

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 10, 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. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet [here](#).

Superintendent Phelps highlighted Paul and Kamden, third graders at Pomerado Elementary School. The two have been featured in the national media for their kindness and unique friendship. You can watch one of their stories [here](#).

► Welcome to Student Board Member Shaina Mishra

RBHS senior, Shaina Mishra attended her very first school board meeting, and read the welcome to the public. She also shared a personal story behind her passion of empowering more young women to pursue STEM.

► New Associate Superintendent of Personnel Support Services

A warm welcome to James Jimenez, PUSD's new Associate Superintendent of Personnel Support Services. His contract was approved tonight by the Board. His first day will be August 28, 2017. You can read more about him [here](#).

► New Leadership at School Sites and DO

Scott Corso, Principal of Black Mountain Middle School
Jill Halsey, Principal of Canyon View Elementary School
Eric Takeshita, Principal of Del Sur Elementary School
Lisa Wilken, Principal of Sunset Hills Elementary School
Tina Ziegler, Principal of Westview High School
Lana Nguyen, Director of Education Technology & Information

Best wishes to our colleagues who have left PUSD for new positions and retirements.

► **Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Special Education Review** Representatives of FCMAT conducted a review of PUSD's special education program and organization in the following areas: fiscal considerations, general education academic and behavior support, identification rates, least restrictive environment, program delivery, caseloads, paraeducator staffing, and related service provider staffing. For the entire report, please see the agenda <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/08-10-17-Board-Agenda.pdf>, pages 23-87.

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Classification review cycle and external salary study
- Solar shade project progress at Poway High and impact on parking
- Increasing bilingual education options for elementary students
- Making educational technology use optional

► Grant Writing Services

Contract Awarded to California Consulting, LLC for \$4,500/month for one year

► **Establish Trustee Areas for School Board Elections**

PUSD currently uses an at-large system of electing its Governing Board members. The trustees voted to initiate the process of establishing trustee areas, changing the method of electing members of the Board to ensure full compliance with the California Voting Rights Act.

► **Classroom Additions at Del Norte HS**

The Board approved the architectural services contract for the addition of four classrooms at Del Norte High School.

► **District Budget Advisory Committee (DBAC)**

Associate Superintendent of Business, Ron Little, discussed the selection process for the District Budget Advisory Committee. The committee will be comprised of:

3 Administrators, 2 certificated employees, 2 students, 2 classified employees, 1 PFT representative, 1 PSEA representative, 4 parents/guardians, 4 business/community members

After considering applications and conducting interviews, the committee will be announced soon, with meetings beginning at the end of this month.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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