

# B ard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JANUARY 18, 2018** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/01-18-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among them, Dr. Phelps highlighted six PUSD teachers who earned National Board Certification, a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure. It is the most respected professional teaching certification available in K-12 education, with just under 3 percent of the nation's teachers are nationally board certified:

**Kristen Kennedy**, Resource Specialist at Mesa Verde Middle School  
**Susan Melnick**, Special Education Pre-K at Deer Canyon Elementary School  
**Marissa Ochoa**, 3rd/4th grade teacher at Los Penasquitos Elementary School  
**Artemisa Perucho-Green**, 1st grade teacher at Valley Elementary School  
**Marisa Plascencia-Contreras**, 2nd grade teacher at Valley Elementary School  
**Theresa Stogsdill**, 3rd grade teacher at Westwood Elementary School

## ► Excellence in Education Video: Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab

This month's episode focuses on PUSD's partnership with Qualcomm's Thinkabit Lab, to provide hands-on STEM learning and career exploration at one-day workshops for PUSD middle school students.

These monthly videos are produced by student interns with Studio 701.

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

WATCH => [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aQxa\\_MeCOo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aQxa_MeCOo)

► **Student Board Representative Reports** For the 2017-18 school year, the six student representatives will alternate months, with three attending each board meeting. This month we heard reports from Abraxas, Del Norte, and Mt. Carmel. The students from Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Westview will give their next reports at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

-**Olivia Hampton** (Abraxas): The Abraxas Garden has donated 2,700 pounds of fresh produce in the year 2017, hope to reach 3,000 pounds by end of school year, students are currently planning and designing an irrigation system for orchard, a community open house drew 100 visitors, Genius Hour volunteers will be helping students explore future careers, will hold a school-wide blood drive in March, on January 29<sup>th</sup> students are starting college classes, Transition formal coming up at Poway Community Center

-**Delaney Anderson** (Del Norte): Seniors have finished college applications, expanded campus by four new classrooms, held club rush to encourage more students to join, ASB hosted "what if" week and students shared motivational thoughts, participated in Rachel's challenge to remember Columbine victims, hosted a group of Australian exchange students, raised over \$7,000 for adopt a family, winter formal dance "Polar Express" this Saturday

-**Megan Vildibill** (Mt. Carmel): on first day back of 2018, Sundevils were welcomed back with welcome tunnel and winter formal pep rally with "A Whole New World," Brian Maienschein attended National Merit celebration, 1,000 students made honor roll, congratulations to marching band and color guard for taking Southern California title three years in a row, new and improved Sundevil banners adorn the parking lot

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

-upcoming PUSD performing arts events and offering thanks to performing arts teachers

► **Apple Presentation**

Apple representative Kent Christensen presented the “Apple Distinguished School” designation for 2017-19 to Tierra Bonita Elementary School for their successful and innovative implementation of technology to transform student learning.

► **National School Counseling Week 2018**

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming February 5-9, 2018 as National School Counseling Week – to highlight the tremendous impact school counselors make in helping students achieve school success

► **LED Lighting Retrofit Projects**

The Board approved the execution of lighting Retrofit projects at following schools: Adobe Bluffs, Creekside, Garden Road, Highland Ranch, Sundance, Turtleback, and Valley Elementary Schools; Meadowbrook and Twin Peaks Middle Schools utilizing SDG&E’s on-bill financing program

► **Resolution calling for Full and Fair Funding of California’s Public Schools**

California ranks near the bottom (41<sup>st</sup> in the nation) in per pupil funding. The Board adopted a resolution urging the California State Legislature to fund California public schools at the national average or higher by the year 2020.

► **Governor’s 2018-2019 Budget Proposal Update**

Associate Superintendent Ron Little presented the Governor’s budget proposal’s potential impact on PUSD, calling it a solid budget for K-12s, with significant one-time funds due to higher than anticipated state revenues.

Proposed additional ONGOING funding includes:

- Full Funding of Local Control Funding Formula (PUSD impact: \$8.2 million)
- Cost of Living Adjustment of 2.51% (PUSD impact: \$420,000)
- Strong Workforce/Career Technical Education programs (PUSD impact: TBD)
- System of Support for low-performing districts (PUSD impact: N/A)

Proposed ONE-TIME funding includes:

- Discretionary Funding to offset mandate claims, assist with employee retirement costs, and one-time operating expenditures (PUSD impact: \$10.4 million)
- Teacher workforce training (PUSD impact: TBD)

Additional monies do not erase ongoing structural deficit, but improves District’s budget projections for 2018-19. \*Numbers subject to revision based on the Governor’s May Revised Budget\*

► **Proposition 39 Clean Energy Jobs Act Expenditure Plan**

PUSD’s Prop 39 allocation over five years is \$7.46 million, with \$3.46 million remaining for energy saving projects. Projects include LED lighting retrofits, new pool pumps and motors, HVAC efficiency projects, a District wide Energy Management System, replacing failing chillers and boilers, and replacing failing stadium lights with LED.

► **Adoption of Supplemental Early Retirement Plan (SERP)**

The Board approved the resolution of the adoption of PUSD a Supplemental Early Retirement Plan, developed by the District and Poway Federation of Teachers.

-The basic annual benefit will be an annuity based on 80% of the participant’s 2017-18 base salary with payments commencing on August 1, 2018

-If a sufficient number of teachers (90) declare their intention by March 16, 2018 to take advantage of the SERP offering, it would become effective July 1, 2018

-Eligible unit members must be at least age 55 with at least 10 years of STRS/PERS creditable District service as a teacher in PUSD or be at least age 50 and have at least 30 years of STRS/PERS creditable service with at least 20 years of certificated service in PUSD

► **Initial Proposal to “Sunshine” articles for contract negotiations from Poway Federation of Teachers 2018-19**

The initial proposal to negotiate a new successor agreement can be found in the Board packet.

► **County Superintendent Appointment of Clerk to PUSD Governing Board**

The County Superintendent named Charles Sellers as his appointment to fill PUSD’s Clerk position on the Governing Board, and Mr. Sellers has accepted the appointment.

► **Adoption of California School Board Association (CSBA) Board Policy**

PUSD continues the adoption and updating of California School Board Association (CSBA) Board policy. Staff presented the following as first readings before formal adoption at February 2018 Board Meeting (full versions can be found in the board packet <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/01-18-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf>):

-5030 Student Wellness

-4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 Professional Standards

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

**Thursday, February 8, 2018** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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