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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **JANUARY 13, 2022** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the January 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:
<https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2022/01-13-2022-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Superintendent Phelps and Board Members acknowledged the enormous effort of Team PUSD over the past two weeks and thanked staff for going above and beyond to keep schools open and support our students and each other.

► Student Board Reports

- **Mt. Carmel High School** – Charlie Hicok spoke about a new Clean Campus club to make clean and green the Sundevil Way as well as eliminate food waste; students and families enjoyed great winter performing arts shows; Mt. Carmel hosted outdoor Winter Fest, with student performances and thousands of paper snowflakes hung across campus; 6 more weeks to finish Tri 2, Red Sea continues to wear red every Friday for school spirit
- **Westview High School** – Today marks Kody Mongold’s last day of his ASB presidency; he thanked board and district leadership for working with him and mentoring him; Westview is currently in finals. ASB opened ASB applications and held campaigns and elections; hosted No Place of Hate week, Dodgeball Tournament, Staff Appreciation Breakfast, and engaging spirit week with hot cocoa and fake snow; Kody highlighted the collaborative effort to distribute COVID test kits to students in every classroom: DECA placed 1st in recent competition
- **Oak Valley Middle School** – Lilah Enyedi said instead of a few large events, Falcons are planning more frequent smaller events, they hosted Start with Hello Week and Club Rush, OVMS distributed matching unity shirts with the “We Belong Here” motto; ASB organized a trivia night, Costume Catwalk, Crafts and Cocoa for the holidays, started new tradition with make a change week where students donated coins, instead of Valentine’s Day dance, will be hosting Candyland event
- **Sundance Elementary School** – Lily Roys spoke about how the Sundance Wildcats are making learning fun. Lily spoke about her experience at Hour of Coding, and how she learned a lot about engineering with the STEAM egg drop competition, she talked about how Sundance family events have been awesome, including the Winter Festival

► Public Comments

Tonight, the Board heard live comments regarding:

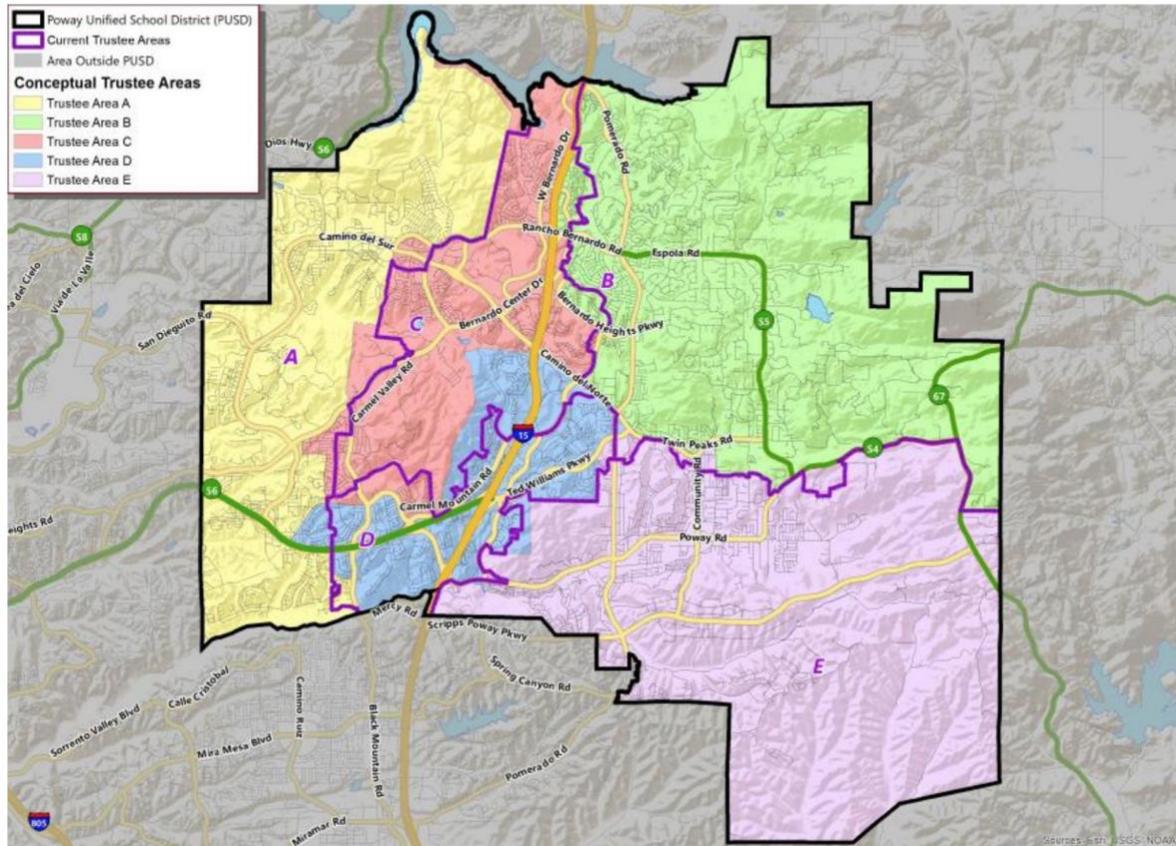
- Ethnic studies curriculum
- District leadership mask wearing
- Appreciation for keeping schools open
- Concerns over CDPH COVID guidelines and mandates

