

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board Recognizes PUSD Students

Nine Westview High School students took the Overall Southern California Award at the DECA Southern California Leadership Development Conference. The conference, comprised of 250 students, took place in Anaheim January 10th - 12th.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the United States Department of Education have selected several PUSD students as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.

Several Poway Unified School District students received the maximum possible score of 800 in their subject area tests on the October or November 2013 Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

Listings of all of these students' names can be found in the student recognition green sheet.

Two Poway Unified students have been recognized by the College Board for earning the highest score of 2400 on the October or November 2013 national SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). The students are:

- Benjamin Kha, Mt. Carmel High School
- Nicholas Wu, Westview High School

► Board Recognizes PUSD Staff Members

The Board of Education recognized two PUSD teams for TEAM PUSD awards and four employees as Tier 2 Everyday Heroes.

The following employees have been selected for TEAM PUSD awards:

- Bernardo Campos, Dianne Drake, Linsey Orrell, Jason Richards, and Sharon Rosenthal - Monterey Ridge Academy
- Linda Campos, Sarah Devlin, Linda Meloney, Noli Motos, Lillian Tomko, and Linda Bradbury - PUSD Testing Office & Web Based MAP Testing

The following employees have been selected as Tier 2 Everyday Heroes:

- Cindi Hodnett - Office Assistant II - Extended Student Services (ESS)
- Evelyn Hupp - Instructional Assistant II - Special Education, Abraxas High School
- Gabriela Olszewska - Library Media Technician - Elementary, Del Sur Elementary
- Anne Smith - Computer Resource Assistant - Sunset Hills Elementary School

► Board Receives Update on College and Career Readiness

The Board received an update from Associate Superintendent, Mel Robertson, on the District's change to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the work being done on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Robertson first reviewed PUSD's mission, goals and initiatives. PUSD is working to develop the three-year LCAP beginning with the 2014-15 school year. The LCAP covers eight state priorities and connects our budgets to those priorities. Later this month, surveys will be launched to the community as well as to District staff members requesting input on the District's funding, programs and goals, followed by a community forum to gain additional community involvement.

► Board Receives Update on Design 39 Campus

The Board received an update from Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations, Mike Tarantino, on the construction project progress of the Design 39 Campus. Photos were shown, detailing construction since it began in February 2013 to the site's current state.

► Board Approves Resolution No. 42-2014 "National School Breakfast Week 2014"

The Board approved Resolution No. 42-2014 "National School Breakfast Week 2014" naming March 3rd - March 7th National School Breakfast Week. This week provides the District with an opportunity to reflect on the critical role that school breakfast plays in promoting the health and well-being of tomorrow's leaders. It also serves as a fitting time to recognize the dedicated people who make the School Breakfast Program a reality at the following nine school sites: Mt. Carmel, Poway, and Westview High Schools, Meadowbrook Middle School, Los Peñasquitos, Midland, Pomerado, Rolling Hills, and Valley Elementary Schools.

► Board Receives Information on Electric-Powered School Buses

The Board received information from Director of Transportation, Tim Purvis, on a program to demonstrate an all-electric-powered school bus. The District's transportation program has been selected by a local research and development firm, Transportation Power Inc. (TransPower), a research and development company, to demonstrate an all-electric-powered school bus. TransPower has partnered with, and received full funding from the California Air Resources Board and the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) to create an economical electric school bus. TransPower has converted a model year 2008 Thomas Built HDX transit design school bus to a zero-emission battery powered bus. TransPower wishes to place their experimental unit into "real time" service through cooperation with various school districts throughout San Diego County.

The District's transportation program has a long-standing business partnership with the California Energy Commission and SDAPCD, having been an industry leader in the first alternative fueled Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) school buses resulting today with the District operating 34 CNG school buses, 25 percent of the District's school bus fleet. Additionally, the District has received many millions in both alternative fuel bus purchase grants and infrastructure support. The District is pleased to have been selected to assist in the demonstration of this new alternative power for school buses.

The District plans to demonstrate the all-electric bus on a single bus route for approximately 45 school days or more upon request.

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

Monday, March 17, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Special Meetings:

Monday, March 10, 2014 in the District Office (5 p.m.)

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