

# B ard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **DECEMBER 15, 2015** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

The Superintendent and Board recognized accomplishments at school sites and in the District. Below is a brief summary of those recognitions. The entire text can be found in the agenda packet.

The Home Depot Foundation and local Poway Home Depot have awarded the Construction Technology Program/Community Garden Project at **Abraxas High School** a \$2,000 “Team Depot” grant. The funds will be used to purchase wood and screws to build raised garden beds for the Community Garden Project.

**Del Norte, Mt. Carmel, Poway, Rancho Bernardo and Westview High Schools** have been ranked in the “Top 100” of California’s 2,200 high schools by Niche, a website founded in 2002 by Carnegie-Mellon students.

The **Jack-o-Smash** event committee presented donations of \$8,000 to **Abraxas’s** Transition program and \$8,000 to the PUSD **Special Education Foundation**.

## ► Board of Education - Election of Officers and Appointment of Representatives

### Officers:

- President – Michelle O’Connor-Ratcliff
- Vice President – TJ Zane
- Secretary – Andy Patapow

### Representatives to Committees:

- The complete slate of Board Committee Representatives can be found in the December Board Meeting Minutes.

## ► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Robotics coaching stipends;
- Need for additional library staff at elementary, middle and high schools;
- Restoration of school library funding;
- ASK gun safety and gun storage program;
- SPEAK UP school violence prevention program;
- Need for new leadership in PUSD;
- Treatment of public speakers by the Board of Education;
- Need for respectful behavior among all adults in the PUSD community;
- Request for identification – and reasons behind - items pulled from the agenda that were not on the Closed Session;
- Request for explanation for pulling item D-202;

► **Action Items:**

- Ratification of SEIU's 2015-16 Tentative Agreement is approved;
- APSM contract negotiations are tabled until the January, 2016 meeting;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report is approved;
- Approval of Associate Superintendents' contract extensions tabled indefinitely;

**The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.**

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

**Tuesday, January 19** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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