► Select and Approve a Final Trustee Area Boundaries Map

On November 18, 2021, Cooperative Strategies presented to the Board of Education five potential scenarios which included revisions to the current Trustee Areas in order to ensure compliance with federal law and variance requirements. On January 6, 2022, a community meeting was held to allow for public input on the same maps that were presented at the November 18, 2021 Board meeting. The majority of public comments shared indicated that they support a map that reflects minimal changes to the current Trustee Areas. Trustee Area Maps Scenarios 4 was most favored by community participants. Cooperative Strategies refined map 4 to

keep certain neighborhoods together and presented map 4B, which the Board adopted. It can be viewed here: <https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/TrusteeElections/4B-and-5B-Trustee-Maps.pdf>

TRUSTEE AREAS SCENARIO 4B



The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety, except Item 5.4b, which was pulled. Items to note:

► **Adoption of New High School Course**

Tonight, the Board approved the new course, Honors Filipino 7-8. This course is designed for students who have successfully completed Filipino 5-6 and for students who are heritage speakers of the Filipino Language. This course will be submitted to meet the University of California "e" requirement.

► **Approval of Resolution No. 24-2022 Entitled “National School Counseling Week 2022”**

This special week provides recognition for our school counselors who implement these counseling programs. Our District recognizes counselors for their continuous encouragement of students and helping them examine their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents

► **Proposed 2022-2023 Year-Round Calendar for Valley Elementary and Abraxas High School (first reading)**

You can view the proposed calendars for Valley Elementary on page 70 and Abraxas on page 72 of the [online agenda](#)

► **2020-2021 Annual Report of the Personnel Commission**

Rebecca Lee, Director of the Personnel Commission delivered an annual report regarding the activities of the Personnel Commission for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Some notable accomplishments include:

- Successfully completed Year Two of the Classification Review Cycle
- Established an entirely new, robust testing process, created over 140 new exams
- Hired 109 Limited Term General Education Instructional Assistants
- Refined processes for high volume recruitments
- Enhanced marketing efforts

The full report can be found on page 74 of the [online agenda](#).

► **Review and Acceptance of the 2020-2021 Financial Compliance, and Program Audit**

The firm CWDL performed the annual financial, compliance and program audit for PUSD.

The auditors issued an **unmodified opinion** on PUSD's financial statements, report on internal controls over financial reporting, report on federal compliance, and report on state compliance (which is the goal); There were no significant findings; there was one minor finding to ensure compliance in regards to attendance reporting (overstating ADA).

► **Long Range Facilities Master Plan Update**

This past fall/winter, staff engaged schools to reevaluate and update their site's priorities within the facilities master plan. Staff requested sites take a close look at remaining safety and security needs, modernization needs, programmatic needs, and generally what has changed since beginning facilities planning in 2019. The total quantified facilities needs in 2022 dollars is estimated at \$1.574 billion.

► **Proposed Adoption of New High School Course (first reading)**

Introduction to Data Science 1-2 creates an additional advanced math option for students. Data science is a way companies are able to conduct data analysis to uncover patterns and enable companies to draw informed insights into their customers' habits; it is quickly becoming a highly sought-after career pathway. Initially, this math course will be at Poway High, Rancho Bernardo High, and Westview High to be taken after Integrated 3. In this advanced mathematics course students will learn to understand, ask questions of, and represent data through project-based units. The units will give students opportunities to be data explorers through active engagement, developing their understanding of data analysis, sampling, correlation/causation, bias and uncertainty, modeling with data, making and evaluating data-based arguments, and the importance of data in society. At the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of their data science work to showcase their newly developed knowledge and understanding. This course will be submitted to meet the University of California (UC) "c" Mathematics credit

► **Update on Palomar Community College District and Poway Unified School District Collaboration to Open a Middle College High School**

Executive Director Kathleen Porter gave an update on the progress on the partnership between Palomar and PUSD for a three-year pilot program:

- The Middle College High School would be an entirely new PUSD school located at the Palomar College Rancho Bernardo site

- The Middle college is being targeted to high school students who are historically underserved and underrepresented in college who are desiring a more independent learning environment; prioritize students with 2.0 – 2.9 GPA for whom college might not be an option or not otherwise consider
- Students would gain access to college courses and internship opportunities, but would not have access to sports and extracurricular activities like at our existing comprehensive high schools
- Year 1 (Fall 2022) open with 11th grade, then Year 2 both 11th and 12th grade students with no more than 100 students per grade
- The schedule would include two days of internships, two days of college courses and HS classes, Friday for electives, support classes, clubs
- Students receive a high school diploma, and earn college credits at no cost to the student

► **January 2022 California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Health and Safety Updates**

Associate Superintendent described the impact of the Omicron surge on PUSD student attendance and staffing shortages. She also shared the latest updates to public health guidance:

[Updated School Guidance from CDPH](#)
[Group Contact Tracing](#)

Future meetings: Thursday, February 10, 2022

The following regular meeting dates for 2022 were approved by the Board of Education:

- Thursday, March 10
- Thursday, April 7
- Thursday, May 12
- Thursday, June 2
- Thursday, June 16
- No July Board Meeting
- Thursday, August 11
- Thursday, September 8
- Thursday, October 13
- Thursday, November 10
- Thursday, December 15 (Organizational)

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