

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **AUGUST 8, 2019** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Moment of Silence

Board President Dr. Patel started the meeting with a moment of silence for the victims of the recent mass shootings. “This past week, our nation has suffered unimaginable loss, with three mass shootings: one in Gilroy, California where three people were killed, in El Paso, Texas where 22 people were killed, and in Dayton, Ohio where 9 people were killed. We mourn with the families and communities that are suffering so much. We have lowered our flags around the District at half staff to honor these victims, and now I ask you to join me in a moment of silence for so many lives lost.”

## ► 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/2019/08-08-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include

- **Kara Fan**, Mesa Verde Middle School Student, who was selected as one of the Top 10 National Finalists in the 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Her project on “nano particles liquid bandage” will move on to the final event held in October at 3M’s world headquarters in Minnesota.
- Numerous PUSD students and staff won National Youth Arts awards for their musical theatre and theatre performances from the 2018-19 school year.



## ► New District Leadership

A warm PUSD welcome to:

Michele Ward, Principal (pictured at left) at Tierra Bonita Elementary School. Michele comes to PUSD from the Vista Unified School District, where she was Assistant Principal and Co-Principal at the Vista Innovation and Design Academy.

## ► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

-Concern over denial of intradistrict transfer

## ► Talia’s Tolerance Tour

Talia Schauder, a rising senior at Poway High School, shared her presentation “Talia’s Tolerance Tour” with the Board of Education. The presentation was created as a way to share her grandfather’s Holocaust survival story. Talia realized there was a need to educate teenagers in middle and high schools about the Holocaust – teen to teen. Her project started as a presentation at one school and has grown to reach over 4,000 people across PUSD and San Diego County. She was recently awarded the Peter Chortek Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Foundation for excellence in community service and leadership.



► **Black Mountain Ranch Southern Site**

The Board of Education heard a presentation on the possibility of an RFP for the sale of 27.22 acres of surplus property known as the Black Mountain Ranch Southern Site, located at Carmel Valley Road and Camino Del Sur.

► **Revised Budget**

The following changes are included in the revised budget:

- updated special education equalization and preschool grant funding
- funding for CTE Strong Workforce Program
- New contribution rates for STRS and PERS employer contribution

The 2019-20 Adopted Budget: Total General Fund Revenues: \$394,787,762; Total Expenditures: \$403,426,686

The 2019-20 Revised Budget: Total General Fund Revenues: \$397,597,860; Total Expenditures: \$406,809,334

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

**Thursday, September 12, 2019** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

The following regular board meeting dates were approved for 2019:

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Thursday, December 19, 2019

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