

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **OCTOBER 18, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► **Moment of Silence**

Board President Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff held a moment of silence for Abraxas High senior Dustin Long.

## ► **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://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2016/0-Agenda-10-18-16-For-Board-Meeting.pdf>

- National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists for each of our high schools
- Creekside Elementary was recognized for its selection as a National Blue Ribbon School
- Megan Gross was recognized for her selection as State Teacher of the Year and California's Nominee for National Teacher of the Year

## ► **Highlight on PUSD's Partnership with Poway OnStage**

Poway OnStage's mission is to entertain, educate, and enrich through powerful live performances. The group brings several art-related programs into PUSD schools.

- On stage theater camp
- Introduction to instruments
- Master class with visiting artists

## ► **LCAP progress and accountability**

- Graduation Rate
- English Language Learner Goals
- Meeting a-g Requirements
- Advanced Placement success
- P.E. Testing

## ► **Superintendent Search**

Please complete the [online survey](#) by Wednesday at 8am

## ► **"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.

- **Aaron Davis, Lead Custodian, Midland Elementary**
- **Carlos Huerta, Lead Custodian, Creekside Elementary**
- **Evelyn Hupp, Instructional Assistant Special Education II, Abraxas High**
- **Kathy Linch, Career/Life Skills Technician, Abraxas High**

## ► **"Team PUSD"**

Team PUSD is designed to recognize an admirable team of employees, who together accomplish an exceptional task or project.

- **Garden Road staff**
- **Rolling Hills teachers**
- **Jim Valenzuela and Melissa Yu, Teachers at Meadowbrook Middle School**
- **Tyler Buquet, Assistant Mechanic; Eric Horne, Bus Driver; Christine Tibbitts, Driver Instructor from Transportation Department**

► **Student Work Showcase**

Every month, we will showcase a school by bringing students’ writing, art, or photography to board meetings.

- The glass showcase in the District Office lobby features some fun Frankenstein pieces modeled after Picasso’s cubism by Tracy Yeager’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Stone Ranch Elementary.

► **Student Board Representative Reports**

- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte:** Over 1100 students taking PSAT Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, counseling staff hosting college workshops, Nighthawks parent-teacher conferences and midterms, Homecoming Week theme was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fall play “And There Were None,” Megan Gross CA Teacher of the Year, Volleyball and Football victories, breast cancer walk in gym
- **Grace Hard, Mt. Carmel:** Successful Homecoming with 1950’s to 80’s decade theme, fun class floats and performances during game, Fall sports wrapping up, Fall play “Metamorphosis”
- **Simon Shapiro, Poway High:** Practice SATs and college recruiters, undefeated football record, student wrestler 2<sup>nd</sup> place beat national champ, space-themed Homecoming, Titan Times themed Monsters Inc, hosted Poway Invitational Field Tournament with over 40 school bands, senior projects underway
- **Sahar Salehi, Rancho Bernardo:** first quarter of 4x4 just ended with finals week, Homecoming theme was Alice in Wonderland, girls golf undefeated, football team also undefeated, marching band tournament, club rush over 70 clubs to choose from, hosting PUSD College & Career Fair, along with college and career week, red, white, and blue event to honor military
- **Anne Vu, Westview High:** just finished semester midterms, Homecoming kicks off next week with “Off to Neverland,” NASA astronaut upcoming visit, theater students performed “Noises Off,” choir concert “Cabaret” opens this week, boys water polo and girls volleyball did well in tournaments, over 40 clubs represented at Club Rush

► **ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Upcoming Jack-O-Smash event Sunday, October 30, 2016, at the Sportsplex in Poway
- PeopleSoft payroll concerns

► **Future meetings**

Special Meetings: Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Regular Meetings: **Tuesday, November 15, 2016** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

**\*Note\*** The Board has approved the following regular meeting dates for the year 2017. Some months will include two meetings:

January 17, 31	July 18
February 14	August 22
March 7, 21	September 12, 26
April 25	October 17
May 16, 30	November 14
June 26	December 12

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