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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **AUGUST 11, 2022** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the August 11, 2022 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:
<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2022/08-11-2022-Board-Agenda.pdf>

► **Employee Appointments:**

The Board of Education is pleased to appoint the following PUSD Leadership:

- **Dr. Yael Bozzay, Principal of Mt. Carmel High School**
- **Dr. Emily Cena, Director of Food and Nutrition**
- **Ruben Arras, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations**



► **Superintendent and Board Recognition**

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

- **PUSD's 2022 California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award from the California Department of Education.** To be considered for the award, school districts submitted applications outlining the shifts they made to support distance learning during the 2020-2021 school year. As a winning district, PUSD received a certificate from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and a 2022 CAPP Award Program flag.



► **Welcome to the 2022-23 Student Board Member**
Prisha Puntambekar is a rising senior at Mt. Carmel High School. Tonight was the first meeting of her term. Through her experiences as a daughter of first-generation immigrants and motivated by a family member's struggle with mental health, she said she hopes to "uplift groups of students who are underserved or academically struggling [and] create a bridge between the Poway community and the board, thus allowing all students to be heard." She can be reached via Instagram @pusdstudentrep or email: prishap.pusd@gmail.com

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Concern over controversial topics in literature in high school English class
- Request for Board to allow for virtual or called-in public comments
- Concern over potential immunization requirements
- Concern over various matters including lack of soap in bathroom
- Concern over student equity survey and CRT
- Concern over CRT and vaccination requirements
- Concern over Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts in schools
- Concern over divisiveness in Ethnic Studies curriculum

► **Safety and Security Improvement Updates**

Associate Superintendent Greg Mizel reviewed physical safety and security improvements (including campus exteriors), staff training (including threat assessment, suicide prevention, crisis response), mental health supports and staffing (such as counselors, psychologists, social workers, campus security, SSS and SSAs). In the 2022-23 budget, PUSD is allocating approximately \$8 million in additional safety and security projects identified in site safety walks and the District will be hosting a September 22 virtual meeting to provide the community with an update

The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety.

► **Approval of the Amendments to Employee Agreements**

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Education entered into 4-year employment agreements ending on June 30, 2025, with the Superintendent and Associate Superintendents. The Board extended the Superintendent's and Associate Superintendents' existing employment agreements by one more year to keep the 4-year agreement term, now ending June 30, 2026.

► **Approval of the 2022-2023 revised budget**

Associate Superintendent Little and Director Ramiro presented for the Board's review on June 2, 2022 the General Fund 2021-22 Estimated Actuals, the 2022-23 Proposed Budget based on the Governor's May Revise, and Multi-Year Projections for 2023-24 and 2024-25. It was approved on June 16, 2022. Tonight, additional revisions to the budget were presented, including:

Revised Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

- Additional LCFF Investment of 6.28% (was 3.085%)
- Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant

- Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant
- Ongoing Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)
- 60% reimbursement for home-to-school transportation (HTST)

The revised budget can be viewed [here](#), starting on page 133.

► **Update on Transportation Fee Increase**

Due to historically high fuel and petroleum product costs, the cost of an annual bus pass is increasing from \$625 to \$725.

Future Meetings:

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8

Thursday, October 13

Thursday, November 10

Thursday, December 15 (Organizational)

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