

Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **DECEMBER 13, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board Organizational Meeting

Dr. Darshana Patel and Kimberley Beatty were officially sworn in as Board Members
Andy Patapow retired after serving for 20 years on the PUSD School Board

President: Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff reelected

Vice President: TJ Zane reelected

Clerk: Dr. Darshana Patel elected

► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Emerald Arbizo, Abraxas** Transition students attended 2016 Jobtober Fest for employees with disabilities; Jack-O-Smash fundraiser event a huge success; Abraxas presented their recycling program at several schools and businesses; students made blankets to go to students attending Holidays with Heroes; leadership class spearheaded Toys for Tots and Shoe Drive for Haiti; the comprehensive high schools hosted alumni night for Transition students; Transition prom is Harry Potter themed
- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte** Seniors finishing college apps with deadlines approaching; spirit week for holiday season; ASB hosting winter pep rally with surprise performance; Girls Volleyball CIF Division I champs; winter sports in full swing; students participated in "What I Wish My Parents Knew"; band and colorguard tournament and winter concert; raised over \$8,000 for adopt a family; global awareness week
- **Grace Hard, Mt. Carmel** Winter sports well underway; winter pep rally "Pick your playlist" theme and winter formal "Starry Night"; band won first place in tournament
- **Simon Shapiro, Poway High** students held unity rally before school in response to racial tensions on campus and to communicate culture of acceptance; many students participating in kindness challenge around campus; Poway Quentin Hovis won Ironman Wrestling tournament; collected over 3,000 cans for food drive; this week is winter spirit week; winter assembly for band, orchestra, and choir
- **Jalen Rasoul, Rancho Bernardo** Holiday winter assembly and holiday spirit week; dance concert with three nights of full houses; football went undefeated for regular season; ASB gingerbread house contest and granting holiday wishes; band, orchestra, and choir concerts; wrapping up schoolwide food drive; holiday grams delivering positive notes to students and staff; winter formal theme "Once Upon a Winter's Dream"; winter sports underway
- **Anne Vu, Westview High** Westview ranked 10th best high school in California by Niche.com; library installed two fit desk stationary bikes so students can study and exercise; ASB assisting NJROTC for annual Toys for Tots drive; annual winter dodgeball tournament underway; performing arts programs (dance troupe 'tis the season, band sold-out concert, choir sneak peak of winter concerts during assembly) Girls Cross Country Division I champs; four Fall athletes named all-CIF

► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. The entire list can be found in pages 31-31 in the agenda packet:

<http://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2016/0-Agenda-12-13-2016-Board-Meeting.pdf>

► See the latest “Excellence in Education” video by Studio 701: <https://youtu.be/ajv0KVsXpCc>

Studio 701 is a pilot PUSD internship for advanced digital media students who are producing professional quality videos highlighting the ways the District is supporting its mission of college and career readiness.

► **ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Encouraging board to work together with positive atmosphere and collaborate on behalf of students
- Exploring more options for healthy and nutritious menu options for student meals
- Celebrating performing arts throughout the District and compiled list of holiday performances

► **Acceptance of the 2015-16 Financial Compliance and Program Audit**

See board packet for findings and District response, pages 42-46

► **Approval and Certification of First Interim Financial Report**

See board packet, pages 47-59

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, January 17, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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