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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MARCH 10, 2022** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the March 10, 2022 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:

<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2022/03-10-2022-Board-Agenda.pdf>

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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

- Four teams are heading to the CyberPatriot National Cybersecurity Finals in Maryland next week! Good luck to the students from Design39Campus, Oak Valley, and Del Norte.
- Next week, March 15th is Robotics Day and Women in STEM Day in PUSD. Two PUSD students are national award winners with the Society of Women Engineers: Madalyn Nguyen and Ellen Xu

► Studio 701 Digital Internship “Excellence in Education” Series

In the latest installment of the “Excellence in Education” video series for the 2021-2022 school year, our Studio 701 student interns highlighted the progress of Inclusive Practices in PUSD. **WATCH:** <https://youtu.be/wC-nvSBESw>

► Student Board Representatives

The Board heard reports from student representatives at the following schools:

- Del Norte High School – Gabriella Llaneta shared about Del Norte’s equity task force which provides lessons on microaggressions; decorating the campus for Black History month and Women’s History month with quotes; and recent ASB fundraisers
- Poway High School – Sophia Chittle shared about the annual Senior Disneyland trip; the first annual powder puff game against Rancho Bernardo High School; the theater production of Grease; the dance team placed second in the nation and the wrestling team took second in the state; introduced the new ASB President Kiara Bowser who shared about the upcoming 8th grade family night and the most-spirited Titan assembly
- Tierra Bonita Elementary School – Alyssa McClean and Elsa LaForge shared about the Japanese foreign language program; No Place for Hate Activities; Club Bonita which promotes kindness, recent Design Thinking Projects, and the power of collaboration and working together as a team
- Turtleback Elementary School – John Thomas and Nathan Thomas shared about the stupendous teachers; the school’s safety patrol who promotes safe crossing for students and families; character week, and Friday Flag

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Concern related to the ethnic studies/literature courses
- Concern regarding classroom lessons related to gender
- Health and safety concern related to the new masking guidance

The Consent Calendar was approved; item 5.4B was pulled. Items to note:

► **Approval of increases to PUSD fee-based Extended Student Services (ESS) starting June 2022**

To sustain program quality and meet rising costs of general operating expenses including, salaries, benefits, transportation, student supplies, and materials, ESS will increase fees starting June 20, 2022, with the summer session.

- The summer daily rate will increase from \$36 to \$45 per day.
- Full before- and after-school contracts will increase from \$320 to \$345 per month.
- Partial contracts will continue to be available for families to select and will reflect a similar increase.

The increased fee schedule will also be applicable to the regular school year before and after school programs. ESS will continue to provide quality, affordable services for PUSD families while remaining fiscally responsible.

► **Approval of the updated Poway Unified School District English Learner Master Plan for 2021-2022.**

The purpose of the Poway Unified School District English Learner Master Plan is to serve as a guide to schools in the ongoing development, implementation, and assessment of programs and services for English Learners. With a common understanding of our District's goals and procedures, English Learners will receive consistently implemented services designed to meet their academic needs. The plan will be available for public access on the Poway Unified School District website on the Learning Support Services, EL - English Learners tab.

► **Approval of California Adult Education Week (March 27-April 2, 2022)**

California Adult Education Week highlights the impact the Poway Adult School makes to a healthy community by offering a multitude of low-cost, high-value programs, and career training designed to assist adult students and members of our community to reach their individual educational goals, including career advancement, college preparation, and life enrichment.

► **Public Hearing and Approval of the Initial Proposal for Contract Negotiations from the Board to PSEA Unit I and II and PFT**

The presentation and adoption of the District's initial proposals for contract negotiations with PSEA Unit I, Unit II, and PFT is a two-step process. The initial proposals were presented to the Board of Education on February 10, 2022, as a first reading, and a reasonable amount of time has allowed the public to be informed. Tonight provided an opportunity for public hearings and approval of the initial proposals.

► **Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4.318 – Exempt Positions – Salary Schedule**

The Professional Expert positions, Artist in Residence and Community Service Lecturer, have not received increases since 2015-2016. All other employee groups have received across the board wage increases given since then. There are currently 31 active Artists in Residence and 85 Community Service Lecturers in the District. After staff conducted a thorough review, the Board approved a 4% increase to the Artist in Residence hourly rate from \$25.00 to \$26.00 and Community Service Lecturer hourly rate from \$31.30 to \$32.55 commensurate to that received for all other employees in order to attract and retain more qualified candidates.

► **Approval and Certification of Second Interim Financial Report**

During the fiscal year following the adoption of the District’s budget, the Associate Superintendent of Business Support Services is required to present to the Board two Interim Financial Reports. The First Interim Report covered the financial and budgetary status of the District for the period ending October 31, 2021, and was approved by the Board on December 16, 2021. The Second Interim Report reflects the current projected and actual revenues and expenditures as of January 31, 2022. (can be viewed on the [agenda](#), pages 63-74) The Second Interim was approved by the Board, and the District’s budgets will be revised accordingly.

► **Approval of Special Tax Refunding Bonds by Community Facilities District 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, and 13**

At the February 10, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”), staff was authorized to proceed with several refunding opportunities. Tonight, the Board approved the resolutions and necessary documents to authorize two refundings. The estimated gross savings to taxpayers is \$9.4 million.

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

At prior Board meetings, information has been provided regarding requirements all schools must follow under authority from the State Department of Health Services and local health officers in accordance with Health and Safety Codes 120125, 120140, 120175, 120195, and 131080, and other applicable laws. The most recent COVID-19 related updates are:

- Masks in K12 schools are no longer *required* but are *strongly recommended* regardless of vaccination status after Friday, March 11 (11:59pm), starting Monday, March 14, 2022
- The State is providing personal choice for masking in schools with the expectation that individual choices are respected.
- Classrooms should discuss the change with students in a developmentally appropriate manner, including how to respect everyone’s personal choice.
- One should not make assumptions regarding someone’s beliefs or health status based upon their choice to wear or not wear a mask, nor should they comment on them.

► **Selection of Two Board Members to serve on the interview subcommittee for the selection of the Student Board Member for the 2022-2023 school year**

The Board selected two Board members, Ginger Couvrette and Dr. Cindy Sytsma, to serve on the interview subcommittee for the selection of the Student Board Member for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are due March 31, 2022, and final candidates will be interviewed by the two Board members, the outgoing Student Board Member, the Superintendent, and the Chief Communications Officer on April 1, 2022. At the April 7, 2022, Board Meeting, the sub-committee will report out their selection and the full Board will vote to approve the final candidate.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022

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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