

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JANUARY 31, 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/2017/1-31-2017-Board-Meeting-Agenda-REVISED.pdf>

- Athletic Trainers Robbie Bowers (RBHS) and Christina Scherr (WHS) were recognized for their life-saving efforts when they administered CPR to a man who went into cardiac arrest while sitting in the stands at a basketball game.
- The group behind the October “Jack O Smash” event raised \$20,000 for Poway Unified. They presented checks for \$10,000 to the Special Education Foundation and \$10,000 to Abraxas High School’s Transition Program.

► National School Counseling Week

Fran Hjalmarson (Los Pen Elementary) gave a presentation on the importance of school counselors and the role they play in students’ success. National School Counseling Week is celebrated February 6-10, 2017. Counselors focus on three main areas for the whole child: career/postsecondary, personal-social, and academic. The mental health needs of students have changed; students are looking for help with more than classwork, including time management and organization, stress/anxiety, and bullying.

► 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:

In English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOZV2LC>

In Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCAP2017ES>

► Superintendent Search Update

- The search firm brought forward 11 candidates to be considered out of 91 total applicants
- 5 semi-finalists were invited for in-person interviews
- The Board is still interviewing the finalists and debating a final decision

ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- PSEA leadership: strong relationships and collaboration while working through challenges
- Encouraging Board to hire permanent Superintendent who respects Classified employees
- Dyslexic student who struggled with reading
- Upcoming LCAP forums and alternate meeting times and input opportunities
- Safe haven resolution to protect immigrant students

► Solar at Various School Sites

The Board approved the installation and operation of solar panels at 16 schools: Abraxas, Adobe Bluffs, Canyon View, Deer Canyon, Los Pen, Morning Creek, Mt. Carmel, Painted Rock, Pomerado, Rolling Hills, Shoal Creek, Sundance, Tierra Bonita, Turtleback, Twin Peak, and Valley

► **Budget Revision and Multi-Year Projections**

Based on the Governor's proposed budget PUSD is projecting \$7.5 million in cuts for 2017-18 and an additional \$17 million for 2018-19. A more detailed explanation is scheduled to be sent to staff tomorrow.

► **Proposed Letter & Resolution regarding Superintendent Torlakson encouraging public schools to declare themselves "Safe Havens"**

- Student Board Member Ella Smith proposed a letter from the Board of Education that students are welcome in PUSD regardless of immigration status
- Board Members also discussed a proposed resolution stating the advocacy and protection for all District students

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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