

Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► February is Black History Month

Many thanks to all of our teachers, staff and students who celebrated Black History Month and worked to provide students with lessons, demonstrations and presentations of the history, struggles and contributions of African Americans in the United States.

► 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/2019/02-14-2019-Board-Packet.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- National School Counselors Week: Thank you to school counselors for all that you do, including supporting our students in college and career readiness and social/emotional wellness.
- A large number of PUSD high school students were selected for the All State Honor Band and Orchestra and the All State Honor Choir; and middle school students for the All State Honor Bands.
- Del Norte High School's cyber security team – "CyberAegis Chobani," Oak Valley Middle School's cyber security team – "CyberAegis Chaos," and Design39Campus' team - "CyberAegis Kronos," are now the nation's top ranked high school and middle school teams, in the CyberPatriot Competition. They have qualified to compete in the National Finals, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland in April.
- ACSA Region 18 Administrators of the Year: Greg Magno, Colin Young, Kimberlie Rens, Tim Purvis, Northrop Grumman
- PUSD was selected as the California Exemplary District to represent San Diego County. The award, presented by the California Department of Education, celebrates the outstanding implementation of practices that have had a positive impact on student outcomes.

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2018-19 school year, the six representatives alternate months, with the students attending every other board meeting. This month we heard reports from Del Norte High School. Due to the inclement weather, the students from Mt. Carmel and Abraxas were absent. The students from Poway, Rancho Bernardo and Westview High Schools will give their next reports at the March 14th meeting.

- **Delaney Anderson** and **Alexis Long** (Del Norte HS): this is Delaney's last meeting as ASB president, Alexis is taking over. Hundreds of students are participating in the District Thoughtexchange survey, the campus will be hosting the next What I Wish My Parents Knew, student have been celebrating Black History Month and will hold a Cultural Awareness Week after break, they will be welcoming Japanese exchange students, getting ready for another round of finals, spring sports tryouts, several winter sports teams advanced into CIF playoffs, DNHS is participating in battle of the fans competition for the first time, performing arts put on a production of My Fair Lady

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Thanking Board and District for future and ongoing work on student safety
- PUSD Performing Arts students performing in all-state ensembles and choirs

- Upcoming PUSD Band & Orchestra Festival Sunday, March 3rd 4:30-9pm at Poway Center for Performing Arts
- Proposed Soccer Partnership with District
- Campus Security Specialists access to security camera footage

► **Excellence in Education Video Series**

This month's video and photos, produced by Studio 701 student interns, focus on JA Biztown, a PUSD 5th grade tradition to teach business, marketing, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. For some of our interns, returning to Biztown as high school students was a trip down memory lane!

PHOTO ESSAY=> <https://spark.adobe.com/page/sz3hPLFvrwtoZ/>

WATCH=> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9O2weOZMNs>

► **Ameresco Facilities Condition Assessment Report**

Ameresco conducted a districtwide facilities condition assessment to assess all major building systems, document deficiencies, and establish the current facility condition index (FCI) for each building throughout the District. FCI is an industry standard index used to track condition performance of facilities. The Ameresco team provided a brief summary of the assessment, including the amount of resources needed to maintain the condition of our school buildings. The report will be uploaded to the PUSD website.

► **School Site Safety Plans**

Each school site reviewed and updated its Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, community leaders, parents, staff, students, administrators, and other stakeholders. Members of the Board commended our school sites for doing an excellent job, including incorporating Guidepost recommendations.

► **Initial Proposal from the Board of Education to PSEA UNIT I & II**

The initial proposals from the Board to Poway School Employees Association Units I & II were presented as a first reading. At the March meeting, there will be a public hearing on the District's initial proposal and the Board would adopt its initial proposal.

► **Authorization to Adopt the Post-Employment Benefit Irrevocable Trust**

The District requested proposals from qualified firms for Other Post-Employment Benefit Irrevocable Trust Fund Administration Services. After a thorough review conducted by a committee consisting of District management, PFT, and PSEA representatives, the proposal from Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) was determined to be the most advantageous to the District. The Board approved the resolution.

► **Low performing Students Block Grant Plan**

The Board approved the Low performing Students Block Grant Plan. The Poway Unified School District Plan will focus on building capacity of teachers in the area of mathematics in order to ensure our students, especially our historically underperforming students of color, are provided access to quality interventions as well as strong first instruction. In addition, our plan includes a home-school connection through the College Bound program.

► **Fee Increase for the Extended Student Services (ESS) Summer, Spring, and Presidents' Break Programs**

As a result of rising costs, ESS will implement a fee increase as of June 19, 2019 from \$30 daily rate to \$35 per day. The last fee increase for the ESS program took place in 2015.

► **National School Breakfast Week**

The Board approved a resolution acknowledging National School Breakfast Week – March 4-8, 2019. National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) was launched in 1989 by School Nutrition Association (SNA) to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program to all children and to promote the links between eating a good breakfast, academic achievement, and healthy lifestyles.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, March 14, 2019 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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

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