

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 10, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board and Audience Recognize Moment of Silence

The Board President called for all in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor and memory of Sundance Elementary School student, Hank Mata, who passed away in his home, and Bernardo Heights Middle School student, Karina Fares, who passed away in an accident in Mexico.

Sundance Elementary School, Bernardo Heights Middle School and the entire Poway Unified family sends its deepest condolences to Hank and Karina's families. Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and family members as they mourn their tragic losses.

► Superintendent and Board Recognize Student, Staff and School Stars

The Superintendent and Board recognized the following students and staff:

- The Board Agenda contains a list of Poway Unified students who received the maximum possible score of 800 in a subject area test on the SAT. Congratulations to all.
- On February 7, the San Diego Science Olympiad took place for students in grades 6 through 9. Four Poway Unified middle schools placed in the top ten - Black Mountain Middle School (2nd), Mesa Verde Middle School (3rd), Oak Valley Middle School (4th) and Meadowbrook Middle School (9th).
- On February 21, the San Diego Science Olympiad took place for students in grades 9 through 12. Four Poway Unified high schools placed in the top ten – Westview High School (2nd), Del Norte High School (4th), Rancho Bernardo High School (5th) and Mt. Carmel High School (9th).
- On February 22, students from Adobe Bluffs Elementary School participated in the “Odyssey of the Mind” creative problem-solving competition. All five teams did an outstanding job. The Structure Team finished in 3rd place. The Vehicle Team and Silent Movie Team both placed second and are advancing to the state competition.
- Twenty-two Westview High School students will have their art work on display at the San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park for the Young Art 2015: Visualizing Music exhibit from April 11 to May 26, 2015. The exhibit which explores the creative connections between visual art and music, features artwork by Kindergarten through 12th grade San Diego County students.

► Board Interviews Three Candidates for Appointee to the Personnel Commission and Names Selection

On January 27, 2015, the position for the District Appointee to the Personnel Commission was opened for recruitment via regular Personnel Commission recruitment processes. Sixteen candidates applied. A committee comprised of Board members Charles Sellers and Andy Patapow, and Associate Superintendent of Personnel, Tracy Hogarth, reviewed the applications and selected seven candidates to formally interview. These candidates were invited to interview with the ad hoc committee on February 23 and 24 at the District Office. From this interview, three candidates were asked to interview with the Board of Education in open session on March 10, 2015. The candidates asked to interview were Richard Dukellis, Rosemarie Straight, and Margaret Wyatt.

Each candidate was called forward and provided up to a two-minute statement regarding their qualifications and experience in regard to the Personnel Commission position. The Board President then asked a total of two to three questions of each candidate. At the culmination of the interviews, the Board voted and announced Margaret Wyatt as the person to appoint.

Margaret Wyatt, the intended District Appointee will now have her name forwarded to the April 20, 2015 Board of Education meeting for a public hearing and appointment.

► **Board Approves Resolution No. 39-2015, Recognizing School Bus Drivers' Day on Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

The Board approved Resolution No. 39-2015, recognizing School Bus Drivers' Day on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Each year we have an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our school bus drivers by celebrating School Bus Drivers' Day. The school bus drivers in the Poway Unified School District are an outstanding group of individuals who transport over 3,500 students twice a day, over two million miles annually, to and from school, activity field trips, and community service trips. We are pleased to acknowledge and recognize our school bus drivers for their accomplishments, as well as those of our entire Transportation Team, through the resolution (found in the agenda packet).

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Monday, April 20, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Monday, May 18, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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