

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 29, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

The Superintendent and Board recognizes student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. Dr. Phelps congratulated PUSD graduates and promoting students and highlighted the success of PUSD students at the San Diego County Fair. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here:

<http://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/6-29-2017-Board-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

► Excellence in Education Video: Middle School STEM

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnjqm4QFyb4>

This month's episode focuses on the STEM program at Twin Peaks Middle School, reaching underrepresented students. These videos are produced by student interns with Studio 701. *Studio 701 is a PUSD internship for advanced digital media/broadcast students who are producing professional quality videos highlighting the ways the District is supporting its mission of college and career readiness.*

► New Associate Superintendent of Technology and Innovation

A warm welcome to Jennifer Burks, PUSD's new Associate Superintendent of Technology and Innovation. Her contract was approved tonight by the Board. She replaces retiring CTO Bob Gravina. Her first day will be July 17, 2017. You can read more about Ms. Burks here: <http://www.powayusd.com/getmedia/c44187bf-5400-4e19-8ec3-602cada1b553/PR-06-29-17Associate-Supe-of-Technology.aspx>

► New Leadership at School Sites and District Office

Todd Cassen, Executive Director II of Learning Support Services

James Dayhoff, Director of Attendance and Student Discipline

Marie Galaz, Principal of Bernardo Heights Middle School

Alain Henry, Principal of Abraxas High

Doug Johnson, Executive Director II of Learning Support Services

Eric Takeshita, Principal of Canyon View Elementary

Congratulations to our colleagues who have left PUSD for promotions and retirements!

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

Making educational technology in the classroom optional and provide paper-based option

Bringing more bilingual programs at elementary schools and support for Valley Spanish immersion and Adobe Bluffs Chinese culture and foreign language program

Support for visual and performing arts task force

Thanks to District staff for quick action regarding Black Mountain Middle School

Concern for lack of diversity on PUSD website and video

Support for College Bound program

► Youth in Transition

Keller Williams held a Red Day walkathon fundraiser to raise money for PUSD's Youth in Transition program. They presented a check for \$7,000 to the District.

► **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2017-18 was adopted.** The full report will be available on the PUSD website at: <http://www.powayusd.com/en-US/District/District-Reports/LCAP>

► **Proposed 2017-18 Budget**

- Mr. Little presented the proposed 2017-18 budget, with \$352,360,538 projected revenues and \$369,611,564 projected expenditures. In order to balance the budget, the District will have to rely on \$17,251,025 in reserve spending.
- State mandated increases in employer contributions to STRS/PERS will double in four years.
- Multi-year projections show deficit spending, requiring budget reductions of \$8 million for 2018-19.
- The 2018-19 budget reduction timeline and process will include the formation of a District Budget Advisory Committee in August 2017, holding community budget forums from Sept.-Nov. 2017, and budget reduction proposals submitted to SDCOE in December 2017.

► **Approval of Annual Special Taxes for CFDs**

Each fiscal year, the Board of Education is required to approve the annual special taxes to be levied for each Community Facilities District (CFD) and Improvement Area (IA) in accordance with the Mello-Roos Act. August 10, 2017 is the deadline to enroll and finalize the special taxes with San Diego County. Property tax bills will be mailed out October 15, 2017.

► **Future meetings**

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, August 10, 2017 in the District Office at 6 p.m.

(The July 13, 2017 meeting has been canceled.)

The Board also approved the following Board Meeting dates for the year 2018:

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Thursday, December 13, 2018

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