

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board Recognizes Dr. John Collins for Being Chosen as a “Future Ready Superintendent” by the U.S. Department of Education

Board President Gutschow congratulated Dr. John Collins, who has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 100 top school leaders from across America to participate in the first-ever National Connected Superintendents Summit Wednesday, November 19th with President Obama at the White House.

Superintendent Collins is among exemplary local school chiefs who will be recognized for their leadership in helping transition their districts to digital learning. This unique conference will bring together officials from throughout America to share with one other and the Education Department promising approaches to using technology in classes.

He has been selected as a “Future Ready Superintendent” based upon a number of initiatives, awards, programs and processes brought to Poway Unified under his leadership. These include: InnovationU; Design 39 Campus; Classroom of the Future Foundation awards (in 2007, 2008 and 2010); California K12 High Speed Network Advisory Board; The refresh program; The computer giveaway program; PD 360; FutureFocus; Social media use and expansion; Project Red; and Design Thinking.

The White House summit will be followed by a series of 12-15 regional summits that will focus on the digital progress both made and possible by local school districts. The events will also include the unveiling of digital tools that facilitate incorporation of technology into short-term and long-range education planning.

► Superintendent Recognizes Various Staff and Student Recognitions

- PUSD Staff Members Andrea Barraugh, Math Coach/TOSA, Cindy De Clercq, Executive Director in LSS, Lynne Haman, Math TOSA, Elementary, Lani Hsieh, Math Coach, Andy Johnsen, Principal at Valley Elementary, and Cindy Venolia, Principal at Highland Ranch presented “A TK-5 Model of District Wide Support for Teaching and Learning Math” at the San Diego County Achievement Gap Task Force Superintendents’ and School Leaders’ Forum on October 23, 2014 at the San Diego Convention Center.
- Westview High School’s NJROTC earned their fourth straight victory at the UCLA Navy Field Meet on October 25, 2014 under the leadership of Commanders Rick Jordan and Jesus “David” Martinez. NJROTC is a citizenship development program that instills service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment in students in United States secondary educational institutions. The NJROTC program teaches cadets self-discipline, self-confidence and leadership skills to help meet life's challenges and helps prepare them for life after high school to support their chosen career path.
- Mt. Carmel High School Teacher, Bill Briscoe and his Fire Science students were presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Poway City Council for their role in helping to make the 29th Annual Poway Fire Department Open House such a community success. The event, held on October 4, 2014, takes place every October during Fire Prevention Week.

► Board Recognizes Everyday Heroes and Team PUSD Awardees

The Everyday Heroes program honors classified employees who demonstrate excellence in work performance, school and community involvement, and leadership and commitment to our District and students. Tier 1 of the program allows anyone (fellow employee, supervisor, parent, etc.) to submit a nomination to recognize the efforts of Poway Unified classified employees at any time of the year. Nominated classified employees, along with their supervisors and nominator, receive a notification informing them that they have been nominated as a Tier 1 Everyday Hero. Three times a year, a committee reviews the nominations of employees recognized in Tier 1 and selects those to be recognized as Tier 2 Outstanding PUSD employees. Tier 2 employees are recognized at Board of Education meetings receive certificates of recognition.

Recognized as Tier 2 Outstanding Classified Employees were:

- Kyle Allen - Instructional Assistant I - Special Education – Twin Peaks Middle School
- Kimberly Carroll – High School Registrar – Westview High School
- Dan Flaherty – Maintenance Worker II – Maintenance & Operations
- Laura Gonzalez Garcia – Parent Liaison-Bilingual – Valley Elementary School
- Olga Jones – Middle School Accounting Technician – Twin Peaks Middle School
- Tarrah Marcus – Instructional Assistant I – Special Education – Mt. Carmel High School
- Elizabeth McDowell – Program Aide – ESS – Del Sur Elementary School
- Deirdre Sheehy – School Administrative Assistant – Middle School – Oak Valley Middle School
- Kathy Webb – School Administrative Assistant – Elementary – Pomerado Elementary

TEAM PUSD is designed to recognize an admirable team of employees, who together accomplish an exceptional task or project. The recognition is for a group of two or more certificated and/or classified individuals who have made a significant contribution to the benefit of PUSD, an individual, his or her work site, the community, or other volunteer or service organization. The activity for which they are being recognized generally demonstrates excellence or exceeds the employee's normal job responsibilities.

Recognized for a TEAM PUSD award were:

- Dale Klinert and Robert Cicero – Mt. Carmel High School Groundskeeper II's
- Marcelina (Ellen) Nazareno and Dennis Sweeney – Stone Ranch Elementary School Custodians
- Michelle Ackerman, Kheloud (Katie) Allos, Agnes Chow, Andrea Clay, Janet Crews, Sherri Dean, Ellen Faucher, Juana Fox, Carin Freitas, Genevieve Girten, Christine Gold, David Hall, Lori A. Hath, Christina Jordan, Elizabeth Jane Kennington, Lori S. Larsen, Laura S. Mason, Gregory Milligan, Jolie Napier-Vea, Janine Perez, Irma Pollard, Paula Rians, JoAnn Roberson, Steven Salvati, Leisl Sanchez, Judy Vanderploeg, Deborah P. Wulff, Dawn Zwibel – Personnel Support Services

► Board Receives Capital Appreciation Bonds Presentation

Per Board direction to staff at the October 13, 2014 Board meeting, the following items regarding the proposed refunding of the Capital Appreciation Bonds have been published on the PUSD website:

- The FAQ's and their responses from the three public CAB forums
- Dale Scott's PowerPoint presentation from the August 19, 2014 Board meeting
- Data collected from the preference cards distributed online and at the three public forums

Tonight, Benjamin Dolinka of Dolinka Group, LLC, presented the findings from their independent analysis on the proposed Capital Appreciation Bond refunding. This presentation showed calculations of impacts to property owners. The complete presentation will be available on the District's CAB page (<http://www.powayusd.com/board/CAB.shtml>) by noon on Tuesday, November 18th.

► Board Receives First Reading of 2015-16 Student Calendar

The Board received the First Reading of the proposed 2015-16 student calendar. The calendar will return for approval during the December 8th Board meeting, but the presented calendar shows a 2015-16 school year start date of Wednesday, August 19, 2015, and the last day of school as Thursday, June 9, 2016.

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

- Monday, December 8, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.)
- Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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