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

The Board Agenda for the November 10, 2022 Board of Education Meeting can be found [here](#)

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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

- **Leanne Fan**, Westview Freshman, has been announced as this year's 3M and Discovery Education Top Young Scientist and Improving Lives Award winner. Her winning entry was her invention of headphones that can detect and treat mid-ear infections using machine learning and blue light therapy.
- **56 students from all five of PUSD's comprehensive high schools** were named as National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship semifinalists. A full list of all students can be found [here](#).

► Studio 701 Digital Internship "Excellence in Education" Series

In the latest installment of the "Excellence in Education" video series for the 2022-2023 school year, our Studio 701 student interns highlighted the rollout of Universal Transitional Kindergarten by visiting the classroom of Nicole Friedman at Deer Canyon Elementary School. **WATCH:** <https://youtu.be/cX8c9hLnjQ>



► Student Board Representatives

The Board heard reports from student representatives at four schools:

- **Mia Whitman, Rancho Bernardo High School:** Mia spoke about the upcoming Thanksgiving spirit week next week, choir and band held amazing concerts, and the dance team is preparing for a show; RBHS hosting cultural fair next Friday with booths representing countries and cultures; hosted Human

Relations Conference for Sophomore class which made a tremendous impact on students; No Place for Hate committee has been meeting to create an anti-bullying environment; students appreciate Mending Matters positive impact on student mental health; ASB striving to make a better community for everyone, with strong school spirit

- **Roy Alakhdar, Abraxas High School:** Roy is a diploma student at AHS. He spoke about employers throughout the community who hire Transition Program students as employees; students are enjoying weekly career presentations as well as visits from local college regarding post high school options; the Abraxas garden program has donated 16,000 pounds of produce to date; hosted a Fall fundraiser this past Saturday in the garden which included the culinary program and arts program, a guest chef from Chopped visited the culinary program to teach students to make homemade pasta; the SAVE Promise club welcomes new students and hosts events including “Spooktacular”
- **Danica de Leon and Samantha Farrell, Mesa Verde Middle School:** Danica and Samantha spoke about the many clubs available for students, including the Drama Club and Kindness Club; students enjoyed spirit weeks to spread kindness and during Red Ribbon Week; hosted their first pep rally, inspired by Westview, with class competitions and prizes; kicked off fundraiser “Raise, Pledge, and Reward,” with a goal of \$80,000; hosted Halloween movie night and Trunk R Treat, Heritage/History celebrations, MVMS hosted a student panel for professional growth day about academic stress, mental health, etc.
- **Kensie Cabral, Highland Ranch Elementary:** Kensie shared about the Character Ambassadors program, composed of 80-ish students who build school culture and positive environment through classroom presentations; students participated in Start with Hello Week, and modeled ways to be inclusive and make everyone feel welcome; their next project is the Inclusivity Library – creating Flipgrids about their favorite inclusive books; their November community service project will support the Food Bank; their counselor has created safe space called the Calming Corner for dealing with feelings and conflict

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Concerns over authors included in Ethnic Studies reading list
- Support for LGBTQ+ literature in school libraries
- Concern over parents challenging books in school libraries
- Concern and solutions over food waste from school lunches
- Support for the Arts, Music, and Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan

► **2022-2023 Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members**

In accordance with the Poway Unified School District Special Education Local Plan and the California Education Code, the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC), comprised of parents whose children have IEPs, is constituted as an advisory group to the school District on the subject of Special Education. Members of this group are to be appointed by, and report to, the Board of Education. Tonight, this year’s appointees were approved by the Board. A list of all appointees can be found [in the agenda](#).

The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety. Items to note:

► **Approval to Recognize November as National Runaway and Homeless Youth Month**

San Diego County Board of Education declared November 2022, as Runaway and Homeless Youth Month. Poway Unified is proud to join the San Diego County Board of Education in designating November as “Runaway and Homeless Youth Month” and requests that all of its employees and volunteers recognize the

unique needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness with the goal to increase both awareness of the issue and their commitment to helping these young people succeed.

► **2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Proposed Student Calendars**

Tonight, the Board heard the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 student calendar proposals from the District Calendar Committee. The calendars reflect 180 student attendance days, legal holidays, District recess days, and three non-student days. The proposed '23-'24 calendar draft [can be viewed here](#); the '24-'25 calendar draft [can be viewed here](#). These calendars are not finalized.

► **Discussion and Initial Proposals for Poway School Employee Association (PSEA) Unit I and II**

The current Collective Bargaining Agreements with the District and the Poway School Employees Association (PSEA) Unit I and Unit II end on June 30, 2023. First, the initial proposal must be presented at a meeting of the Board of Education and then, after a reasonable time, allow the public to become informed. At a second meeting of the Board, there will be a public hearing on the District's initial proposal and the Board will consider adopting its initial proposal.

PSEA Units I and Unit II presented initial proposals for a successor agreement to the Board of Education. As this is the Exclusive Representative's initial proposal, the Board vote to receive it tonight, and there is no need for further presentation at a subsequent meeting.

► **Approval of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan**

Tonight, the Board approved the expenditure plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. View the spending allocation and timeline [here](#).

► **Review and Acceptance of the 2021-22 Financial, Compliance, and Program Audit**

[Draft Audit Report](#)

The Auditor presented one finding around attendance reporting. The District has established a corrective action plan in response.

► **Approval of the Expanding Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Guide and Expenditure Plan**

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) (\$2.67 million to be expended by June 30, 2023 and \$7.17 million to be expended by June 30, 2024) provides funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for Transitional Kindergarten through sixth grade with a target goal of serving 2,408 PUSD students (50% of UPP). Among the benefits:

- Establishes collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations such as YMCA and Boys and Girls Club to help address staffing shortages and serve more students
- Allows to expand after-school program to Oak Valley Middle School

► **Approval of the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant Expenditure Plan for PUSD**

The Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant provides funding to be used for learning recovery initiatives through the 2027-2028 school year that, at a minimum, support academic learning recovery, and staff and pupil social and emotional well-being. View the spending allocation and timeline [here](#).

Total grant funding is \$16,646,736. Among the supports:

During the school year:

- Additional impact teacher at elementary
- Math acceleration (intervention) classes at middle and high
- Continue class size reduction (4th/5th at 31; Middle and High core classes and intervention
- Continue site-based substitute teacher to provide continuity
- Support staff to provide enrollment, scheduling, communications, and overall service
- Maintain current level of mental health supports through 2024-25
- Continuity of assessment and enrichment activities such as iReady and personalized learning paths; X-ploration

Extended school year:

- K-8 Summer School program through 2027
- 9-12 credit recovery and enrichment opportunities
- Youth Enrichment Program

Future Meetings:

The following regular meeting dates for 2023 were approved by the Board of Education:

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2022 (Organizational)

- Thursday, January 12, 2023
- Thursday, February 9, 2023
- Thursday, March 9, 2023
- Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Thursday, May 11, 2023
- Thursday, June 1, 2023
- Thursday, June 15 or June 22, 2023
- Thursday, August 17, 2023
- Thursday, September 7, 2023
- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Thursday, November 9, 2023
- Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Organizational Meeting

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