

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Welcome Back to School with Some Fun Facts

- 35,888 total students are enrolled for the school year
- Food Services had 16 tons of chicken, 3 tons of turkey, 4 tons of beef, 5 tons of potatoes ready to go
- The District hired about 120 new teachers, many who were PUSD grads themselves!
- Transportation's 166 drivers got 152 buses on the road, transporting nearly 4,000 students.

Dr. Robertson thanked #TeamPUSD for the enormous effort and energy required to make the first day of school a success. She also challenged educators and employees to shift our attention to the individual needs and cultures of our students to achieve equity in education.

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and 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-8-23-2016.pdf>

- Abraxas High was just announced as a finalist for the CBS8 "EcoAmbassadors" People's Choice Challenge. They're vying for a \$20,000 prize so they need #TeamPUSD to rally together to vote online starting Friday at cbs8.com
- Garden Road Elementary staff and families handled a challenging situation last Thursday with patience and grace when law enforcement closed access to the school due to a shooting investigation. They worked together with District staff to make sure our students were safe and well taken care of.

## ► Student Work Showcase

Every month, PUSD will showcase a school by bringing students' writing, art, and photography to board meetings.

- This month, the glass showcase in the District Office lobby features some of the winning pieces of Paul Messerle's art students at Rancho Bernardo High School. Paul was the teacher of the year for PUSD and the County last year. He spoke about the career success of his former students.

## ► New Student Board Member Introduced

- Ella Smith from Westview High School spoke about serving as a voice for her fellow students and working with the Board to enact change.

## ► Superintendent Search

- Board in the process of vetting search firms to begin looking for candidates
- Looking forward to getting input from public
- Have full confidence in Dr. Robertson as Acting Superintendent in the meantime

## Upcoming Events

- [Poway Days Parade](#) on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- [Salute to Teachers](#) also on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

## ► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Michael Sarmiento, Abraxas** Transition program welcomed 25 new students last week, ended first week with “Olympic games” including volleyball and basketball, recycling program in place for plastic bottles, paper recycling, e-waste and toner, invitation to first of several blood drives in September, composting program in full swing, Lemonade stand with Otter Cares
- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte** Beginning of the year off to strong start, enrollment up to almost 2100, sports and band practiced all summer, first home football game this Friday, LINK crew welcomed 575 new freshmen to “the nest,” first day assembly a success with “Big Me Big You” theme to treat others with respect, Honduras club worked with orphanage there, this Friday hosting students from Japan
- **Grace Hard, Mt. Carmel** LINK crew welcomed freshman, and each student, soph through senior, received personal note of welcome, Friday is first football game and Olympic themed pep rally, Fall sports in full swing
- **Jalen Rasoul, Rancho Bernardo** Started 4x4 schedule, welcome back rally and dance, annual exchange with Spanish school, band/orchestra traveled to Europe as music ambassadors, digital media class won top awards, first Dancing with the Broncos show in September, first food packing event for families in need, homecoming is early on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, fall sports starting soon
- **Anne Vu, Westview High** Improvements on campus including hydration station and new attendance office, 12 new staff members on campus, first day rally “Survival Guide” for Class of 2020, school supply drive for disadvantaged students, first home football game next Friday, performance arts getting ready for Broadway musical

#### ► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The Board heard comments from the public regarding:
- Desire for more administrative oversight, checks and balances
- Request for additional forensic audits
- People Soft implementation for payroll
- Dyslexia legislation and guidelines
- Cyberbullying of teachers
- Structural budget deficit and fiscal responsibility
- Results of audit investigation into former superintendent

#### ► YEAR-END CLOSING FINANCIAL REPORT

Each year the Finance Department presents the unaudited actual year-end closing financial report to the Board for certification and submission to the County Office of Education. The Board approved it unanimously.

#### ► Future meetings

The Board has directed staff to come up with a proposal of two board meetings per month for 2017

Next Regular Meeting:

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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