

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 6, 2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Moment of Silence

The Board of Education held a moment of silence for a student from Willow Grove Elementary who passed away due to health complications. Henry was a 5th grade critical skills student who was loved by Willow Grove staff. Although he had some physical challenges, his passing came as a shock. Our thoughts and prayers are with Henry's family during this difficult time.



► Superintendent Recognizes Outgoing Student Board Member

The Superintendent thanked outgoing student board member Jake Schwartz for his dedication and commitment to PUSD through his service on the Board as well as through his service on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and other District committees. Jake is graduating from Westview High School next week, and is heading to George Washington University to study medicine.

► 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/2019/06-06-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- **Anushree Chaudhuri** and **Sauhaarda Chowdhuri** of Westview High School who competed at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
- **Poway High School** earned the distinction of being named a Nationally-Recognized Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School.
- **Del Norte High School's** Rocketry Club students are now among the national finalists in the Team America Rocketry Challenge. The students will compete against other teams at the National Finals, taking place in Northern Virginia.

► Excellence in Education Video Series

For this month's video, produced by Studio 701 student interns, the interns highlighted Pomerado Elementary School's Launch Lab, a new way of bringing career readiness and exploration to students there. WATCH HERE => <https://youtu.be/Pa54koymnw4>

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2018-19 school year, the six representatives alternate months, with the students attending every other board meeting.

- **Tyler Vandenberg**, Mt. Carmel HS: Tonight was Tyler’s last time reporting to the Board. Mt. Carmel inducted individuals into its new Mt. Carmel Hall of Fame, including Billy Bean; Sundevils Standout Breakfast for students who embody the Sundevil Way; last night was the athlete of the year ceremony; performing arts programs have many concerts, including the legends choir concert; MCHS received the California Honor Roll designation for the 4th year in a row.
- **Jamie Sousa**, Abraxas HS: Jamie is a student in the diploma program at Abraxas. Students in the Transition program are working on their mobility via MTS, and working on independence such as jobs and grocery shopping; June 13th will be the Transition Program graduation: AHS leadership club held four blood drives and collected 140 units; planned the first-ever Abraxas prom for this Saturday evening; the construction program is finishing up a tiny home project; students are taking a pre-apprenticeship construction class; students from both diploma and Transitions programs are working together on painting projects; the Abraxas garden has donated 6,000 tons of produce to needy families, and they will be holding an upcoming fundraiser for the garden.
- **Alexis Long**, Del Norte HS: Alexis will be serving as ASB president in the next school year. Over 93% of DNHS seniors are going to college or junior college; students held a fundraiser for Chabad of Poway victims, and also sent 500 letters to show support for victims and first responders; held “Each Mind Matters” week to emphasize the importance of mental health; South Asian culture club showcased cultural dances; ASB beat records for ticket sales for prom; ASB led last pep rally with a “Decades” theme; hosted girls flag football game to raise money for student battling cancer

► **Colin Young Appointed as new Oak Valley Principal**

Congratulations to Colin Young, Assistant Principal at Poway High School, who was approved tonight by the Board of Education as the new Oak Valley Middle School Principal. He was joined by his family in the audience.



► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- VAPA highlights including various accomplishments of PUSD VAPA students and staff

► **College Bound Program Presentation**

College Bound PUSD is a program offered to secondary students in support of college and career readiness. Representatives from College Bound PUSD presented data, including the impact the program has had on student and parent engagement, A.P. test and a-g course completion rates, as well as college acceptance. College Bound supports PUSD LCAP Goals 2 (multiple pathways of learning to close the achievement gaps) and 4 (increase student and parent engagement).

► **2019-20 Proposed Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) - First Reading**

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2019-20 as well as the Local Control Accountability Plan. The budget is predicated on the Governor’s May Revise Budget:

- 100% funding under the Local Control Funding Formula
- 3.26% COLA (reduced from 3.46% COLA in the January budget proposal)
- One-time (non Prop 98) funds to reduce STRS employer contribution
- New ongoing special education funding

Items of note in the PUSD Budget and LCAP for 2019-20: (Not a comprehensive list)

- 4.23 FTE teachers based on projected enrollment growth
- Increased counseling by .5 at high schools
- Increased VAPA opportunities at elementary level
- Broaden development and participation in CTE pathways and STEAM
- Formal partnership with Palomar College for Palomar Promise and Middle College
- Five additional special education classes
- Specialized Academic Instruction program rollout
- Increase custodial supplies budget allocation to sites
- Expand professional learning through TLCs, Voyager program and Classified Professional Partner Program
- Aquatics program adjustments
- Adjusted RTI program for K-12 Intervention TOSAs
- Prioritize and implement recommendations from safety committee and Guidepost solutions positive behavior intervention and supports at all campuses and restorative practices as tier 1 and 2 behavior intervention
- Broaden services for homeless students via grants
- Computer refresh program – capital lease

Based on PUSD's projected enrollment of 36,581, projected attendance rate of 96.9%, and unduplicated pupil percentage of 23.14%, total general fund revenues are projected to be \$399,903,858 and expenditures \$410,819,196, with a net activity of -\$10,915,338. This would lower the reserve level to 8.1%. The Board indicated its desire for a budget that maintains a 10% reserve level. In order to maintain reserve levels at 10% for 2019-20, this would require expenditure reductions/revenue enhancements of approximately \$7 million.

A copy of the LCAP is available for public review in the Administration Center. A request for formal approval of the LCAP and budget will be submitted at the June 27, 2019 Board Meeting and the adopted plan and budget will be submitted to the San Diego County Office of Education.

► **Future meetings**

Thursday, June 27, 2019 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Thursday, December 19, 2019

The following regular board meeting dates were approved for 2020:

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Thursday, August 13, 2020

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Thursday, December 17, 2020

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