

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 14, 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/2019/03-14-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- **Oak Valley Middle School** and **Black Mountain Middle School** will be headed to the State Science Olympiad competition after winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively at the county competition
- **Westview High School** won first place at the San Diego County Mock Trial competition and will be headed to the State Mock Trial competition
- **Kathleen Porter**, Executive Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education, will receive the “Robert W. Rupert Award” from the California Council for Adult Education (CCAЕ).
- **Christine Paik**, Director of Communications, received the “Emerging Communicator of the Year” Award from the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA).

## ► Excellence in Education Video Series

This month Superintendent Phelps thanked and honored PUSD’s Studio 701 student interns, who have been producing the “Excellence in Education” series, monthly videos highlighting District programs: Nepal Arslan, Basma Bahia, Zach Camerino, Tyler Christian, Brendan Heath, Damien Henson, Katie Jose, and Teacher Ross Kallen. You can view a playlist of their past stories here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLo0lJa2ZcROXaghesVJfOamLAekOXqiTa>

## ► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2018-19 school year, the six representatives alternated months, with the students attending every other board meeting. This month we heard reports from Poway, Rancho Bernardo and Westview High Schools. The students from Abraxas, Del Norte, and Mt. Carmel High Schools will give their next reports at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Lucy Boretto** (Poway HS) Lucy is the new student body president; she talked about planning a campus cleanup, highlighted the Poway Robotics winning the Chairman’s Award at the recent San Diego FIRST Robotics event, the varsity girls water polo team won both the CIF and State titles!
- **Christina Hartley** (Rancho Bernardo HS) Christina is the new ASB president for RBHS; Masquerade winter formal was a great success, recognized all students and staff for Valentine’s Day, held blood drive in honor Kyle Kraska’s celebration of heroes, RB had its best wrestling season ever, including Jaden Abas winning a State title, Band won unanimous superiors at recent festival, the E-motion robotics team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at regionals, Friend of the Library held an annual tech week with Sony, the school celebrated Black History Month in February, Bronco players are preparing for Peter Pan, Best Buddies Ball coming up, RB hosted an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night, No Place for Hate activities are planned for next week, foodpacking event is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup> to pack 40,000 meals, spirit days for military families, preparing for finals

- **Dean Olsson** (Westview HS) Successful winter rally themed “A Tale as Old as Time,” Lunar New Year celebration of Asian cultures, held community service drive to collect children’s books, counselor appreciation week, winter formal held at Hilton Del Mar, peer counseling promoted self love for Valentine’s Day, African American celebration included art walk and West African dancers, No Place for Hate week next week titled “Let’s Talk About It,” language matters campaign, Westview theater’s Addams Family production, Mock Trial won first place in county competition, girls water polo won CIF title, boys soccer won CIF title and runners up at State

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- PUSD Performing Arts highlights including March 15-16 Westview High’s Addams Family, March 21-23 RB High’s Peter Pan, March 28-30 Mt. Carmel Wizard of Oz, Middle and High School PUSD Band and Orchestra Festival on April 10-11, High School Choir Festival
- Poway High School approved as Olympic regional training center
- March is Arts Education Month; PTA providing guide for parents on arts education
- RBHS Performing Arts Center Volunteer Spring Clean Up and addressing safety concerns in the PAC
- Student safety concern at BHMS

► **Consent Calendar**

The Board approved the consent calendar in its entirety, including:

- **Valley Elementary’s Year-Round Student Attendance Calendar**
- **Adult Education Week:** The Board approved a resolution proclaiming April 8-12 as Adult Education Week to honor the significant contributions of the Poway Adult School to the Poway Unified School District and our community.
- **Poway Unified School District Robotics Day:** The Board approved a resolution proclaiming April 23, 2019 as Poway Unified School District Robotics Day 2019 in recognition of the growth of Robotics Teams throughout the Poway Unified School District and the achievements they have garnered.
- **Architectural services contract:** The Board approved the project and design contract for relocation and renovation of portables from Rancho Bernardo High School to Bernardo Heights Middle School and Del Norte High School.

► **Poway School Employees Association (PSEA) Unit I & II Proposal to the Board**

The Board Approved the initial proposal from Poway School Employees Association (PSEA) Unit I & II 2019-2020 and voted to receive the initial proposal for contract negotiations

► **Authorization to Revise the 2018-2019 Budget**

The Board approved a resolution revising the 2018-2019 budget for the General Fund combined, as represented on the Second Interim report, and positively certifying to the County Superintendent of Schools that the District will meet its fiscal obligations in the 2018-2019 fiscal year and the two subsequent fiscal years.

► **Facilities Master Plan**

The Board awarded a contract to PBK Architecture for a facilities master plan. The firm’s proposal includes a detailed timeline that will meet the District’s goal of having a comprehensive Facility Master Plan completed by the end of December 2019.

► **Mesa Verde HVAC Project**

The Board approved a project agreement for the complete replacement of the central plant chillers, boilers, and pumps at Mesa Verde Middle School.

### ► **State Schools Facilities Program Reimbursement**

Staff expects to receive reimbursement of \$27,672,923 from the next issuance of State Bonds, presumably in Spring 2019. The Board approved Resolution No. 24-2019 allocation of the funds to support urgent, high priority capital needs at schools, create new seats at D39C to utilize full capacity, and retire local bond debt.

### ► **Joint Use Agreements with the City of Poway**

The Board approved a joint use agreement with the City of Poway for cooperative facilities use and maintenance of the gymnasiums at Twin Peaks and Meadowbrook Middle Schools and the turf fields at Meadowbrook Middle, Valley Elementary and Poway High Schools.

### ► **Proposed Lighted Soccer Field Improvement at Del Norte**

Representatives of the Mind Soccer Foundation (MSF) presented the Board with a request to work collaboratively with the District to establish a joint venture agreement to renovate Del Norte High School's (DNHS) three (3) lower soccer fields. MSF's vision is to develop a high-level local youth soccer academy in the area that would provide exceptional opportunities for the Poway community. The next step is to work with a consultant to determine any environmental impacts.

### ► **Visual and Performing Arts Strategic Plan**

The committee's purpose was to create a visionary plan for PUSD that would provide a high quality, comprehensive, sequential, standards-based arts education for all students at all schools. The committee shared its recommendations with the Board, including implementing the new CA Arts Standards, site and districtwide collaborative VAPA events, and providing/evaluating current professional learning opportunities.

### ► **Resolution for the Support of Civic Learning**

PUSD commits to providing a wide range of opportunities across our TK-12 classrooms and campuses to support our students with the development of their civic knowledge and involvement in democratic processes.

### ► **Support for Climate Literacy**

PUSD commits to providing a wide range of opportunities across our TK-12 classrooms for students to engage in activities that foster understanding about environmental issues including the impact that human behaviors and activities have on our environment.

### ► **Revision to Board Policy 4040 – Employee Use of Technology**

The Board approved a revision to include and clarify the use of social media and online platforms. Staff also presented social media best practices that will be rolled out in training to employees.

### ► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

**Thursday, April 11, 2019** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

The following regular board meeting dates were approved for 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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