

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JANUARY 19, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

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

- The OtterCares Philanthropy Program, along with Otter Products San Diego division, donated 40 Amazon Fire eReaders to **Pomerado Elementary School**. The eReaders will be used in the school's library.
- **Pomerado Elementary** also received \$5,000 from the Barona Education Grant Program to support the Pomerado After School Activities (PASA) program.
- The staff, students and families of **Deer Canyon Elementary** were recognized for Deer Canyon's designation as a 2015 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

According to the US Department of Education, schools that earn the Exemplary High Performing designation are "among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments and nationally normed test and their student subgroups perform at the highest levels."

## ► Update on Emergency Procedures

- Superintendent Collins provided the board with an update on our District's response to the tornado watch and warning issued by the National Weather Service on 1/6/16.

## ► New Director of Communications and Community Engagement Introduced

- Superintendent Collins introduced Christine Paik. Christine is a 15-year veteran news anchor and reporter. She joins our District from Fresno, California, where she worked for television station ABC30.

## ► New Principals Named

- The Board ratified the hiring of two new Elementary Principals in our District:  
Mandy Bedard at **Tierra Bonita**;  
Denise Davis at **Painted Rock**

## ► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Dyslexia awareness and instructional interventions;
- Volunteer support of RBHS library;
- SEIU questions re: expected levels of trust in the bargaining process;

- PSEA’s interest in collaborative bargaining processes;
- Robotics programs and coaches’ stipends;
- College Bound program and the Concerned Parents Alliance;
- Cost and efficiency of the Shinoff law firm;
- Projected costs of Trustee Patapow recall effort;
- Intimidation of public speakers at Board meetings by other members of the public;
- “Silent majority’s” support of Superintendent Collins and Trustee Patapow;
- Lifting of current restraining orders against members of the public;
- Alleged political activity violations of district employees.

▶ **Poway Federation of Teachers (PFT)**

- 2015-16 Tentative Agreement ratified by the Board. Vote: 4 ayes; 1 nay

▶ **Association of Poway School Managers (APSM)**

- Compensation on the salary schedule for APSM ratified by the Board. Vote: 3 ayes; 2 nays

▶ **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:40 p.m.

▶ **Future meetings:**

Regular Meetings:

**Tuesday, February 9th** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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