

# B ard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MAY 13, 2021** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the May 13, 2021 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:

<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2021/05-13-2021-Board-Agenda.pdf>

## ► **Moment of Silence**

The Board held a moment of silence for Poway High School student Daniel Zaragoza. Daniel positively impacted everyone who met him. His quiet, approachable personality allowed him to make lifelong friendships. Daniel cared deeply for his family and worked hard in hopes of making life easier for his mom. Our hearts are with Daniel's family as well as the Poway High family as they deal with this difficult loss.

## ► **New Directors of Human Resources**

Congratulations to Mark Atkins (Principal at Shoal Creek Elementary) and Charan Kirpalani (Former Principal at Black Mountain Middle School and Current Director of HR in Escondido UHSD), appointed as PUSD's new Directors of Human Resources.

## ► **Superintendent and Board Recognition**

Superintendent Phelps and the Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District:

- Of note: out of 38 schools that registered, 37 PUSD schools earned their No Place for Hate Designation from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Over just a few years, nearly every PUSD school has become No Place for Hate!
- Bob Luticken was a top four finalist for Live with Kelly and Ryan's Top Teacher Contest, winning \$7,000 dollars! His contributions to Abraxas High School and the school garden were highlighted in this [segment](#).
- A full description of Student, Staff and School awards can be found beginning on page 130 of the [agenda](#).



## ► **Studio 701 Digital Internship Recognition**

Superintendent Phelps welcomed the Studio 701 digital media interns to personally thank them for the hard work put into the monthly "Excellence in Education" video series.

## ► **Student Board Representatives**

The Board heard reports from student representatives from Monterey Ridge Elementary, Midland Elementary, Rancho Bernardo High and Abraxas High Schools.

- **Riandra Turner** (Abraxas): 46 Transition students have begun working in the community for the first time in over a year, at 12 different job sites; students participated in Theater

without Walls to explore the arts; students will be signing up for Palomar College classes; Abraxas garden has donated over 9,000 pounds of produce; teacher Bob Luticken was a finalist for Top Teacher on Live with Kelly and Ryan; students recently started Black Student Union

- **Maddie Engblom** (Rancho Bernardo) last week concluded kindness relay challenge, passed it on to Poway High; celebrated teacher appreciation week with plants (for helping students grow) and teachergrams; mental health awareness month; midway through AP testing; excited to participate in upcoming CTE Expo; senior sunrise and senior picnic and in-person graduation coming up
- **Alana Gunderson** (Midland) Midland has been busy with excitement after combining cohorts to create the expanded learning day, students love seeing all of their classmates; Rattlers are celebrating official designation as No Place for Hate school, 21 students formed No Place for Hate committee, and did an activity about respecting the proper pronunciation of names and each other's cultures; Midland is focusing on different character traits such as grit and perseverance; 5<sup>th</sup> graders preparing for promotion
- **Aurora Leoffelholz** (Monterey Ridge) MRES is a No Place for Hate school and is also a pilot schools for specialized academic instruction program, students learning lessons about disabilities; top fundraising school for American Heart Association - 19-thousand dollars!, kindness challenge with Del Norte Nighthawk ambassadors, fun run and spirit week with over 200 families participating

#### ► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Support for BHMS teachers
- Providing paper-based math assessment
- Doing away with masks and social distancing
- Continuing Meaowbrook Academy for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Update from Poway on Stage arts education programs

#### ► **Bell Schedule Options Related to SB328 (Later School Start)**

SB328, otherwise known as 'Pupil Attendance – School Start Time Mandate,' was signed into law in Fall 2019 and requires that middle school instruction begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m., and high school instruction begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. This is an unfunded mandate from the State. Tonight staff presented to the Board a summary of the impacts SB328 would have on District Transportation, including but not limited to:

- Revision of, and possible removal of, the current three-tiered transportation schedule
- Fiscal impacts of a single bell schedule, including additional staffing and bus fleets
- Consequential impacts on elementary school schedules
- Impacts to field trip, athletic and off-site transportation services

#### ► **Black Mountain Ranch Southern Site Surplus Property Community Feedback**

Tonight staff shared a summary of the feedback received from the community at the two virtual Community Input Sessions, which were held on March 1 and March 18. Approximately 375 community members collectively attended the meetings. Feedback includes:

- Financial benefit to District not a priority in the community's consideration of how to dispose of the asset
- Educational or community-based developments were most preferred
- Options that do not require a zone change preferred
- Preference for no Big Box store
- Mixed use – a way to incorporate many of the options into one
- Desire for PUSD to reissue the RFP to allow new proposals

#### ► **Approval of Resolution No. 48-2021: Formation of PUSD Community Facilities District No. 17**

As the District prepared to fully pay the debt of Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 1, the managing members of certain undeveloped property within the boundaries of CDFs 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 309 requested formation of a new CFD within Poway Unified School District. This evening staff brings forward an Advance and Reimbursement Agreement by and among the District and Applicants. A full description of the agreement, including the property sites included, can be found on page 115 of the [agenda](#).

► **Digital Schools Update**

26 schools and six department office support staff have been trained in Digital Schools Electronic Position Control Action requests, Employee Leave Management, and Electronic Substitute Timesheets. The first group will be rolled out as early as June 1, 2021 and the goal is for all schools and departments to be fully implemented and live by January 2022.

► **Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan for PUSD**

On March 1, 2021, Assembly Bill (AB) 86 was amended to reflect an agreement reached between Governor Gavin Newsom and the Legislature to provide \$4.6 billion to all California school districts for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grants. The ELO Grant funds are to be used to provide supplemental instruction and support to address student needs and staff development. After gathering input from stakeholders, Poway Unified School District developed a plan to describe how the funds will be used to implement a learning recovery program for at least one or more of the identified groups: low-income, English learners, foster youth, homeless students, students with disabilities, and students at risk.

► **PUSD Summer 2021 Program**

Staff presented to the Board a plan for 2021 summer school and related programs:

- K-5 In-person Summer Learning (Session 1 – July 6-16, Session 2 – July 19-30, 8:30-11:30am)
- 6-8 In-person Summer School (Session 1 – July 6-16, Session 2 – July 19-30, 8:30-11:30am)
- 9-12 Virtual and Blended Learning (June 25-August 6) and Summer Bridges program for 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- 1-8 Youth Enrichment Program (FULL)

► **Approval of Resolution No 53-2021: “National Mental Health Awareness Month 2021”**

The theme for National Mental Health Awareness Month, which is observed annually in May, is “*You Are Not Alone.*” During the month of May staff will focus on the healing value of connecting in safe ways, prioritizing mental health, and acknowledging that it is okay to not be okay. Adopting this resolution will help reduce the stigma around mental health struggles that too often prevents individuals from seeking help.

► **SSAC Week of Wellness**

During the week of April 19-23, the students serving on Dr. Phelps’ Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council hosted the first-ever District wide virtual conference focused on mental health and wellness. Student Board Member Emily Bylsma gave a presentation on the SSAC virtual event and fundraiser. Recap:

- Presenters at three mini Zoom conferences included school counselors, psychologists, peer counselors, and peer ambassadors.
- Topics addressed include school-life balance, stress management, practicing gratitude, normalizing mental health, physical and emotional wellness, and more.
- The week culminated with an Everbowl fundraiser, which donated 50% of the proceeds to PUSD high school peer counseling programs.

**Future meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

The following regular meeting dates for 2021 were approved by the Board of Education:

<b>Tuesday, June 22*</b>	Thursday, October 14
<b>*rescheduled from June 24</b>	Thursday, November 18
Thursday, August 12	Thursday, December 16
Thursday, September 9	

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