

# B ard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **DECEMBER 13, 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/2018/12-13-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- Del Norte students **Esheta Garg** and **Cassandra Lidstad** were selected for the National Association for Music Educators All National Mixed Honor Choir.
- Tierra Bonita teacher **Anne Campbell** was selected for Max FM's "Max Out My Class" segment. She was nominated by a parent for being a "stand out in a sea of shining stars" and instilling a new love of reading in her students.
- **Mt. Carmel High School's** Marching Band and Color Guard took 1st place for the fourth year in a row at the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) 6A Championships.

## ► Excellence in Education Series

This month's video, produced by PUSD's Studio 701 student interns, highlights the role of community service in student's lives, with the recent Fight Against Hunger food packing event. [WATCH it here.](#)

## ► Director II, Special Education

Congratulations to Lisa Dreyer (from San Diego Unified) and Tiffany King (from Poway Unified) on their appointments as Director II, Special Education.

## ► Swearing in of New Board Member and Reelected Board Members

A warm welcome to newly elected trustee Ginger Couvrette, and congratulations to reelected trustees T.J. Zane and Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff. Thank you to outgoing member Charles Sellers for his service.

## ► Election of Officers

The Board considered the election of officers and the appointment of Board representatives to various committees. The following Board members were elected as officers:

President: Dr. Darshana Patel

Vice President: Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff

Clerk: Ginger Couvrette

## ► Student Board Representative Reports

This month we heard reports from Abraxas, Del Norte, Mt. Carmel, and Westview High Schools. The students from Poway and Rancho Bernardo High Schools will give their next reports at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Jamie Sousa** (Abraxas HS) December graduation next week, leadership club's blood drive collected 60 units so far, leadership and Transition program held craft fair, collected over 150 toys for marine corps, 14 students from construction class completed first level of apprenticeship, Abraxas garden won national awards, has donated over 5,000 lbs of produce, monthly farmers market on first Wednesday of every month, Abraxas is Jamie's fifth high school, and he says this is the first time he looks forward to going every day

- **Delaney Anderson** (Del Norte HS) students finished first trimester strong, 941 students got 4.0, planning freshman forum, instrumental seasonal concert and dance team holiday show, no place for hate work continues, recycling club working on campus recycling plan, school raised \$13,000 for adopt-a-family, homecoming broke all attendance records, spirit week scheduled heading into the winter break
- **Ashley Wood** (Mt. Carmel HS): Sundevils robotic teams had great success finishing in top 8, field hockey had most successful season to date making it to CIF for first time, play Dead On Arrival, dance concert Four Seasons, anxiety and depression discussion for students, red carpet welcome after winter break, Greatest Showman themed winter formal
- **Adrienne McWilliams** (Westview HS): senior harbor cruise a success, annual talent show showcased skilled Wolverines, Unity Week to celebrate differences, Keith Hawkins guest speaker, Fall blood drive, 2-week dodgeball tournament, choir cabaret show, Westview band placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at SCSBOA, All Wrapped Up show, band and choir winter concerts, girls tennis won CIF Division 1, friendship basketball game for special needs students, Make-a-wish student used her wish to plan carnival

#### ► **Public Comments**

- Expectations from community for Board behavior moving forward
- Concern over student experience and lack of accommodations at school
- Concern over board member's actions during election campaign

#### ► **Student Attendance Calendars**

The Board adopted the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 [Student Attendance Calendars](#) (on page 30)

#### ► **2018-19 First Interim Budget**

Associate Superintendent Ron Little presented the 2018-19 First Interim Financial Report. Multi-year projections show a \$10.9 structural deficit for 2019-20. The Board will explore budget solutions at its upcoming Budget Development Workshop.

#### ► **California School Dashboard**

The 2018 Accountability Dashboard shows how schools and districts are performing on multiple indicators, including state testing, absenteeism, suspension rates, graduation rates, college and career readiness. A full report for Poway Unified is available [here](#).

#### ► **Future meetings**

The following regular board meeting dates were approved 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, 19, 2019

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