

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JANUARY 17, 2017** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► 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/currentboardpacket.pdf>

- Megan Gross, Special Education Teacher at Del Norte High School, is one of only four finalists for National Teacher of the Year! She's already PUSD, San Diego County, and California State Teacher of the Year. The winner will be announced later this spring.
- Traci Jackson, Math Teacher at Oak Valley Middle School, received a national prize for math educators: the Rosenthal Prize for Innovation in Math, winning a \$25,000 cash prize. Her lesson will be shared with educators across the country.

► 2017 LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) Process Underway

This year, each school site will host their own community forum to gather input on District budget priorities to ensure student success. Look for an invitation from your site in the coming month. Those who cannot attend in person can fill out the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQZV2LC>

► Student Work Showcase

Every month, we will showcase a school by bringing students' work, including writing, art, and photography to board meetings. The glass showcase in the District Office lobby currently features some of the award-winning pieces of Heidi Hensey's and Rodger Dohm's students at Poway High School.

Rodger talked about the 3D animation, architecture, and robotics programs as well as the engineering academy at Poway High.

Heidi talked about her art students' accomplishments, who "never see the world the same way again," whether they pursue art as a degree or career or not.

► See the latest "Excellence in Education" video by Studio 701:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgJBoEAExFc>

This month's episode focuses on the career pathway of biomedical science, one of the fastest growing and in-demand fields in our area.

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.

► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte** Parent-teacher conferences; counselors hosting parent nights; seniors waiting to hear back from colleges; boys and girls basketball big victories; improv team show; Megan Gross finalist for National Teacher of the Year; ASB hosting informal GLOW dance and blood drive; Australian foreign exchange students visited
- **Trevor George, Poway High** last week was final exams; Heidi Hensey's students' portrait project of disadvantaged children around the world; ASB hosting informal dance; Titan theatre club rehearsing spring musical; boys soccer ranked SD's top five as well as wrestling team ranked #1 in the county

- **Jalen Rasoul, Rancho Bernardo** Girls field hockey won first CIF championship in school history; several music students selected for both All Southern and All State; Upcoming choir performance all-District Magnificat; Spanish students were teachers for the day at Valley; school library donation; winter formal “Once Upon a Winter’s Dream; Friends of Library Bookin’ for the Broncos; mural club working on project; new ASB officers; winter sports headed into league play
- **Nathan Xia, Westview High** Westview Theatre winter play Steel Magnolias; dancers practicing for competition at RB; Westview orchestra performed with Ben Vereen; semester finals; professional growth day for staff, including a French lesson; NJROTC Commander Jordan will be leaving to oversee NJROTC across California and Arizona; Westview Winter formal Hollywood premier theme

► **ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

PUSD Performing Arts students’ success

Youth in Transition program meeting students’ and families’ needs

Friends of the Library and library staffing

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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