

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **OCTOBER 11, 2018** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. Dr. Phelps highlighted some of them below. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here:

<https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/10-11-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf>

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- 45 PUSD students were named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among 16,000 national semifinalists now competing for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.
- Katie Wu, Westview High School English teacher, was selected as one of five San Diego County's Teachers of the Year at the 28th Annual "Cox Presents: A Salute to Teachers" on September 15, 2018. PUSD has had a winner at the county level for the past four years.
- October holds many celebrations and recognitions, including Red Ribbon Week, Dyslexia Awareness, Hispanic and Filipino Heritage, National Custodial Workers Day, National School Lunch Week, to name a few. Dr. Phelps acknowledged how many members of #TeamPUSD it takes to keep our District running and get the school year off to such a smooth start.

► Excellence in Education Video Series

Studio 701 is a PUSD internship for advanced digital media students. Every month the students will be producing a piece that highlights the different ways the District is achieving college and career readiness for our students. This month's piece focuses on PUSD's Career Technical Education Student Expo, where CTE students from across the District showcased their learning. You can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1QXTzWPYKE>

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2018-19 school year, the six representatives with alternate months, with the students attending every other board meeting. This month we heard reports from Abraxas, Del Norte, and Mt. Carmel High Schools. The students from Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Westview High Schools will give their next reports at the November 8th meeting.

- Billy Santos (Abraxas HS): Billy is a student from the Transition program, for young adults with developmental disabilities, ages 18-22. The Transition program is designed to enhance and promote greater independence and practical life skills. The students have been volunteering and working at Walgreens, the PUSD District Office, and Armstrong Garden, to name a few. 2nd quarter started today for diploma bound students. The Leadership Club hosted the first blood drive of the year, T.J. Hunt, a popular YouTuber visited campus to inspire students, a construction apprenticeship program underway, Abraxas Garden started monthly farmers market at the café at the District Office

- Delaney Anderson (Del Norte HS): Counselors are focusing on college application season, hosting once a week workshops, over 1200 students took the PSAT, student leader attending leadership retreats, LINK crew held a conference for freshman, Del Norte hosted a Start with Hello week kick off with Sandy Hook Promise, a team attended the ADL's No Place for Hate conference, Future Health Professionals are putting on a blood drive, the annual homecoming parade is next Friday
- Tyler Vandenberg (Mt. Carmel HS): Provided a big Back-to-School welcome for students, LINK crew hosted freshman orientation, each student got personalized sticky notes, The Red Sea hosted KUSI alarm clock pep rally, Pixar theme homecoming, PTSA hosting back to school night and parent boot camp, campus participated in Start with Hello campaign, team attended No Place for Hate conference, last home game will be against RB

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- School board candidate
- Poway High Theatre Performance of "You Can't Take it With You"
- Weed abatement concern

► CAASPP Report

A report on student achievement results from the Spring 2018 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments was presented to the Board. 18,778 students in grades 3-8 and 11 completed the English Language Arts Assessment. 18,791 students in grades 3-8 and 11 completed the mathematics assessment. 74% of our students performed at or above standards for ELA (compared to 56% at county and 50% at state). 67% of our students performed at or above standards for mathematics (compared to 44% at county and 39% at state).

► Approval of Salary Reallocations, Year One Classification Review Cycle

The Board approved the Personnel Commission's recommendation for an allocation/reallocation for the following classifications, based on a compensation study conducted in March 2018: Grounds Equipment Operator, Grounds Supervisor, Maintenance Worker, Vehicle Service Assistant and Worker, Bus Driver, Behind the Wheel Instructor, Driver Instructor, Grounds and Service Equipment Technician, Vehicle Maintenance Technician I, II, III, Transportation Operations Supervisor.

► Poway School Employees Association – Unit 1 and Unit 2

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Poway School Employees Association, Unit I (Office/Technical, and Paraprofessional Unit) and Unit II (Operations Support Services Unit) for one-time funding for medical benefit premiums.

► Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Actuarial Valuation Report

If a school district provides health and welfare benefits for employees upon their retirement, the Superintendent provides information to the governing board regarding the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of those benefits. The report was prepared by Nyhart, summarizing the GASB actuarial valuation for PUSD's Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The report can be viewed:

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► Enrollment Report

The District's total enrollment at the end of the first month was 36,411. The attendance rate for the first month was 97.91%.

► **Special Education Community Advisory Committee**

The Board approved the appointees to serve on the 2018-2019 Special Education Community Advisory Committee. The full list of appointees can be found: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/10-11-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf> (page 109)

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

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

The following are the regular board meeting dates for 2019:

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Thursday, December 12, 2019

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