

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JUNE 22, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Moments of Silence

Last week in Orlando, Florida, a gunman opened fire in a nightclub, killing 40 people and injuring 53. The Poway Unified School District mourns the lives lost and stands against the violence and hate that fueled these murders. During this difficult time, we offer heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims.

The Bernardo Heights Middle School family lost a beloved member of its student body, 7th grade student Alyssa Spinar. Marie-Paz Flores, in Health Services, shared a statement to be read in her memory, and Board President O'Connor led a moment of silence in her honor.

► Report Out of Closed Session

- Agreement for employment reached between Board of Education and Interim Superintendent, Edward Velasquez. Mr. Velasquez's first day of employment will be August 1, 2016.
- Board unanimously agreed to conclude the matter with Dr. Collins' audit and administrative leave in a special session on July 11, 2016.

► Superintendent and the Board Recognize Students, Schools and the District

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. Below are just a few of those recognitions. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here:

<http://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2016/0-Board-Agenda-Packet-6-22-2016.pdf>

- Dr. Robertson highlighted the amount of military, academic, and athletic scholarships offered to our students for 2015-2016: an impressive \$81.7 million dollars total for our six high schools combined! And the total amount accepted by our students is \$26.5 million. Congratulations to our students and we wish them all the best in their future plans.
- Dr. Robertson also thanked the two retiring Associate Superintendents, Malliga Tholandi and Tracy Hogarth. This was their final board meeting before retirement.
- Associate Superintendent, Tracy Hogarth and Personnel Commission Director Corrie Amador, recognized the recipients of "Everyday Heroes" and "Team PUSD" awards.

► Everyday Heroes

Everyday Heroes honors classified employees who demonstrate excellence in work performance, school and community involvement, and leadership and commitment to our District and students.

- Hilary Ramirez, ESS Supervisor (SHES)
- Beth Wells-Whitwam, Student Support Services (DCES)
- Anna Noel, Instructional Assistant, (RBHS)
- Vicki Wahlsten, LAN Administrator Coordinator, (DO)
- Ruth Siopongco, Accountant II (Finance Dept.)

► Team PUSD

Team PUSD is designed to recognize an admirable team of employees, who together accomplish an exceptional task or project. The recognition is for two or more classified and/or certificated 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.

- Tim Biland, Principal; Carly Romero and Jill Halsey, Assistant Principals; Jane Lauderdale, School Administrative Assistant; Lisa Avalos, Secretary; Karen Sare, Receptionist; Debbie Sabatini, Health Technician; Kika Robinson, Attendance; Roger Coloma, Counselor; Gina Stellwagen, Counselor Assistant; Katie Dida, Assistive Technology; Susan Carpenter, Speech; Stephanie Ussery, Occupational Therapist; LaShawn Summerour, Psychologist; Heather Lees, RSP Teacher/Case Manager; Kathi Ahles, Instructional Assistant; Rick Simon, Instructional Assistant; David Carmichael, Teacher; Mary Jean Howe, Teacher; Angel Chapman, Teacher; Ian McKercher, Teacher; Leonora Persichina, Best Buddies Coordinator; Tippy Roberts, Best Buddies Coordinator (BHMS)
- Mary Ruth Huerta and Kristin Zuidema, RSP Teachers (WWES)
- Robert Luticken, Barrett Becker, Robert Saxton, Teachers (AHS)

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- PUSD Parents hosting free mental health forum on June 23rd
- Concerns over District leadership and PFT leadership
- Fleece Award from San Diego Taxpayers Association

► Presentation of Technology and Learning Framework and Initial Implementation Plan

Purpose: to develop District priorities in ensuring equitable access, alignment to District learning initiatives, site based implementation, clear benchmarks, continuous monitoring, and research based practices

Next Steps: Develop an oversight committee, initiate initial implementation strategies, establish a system of monitoring and implementation efforts

► Adoption of PUSD Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Passed unanimously by Board

► Approval of the Annual Service Plan and Budget for the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

Passed unanimously by Board

► Approval of the employment agreement for Associate Superintendent of Personnel Support Services, Sandra Huevo

Passed unanimously by Board

Ms. Huevo will start July 1, 2016

► Appointment of Acting Superintendent, Dr. Mel Robertson

Passed unanimously by Board

Dr. Robertson has been serving as Acting Superintendent since April 25, 2016

► Approval of the Interim Superintendent Contract, Edward Velasquez

Passed 4 to 1 by Board

Mr. Velasquez will start August 1, 2016

► **Adoption of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and Approval of Related Criteria and Standards**
Passed unanimously by Board

► **Future meetings**

Special Meeting:

Monday, July 11th, 2016 in the District Office (Time TBD)

Regular Meeting:

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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