic Achievement:
        - *Glows:* Implementation of RTI, i-Ready, Orton-Gillingham (OG), and Kagan strategies; strong teacher professional development and leadership teams
        - *Grows:* Continued focus on English learner progress and strengthening math supports

- LCAP Goal #2 – Student Engagement & Well-Being:
  - *Glows:* Growth in upper body strength, high levels of students reporting feeling safe at school, and reduced chronic absenteeism
  - *Grows:* Enhancement of health curriculum and increased student-initiated bully intervention
- LCAP Goal #3 – Family & Community Engagement:
  - *Glows:* Strong and effective parent/community groups, high parent involvement, and expanded after-school activities
  - *Grows:* Continued development of additional after-school opportunities
- Classified Employee of the Year:
  - Amy Moss was recognized as the San Diego County Classified Employee of the Year, an outstanding achievement among thousands of classified employees.

Action/Discussion Items

- Board discussed concerns regarding San Pasqual Academy and reiterated intention to submit a letter reflecting those concerns to the SD County Board of Supervisors ahead of their May 5th meeting. Member Murray motioned to approve a draft letter with recommended revisions to paragraph one on page 2 to clarify that the District has funded and implemented these specialized programs for high needs students with no positive outcomes for students. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the termination of Solar Power Purchase Agreement and Solar Energy System Lease Agreement with Rockwood Road Solar Project 2023, LLC. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the District's Participation in the California Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Cohort 6. This program will allow the District to recoup costs of some mental health services. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Merz to approve the Declaration of Need. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Quote from Concepts School and Office Furnishings to buy 30 new classroom desks. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the quote from CDW-G for the purchase of 60 Chromebooks and 3 Chromebook Carts. The Chromebooks replacements are part of the districts "refesh" program to replace outdated devices. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Proposal from Apple Store for the purchase of 40 iPads. The iPad replacements are part of the districts "refresh" program to replace outdated devices. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Salary Adjustment for the Classified Management Salary Schedule. Mr. Burroughs explained that in recent years, the CBO role has expanded significantly across budgeting, compliance, facilities, and strategic planning, and a salary adjustment is needed to remain competitive and retain strong fiscal leadership. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

- Due to conflicts in schedules, Member Merz motioned to amend the Board Meeting Schedule to reflect new dates of June 24 and June 25. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Board discussed CSBA recommendation to only bring Board Policy updates (not Administration Regulations) to Board for approval. This conflicts with past practice. Member Murray motioned to approve the November Policy Manual changes for November 2025, but delete the last 3 paragraph on page 181. As such, Administration Regulations will still be brought before the Board for approval. Murray also motioned to adopt the January 2026 updates as presented. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Merz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Murray:** I want to highlight the data—it's very encouraging. The implementation of RTI is clearly making a positive impact, and it's great to see our 8th graders remaining competitive. I also want to congratulate Amy Moss on her incredible achievement—that recognition is truly well deserved. Additionally, I'd like to thank all the groups on campus for their ongoing support, especially our Foundation, which consistently keeps our school's best interests at heart.
- **Merz:** I agree with all of that. There were so many positive highlights this evening—from the data, to the soirée, to Amy Moss's recognition. It's great to see so many things going well, and I appreciate the overall positive momentum.
- **Goe:** I echo those sentiments. Congratulations to Mrs. Moss on this outstanding honor. I'd also like to thank Lachlan and his dad for attending tonight's meeting—it's always exciting to have members of our community here with us.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2026 - 4:30 p.m.
(At 4:30 p.m. there will be an open session to allow for public comment on the closed session agenda items, followed immediately by a closed session.)