

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JUNE 22, 2021** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the June 22, 2021 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:

<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2021/06-22-2021-Board-Agenda.pdf>

## ► Appointment of Positions

The Board of Education is pleased to announce the following personnel to new leadership positions in advance of the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Hee-Jin Peterson**, Principal (Adobe Bluffs Elementary)
- **Denise Goulart**, Principal (Chaparral Elementary)
- **Sheryl Fleming, Ed.D.**, Principal (Morning Creek Elementary)
- **Rhiannon Buhr**, Principal (Park Village Elementary)
- **Jill Halsey**, Director I (Connect Academy & Digital Learning)
- **Eddie Park**, Director II (Global Languages & Innovative Learning)
- **Shawntanet Jara, Ph.D.**, Director II (Equity & Improvement)



## ► Farewell to Student Board Member

Dr. Phelps and the Board bid farewell to Student Board Member Emily Bylsma, who graduated from Poway High School on June 18. During her time on the Board, Emily has been instrumental in efforts that aim to improve racial equity and mental health services, has mentored other student representatives at the County level, and has provided keen student insight on agenda topics and items. The Board is grateful for her service to PUSD during this unusual year, and wishes her good luck in her journey to DePaul University.

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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

- PUSD will be submitting three nominations for the California School Board Association's Golden Bell Awards: Professional Development category (Voyager Program), Family/Community Engagement Category (Racial Equity Community Conversations), and the Special Education Category (Inclusive Practices program).
- The full list of student, staff and school achievement can be found on page 180 of the [agenda](#).

## ► Public Comments

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Support and criticism for PUSD Ethnic Studies and Ethnic Literature curriculum

- Parent dissatisfied with District response to his requests
- “Drawing Children into Reading” program



► **Presentation from Special Education CAC (Community Advisory Committee)**

Rosabel Agbayani (outgoing chair) and Heather Plotzke (incoming chair) provided information and presented an annual report of activities for the 2020-21 school year.

Among the goals accomplished:

- Awards of Excellence in Special Education for staff who went above and beyond to impact students in special education (record 300 nominations!)
- Improved outreach to families, developed parent ambassadors program
- Record attendance at every meeting throughout the school year
- Updated bylaws and set legislative goals

► **The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety**

► **Approval of Resolution No. 103-2021 Regarding the Elimination of or Reduction in Hours of Classified Positions**

Tonight the Board approved a reduction in hours for 22 Occupational Therapists who work 260 days per year and 15 Occupational Therapists who work 224 days per year. Due to a lack of work for OTs during the summer months, when students are not in school, Student Support Services is reducing all OT work calendars to 195 days.

► **Approval of Contracts of Employment: Superintendent, Associate Superintendents**

It is customary throughout the County and State that a Superintendent and Associate Superintendents have a multiple-year contract approved by the Board of Education. The Board approved a four-year employment term for:

- Marian Kim Phelps, Ed.D., Superintendent
- Carol Osborne, Associate Superintendent of Learning Support Services
- James Jimenez, Associate Superintendent of Personnel Support Services
- Greg Mizel, Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services
- Dr. Jennifer Burks, Associate Superintendent of Technology & Innovation
- Ronald Little II, Associate Superintendent of Business Support Services

► **Adoption of Proposed 2021-2022 Budgets**

Absent an approved State Budget for fiscal year 2021-22, the proposed 2021-2022 Poway Unified School District’s General Fund Combined Budget includes the following key assumptions from the Governor’s May Revise proposal:

- LCFF COLA of 5.07%
- AB602 Special Ed COLA of 4.05%
- STRS rate of 16.92%

- PERS rate of 22.91%
- SUI rate of 1.23%

The Board voted to adopt the 2021-22 General Fund budget and all other Funds budgets. All District funds are summarized in the user-friendly 2021-2022 Budget Book. The proposal can be viewed starting on page 151 of the [agenda](#).

► **Status of PUSD’s Black Mountain Ranch Southern Site Property (Santaluz)**

The Board of Education wishes to continue to keep the public informed regarding the status of the District’s property consisting of 27.2 acres of vacant land. This resolution (page 168 of the [agenda](#)) provides a timeline from inception of declared property as ‘surplus’ to the current state of options for use of the property. The resolution acknowledges the following:

- Negotiations with Costco have been terminated
- District will present options and analysis of options with respect to the property at a future Board meeting including updated RFP, using the property for education purposes, and seeking funding through a general obligation bond
- The District will not take any further action without the Board direction

► **Approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2021-2024**

The LCAP for 2021-2024 was approved by the Board, after a first reading and Public Hearing at the June 3 meeting. PUSD’s Local Control and Accountability Plan aligns with the eight LCAP Priority Areas adopted by California’s State Board of Education (SBE), PUSD’s Strategic Vision, and the 2019 Board Goals which reflect the depth and breadth of the work occurring in our schools to prepare students for our ever-changing global society. These goals can be found on page 173 of the [agenda](#). A copy has been provided to the Board electronically for review. The plan will be posted on the PUSD website.

► **Public Hearing, Approval of the 2021-2022 Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan for the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)**

The Annual Service Plan describes the full continuum of services that ensures access to appropriate instruction and services for all students with disabilities from birth to 22 years of age, including children with low incidence disabilities. The Annual Budget Plan provides an overview of anticipated special education revenue and expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year. A copy of the Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan was provided to the Board electronically for their review, and was available at the Board meeting.

► **Voyager Program Update**

Since its inception in January 2021, 22 PUSD schools have participated in the Voyager Program. The program continues to expand, evolve, and add additional learning pathways. The Voyager initiative focuses on embedded coaching and innovative professional development. Tonight the Technology and Innovation Department provided an update to the Board, including the successful Voyager showcase.

**Future meetings: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (District Office)**

Thursday, September 9	Thursday, November 18
Thursday, October 14	Thursday, December 16

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