

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 23, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board, Staff, and Audience Recognize Moment of Silence

The Board President requested the meeting begin with a moment of silence in memory of two very special individuals our District has lost. Tonight we remembered Abraxas High School student, Alberto Sablaon. Alberto had Muscular Dystrophy and recently developed respiratory issues, which caused his untimely passing. He was well-loved by his family, teachers, aids, and students, always had a smile on his face, and would greet all of the staff every day with a cheerful "Good morning!" He had very limited movement with his right hand, but was an amazing artist. Some of his drawings from when he was at Mt. Carmel High School were entered at the Del Mar Fair in which he won first place ribbons for his mountain landscape and flower drawings.

Tonight we also remembered Lori Hughes, an instructional aide at Mt. Carmel High School. Lori worked with the Critical Skills students, and was very well-regarded by the Sundevil staff. She was kind and gentle, and worked well, not only with her team, but also with other staff when she was supporting her students in mainstream classes. She was an avid gardener who helped the kids cultivate a beautiful space for growing all kinds of vegetables and flowers outside the classroom. The garden has now been dedicated to her and bears a beautiful bronze plaque with her name.

► Superintendent Recognizes Various Staff, School, and District Recognitions

- The San Diego City Council proclaimed May 11 through May 17, 2014 as "Heather Smith Week", in recognition of Heather's continued outstanding performance and dedication to teaching. Heather is a preschool teacher at Willow Grove Elementary School and was one of three PUSD Teachers of the Year for the 2013-2014 year.
- Poway High School Robotics Team Spyder 1622 and students in the Poway Engineering Academy won four Best of Show and seven Best in Class Awards at the San Diego County Fair.
- Twenty-six PUSD high school students graduated from the Northrop Grumman High School Involvement Partnership (HIP) internship on June 5th. Since 2003, the Partners in Education program has been involved in this program with Northrop Grumman. Following the application and interview process, selected students are placed in positions at Northrop Grumman in Rancho Bernardo for the 17-week program beginning in late January.
- On May 13th at the 9th Annual San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Energy Showcase event, Poway Unified was honored by SDG&E as an Energy Champion for its outstanding results in energy efficiency and conservation. PUSD has an annual savings of 979,916 kWh and SDG&E Incentives totaling \$91,872. This was a wonderful event and our District is incredibly thankful and proud of our Director of Facilities, Mike Tarantino, for all of the work that has been done. Dr. Collins' shared with the Board and the audience a short video explaining the award.

► Board Receives Update on D39C

The Board received an update from Director of Facilities, Mike Tarantino, on the current status of the Design39Campus facilities. Mr. Tarantino shared a number of photographs showing the progression of the construction. The site is on track, on budget, and will open in August 2014.

► Board Receives Presentation on Facilities Needs Assessment

The Board received a report on the Facilities Needs Assessment conducted at the Board's request. There is a current need for major repairs to some of PUSD's campuses, yet the amount of funding available for these types of repairs is becoming more restrictive as the State continues to reduce, restrict, and reallocate dollars.

There are currently seven campuses in PUSD that were excluded from the School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) Building for Success program. They are: Adobe Bluffs, Creekside, Highland Ranch, Park Village, Shoal Creek, Mesa Verde, and Westview. These schools were constructed during the timeframe of 1992 – 2002 as part of the mitigation requirement for CFD 1, and had no significant modernization.

In addition to the CFD 1 campuses, the District has constructed six new CFD campuses to mitigate the impact from development in CFDs 2 through 14. They are: Del Sur, Monterey Ridge, Stone Ranch, Willow Grove, Oak Valley, and Del Norte. These facilities are starting to fall within the ten-year guideline for deferred maintenance.

As part of the District's commitment to ensure equitable facilities through the District, staff has been working with BakerNowicki design studio in evaluating facilities needs for these 13 campuses. The results of these evaluations were presented this evening and the Board will continue to discuss these issues as the District develops a facilities master plan.

► **Board Adopts 2014-15 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

The Board adopted the 2014-15 LCAP. PUSD's LCAP aligns with the eight LCAP Priority Areas adopted by California's State Board of Education, PUSD's Strategic Vision, and the Goals and Initiatives adopted by the PUSD Board of Education in Fall 2013. The LCAP was developed with a host of staff and stakeholders and was reviewed and discussed during regular and special meetings of the Board throughout this school year.

► **Board Adopts 2013-15 Common Core State Standards Plan**

The Board adopted the 2013-15 Common Core State Standards Plan. On June 9, 2014, this plan was presented to the Board for a first reading.

A presentation was given by Executive Directors Eric Lehew, Kimberlie Rens, and Cindy DeClercq to review Common Core (CC) State Funding. The presenters reviewed the CC implementation timeline, shared detailed information on the three areas where funding is focused (Staff Development: 55%; Instructional Resources: 30%; Technology: 15%), provided a number of examples of evidence shifts we will be looking for in all of our classrooms, and reviewed next steps, which include working collaboratively in the Teaching and Learning Committee, building capacity of teacher leadership throughout the District, supporting teachers and administrators in professional learning, and engaging students in learning environments that best support them.

► **Board Approves Resolution No. 120-2014 Regarding the Rescinding of Elimination or Reduction in Hours**

The Board approved Resolution No. 120-2014, which rescinded the layoff action taken on April 23, 2014, of five Student Services Specialists and the layoff action taken on May 19, 2014, of one Special Education Educational Transcriber.

► **Board Adopts 2014-15 Proposed Budget and Approval of Related Criteria and Standards**

The Board adopted the 2014-15 proposed budget and related criteria and standards. The 2014-15 proposed budget for PUSD's General Fund Combined includes updated financial information from the Governor's May Revise.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.) - First Meeting of the 2014-15 School Year
Monday, September 15, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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