

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JUNE 27, 2019** 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/2019/06-27-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- **Isabel Adamos** of Rancho Bernardo High School won the Grand Recognition award (the top award) at this year's iVIE Student Film Festival. **Meadowbrook Middle School** also won Best Middle School News Program.
- **Abraxas High School's** garden won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the California Garden Club high school category as well as 1st place in the National Garden Clubs high school category, out of 5,000 garden clubs across the country.
- **16 PUSD Schools** were named to the 2018-19 California Honor Roll for consistently high levels of students academic achievement, as well as improvement in achievement levels and a reduction in achievement gaps. PUSD was also name an Honor Roll District for 2018-19.

## ► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Concern over location of STEM lab in elementary school library
- Think Tank student group offering to help solve problems with PUSD

## ► Community facilities Districts and Mello-Roos

The Board approved resolutions 74-2019 through 111-2019, establishing the annual special taxes for Community Facilities District numbers 1-16. Each fiscal year, prior to August 10, the Board of Education ("the Board") is required to approve the annual special taxes to be levied for each Community Facilities District ("CFD") and Improvement Area ("IA") in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California, Section 53311 et. seq. ("the Mello-Roos Act"). Information can be found at [www.pusddata.com](http://www.pusddata.com) On this site taxpayers can research their property's tax information, bonds associated and reports addressing the Community Facilities District/Mello Roos (CFD) or School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) they live within.

## ► Annual Report of Activities from the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for 2018-19

The CAC is comprised of parents, community members and employees who have a special interest in Special Education students. Parent and outgoing Chairperson Karen Harkins-Slocomb reported on the CAC goals from the past school year: 1. Improve communication between District and community 2. Promote parent participation 3. Provide information and support 4. Revise governance guidelines Incoming chairperson Rosabel Agbayani reported that the next public meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. Future goals include: outreach to parents, resource collection and distribution, collaboration with the District, educating the public about special education, and providing advice on ways to improve the IEP process and training of instructional aids, and mental health services.

### ► **Exploring the Feasibility of a 2020 School Improvement Bond Measure**

The recent Ameresco facilities assessment identified over \$800 million of future unfunded facilities needs. By 2023, the majority of our school will be categorized as being in “poor condition” based on the Facilities Condition Index forecast. Additionally the District has other needs related to the modernization and construction of instructional space, athletic space, restrooms, support space, and technology. The current state funding model provides no annual funding for capital upgrades, modernization or school construction projects. One of the only options available to school districts to raise funds for these growing structural needs is a General Obligation bond. The Board agreed to conduct a voter survey to gauge community support.

### ► **Consent Calendar**

No items were pulled and all consent agenda items were approved unanimously:

- Personnel Reports including the following Assistant Principals who were approved by the Board tonight: Gannon Burks, Assistant Principal – High School; Shannon Chamberlin, Assistant Principal – Middle School; Kelly Stine, Assistant Principal – Middle School; Scott Wild, Assistant Principal – Middle School
- School Psychology Internship agreement with San Diego State University
- New playground rubber surface material for ABES and TBES
- High school stadium LED lighting at Poway High School
- Portable relocation from RBHS to DNHS
- Summer roofing projects at TPMS, AHS, and MCES
- LED Lighting retrofit at RBHS, BHMS, WHS, DNHS, and SCES

### ► **Approval of Salary Reallocation**

- For Crew Chief I, Crew Chief II

### ► **Approval of Classification**

- For Aquatics Coordinator, Lead Pool Technician, and Pool Technician

### ► **Superintendent’s Employment Agreement**

The Board approved extending the Superintendent’s employment contract term by two additional years, to a four-year contract, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2023. The previous agreement was for a period of three years, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021. The Board completed the Superintendent’s evaluation for the 2018-19 school year, and she received an above satisfactory rating.

### ► **Adoption of 2019-20 Budget**

At the June 6, 2019 meeting the Board reviewed the proposed budget and provided direction to maintain a reserve level of 10% in 2019-20. As a result, over \$7 million of adjustments were made including but not limited to eliminating some online subscriptions, reducing legal fees, reducing travel and conference, reducing debt payments on the computer refresh program, deferring school bus replacements, and sweeping carryover. The Board adopted the 2019-20 budget as presented and declared Positive Certification.

### ► **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

The Board approved the 2019-20 Local Control and Accountability Plan. In compliance with California Education Codes 52060 – 52077, Poway Unified School District (PUSD) staff has developed the District’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) using the template required by the California Department of Education. Staff has updated the Goals, Actions, and Services based on stakeholder input. A copy of the LCAP will be available for public review on the PUSD website.

### ► **Student Scholarships**

Abraxas, Del Norte, Mt. Carmel, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Westview High Schools reported a total of \$85,824,729 scholarships offered and \$26,520,272 scholarships accepted. Congratulations to our graduates as they move forward in the next chapter of their educational journeys.

► **Approval of the 2019-20 Annual Service and Budget Plans for the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)**

The Board approved the SELPA plan that describes the full continuum of services that ensures access to appropriate instruction and services for all students with disabilities. The Annual Budget Plan provides an overview of anticipated special education revenue and expenditures for the 2019-20 school year.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

**Thursday, August 8, 2019** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

The following regular board meeting dates remain for 2019:

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Thursday, December 19, 2019

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