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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MAY 12, 2022** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the May 12, 2022 Board of Education Meeting can be found here:

<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2022/05-12-2022-Board-Agenda.pdf>

► Items of Note from Closed Session



- **Ernest Remillard** (left) was approved as Principal of Westview High School
- **Dr. Robert Caughey** (right) was approved as Principal of Design39Campus

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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

- Classroom of the Future awarded the prestigious Impact Award to PUSD's Career Technical Education for its "Through the Lens of Equity: Jumpstarting Pathways to Rewarding Careers," granting \$10,000 to expand career and college readiness for underrepresented students.
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced the winners of the 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award Program (CAPP) which recognizes schools and school districts for the implementation of innovative programs and practices during distance learning. In addition to Poway Unified being recognized as a district, nine elementary school sites were individually recognized:

Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
Deer Canyon Elementary School
Monterey Ridge Elementary School
Tierra Bonita Elementary School
Willow Grove Elementary School

Creekside Elementary School
Midland Elementary School
Pomerado Elementary School
Valley Elementary School

► 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 “Conquer Conference,” a mental health conference for middle school student leaders, put on by the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council.

WATCH: <https://youtu.be/bHEhqO8L8j0>



► Student Board Representatives

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

- Rancho Bernardo High School – Mia Whitman reported that students are eager to get involved in year-end activities; Stable Connect and ASB hosted the Human Relations Conference for the Sophomore class; held first-ever Bronco-chella comprised of bands and food trucks; dance team concert, improv held last show; this weekend is prom at Birch Aquarium; marked Day of the Military Child as well as Staff appreciation
- Abraxas High School – Max Hooper, a student in the Transition program, spoke about students holding jobs in the service, food, and retail industries, on June 3rd Transition will hold a Disney ball for students; Abraxas has weekly career presentations from professionals ranging from law enforcement to audio/visual careers; hosting e-sports tournament; garden hosted spring fundraiser to showcase the garden and culinary program; SAVE promise club has been hosting welcoming events
- Bernardo Heights Middle School – Isabella Dela Cruz Smith and Callie Miller, representatives of the 7th grade ASB cabinet, spoke about their staff appreciation week celebrations through breakfasts and cards; 23 multilingual students were reclassified out of the EL program; BHMS drama will be performing “Into the Woods, Jr.”; Bobcat TV series is keeping students informed; performing arts heading to San Francisco; 8th graders year-end activities before promoting; ASES hosting talent show; wrestling headed to district championships; light it up glow in the dark dance to wrap up the school year
- Valley Elementary School – Carlos Valdez spoke about Ride Across California which took place over Spring Break, with students riding their bikes from Yuma, Arizona to Mission Bay, San Diego; students

competed in schoolwide Spelling Bee; Valley hosted a STEAM fair with local business partners; activities for No Place for Hate include One Book, One School; three winners from Valley for Immigration Lawyers contest; three beautification projects to improve campus with murals and mosaic bench; Valley band and orchestra preparing for Spring concert

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Concerns over equity survey being administered to students
- Upcoming year-end VAPA performances, as well as appreciation for PUSD performing arts programs

► AVID 8th Grade and Senior Standouts

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Each year one 8th grader from each middle school and one senior from each high school is selected as an AVID standout. These outstanding students are chosen for their strong academic performance and commitment to their community.



8th Grade Standouts (pictured above):

- Paige Miodek, Bernardo Heights Middle School
- Sofiya Ulybina, Black Mountain Middle School
- Bailey Eisenstein, Meadowbrook Middle School
- Cassidy Ritter, Mesa Verde Middle School
- Sanyu Thom-Goulding, Oak Valley Middle School
- Kamryn McMillian, Twin Peaks Middle School



Senior Standouts (pictured above):

- Madison Rush, Del Norte High School
- Aliya Tahmas, Mt. Carmel High School
- Laura Pineda Nicolas, Poway High School
- Angeline Meron, Rancho Bernardo High School
- Felix Long, Westview High School

The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety (except 5.3m). Items to note:

► **Adoption of the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan for PUSD**

The A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program was established by Assembly Bill 130 for the purpose of providing additional supports to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) to help increase the number of California high school students, particularly unduplicated students, who graduate from high school with A-G eligibility. A copy of the PUSD A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan has been provided to the Board electronically for their review and is available to the public upon request.

► **Adoption of New High School Textbook**

The textbook *California U.S. History America Through the Lens 1877 to the Present*, 1st edition, was presented to the Board of Education for a first reading at the April Board Meeting. The textbook has been reviewed by representative teachers and will be used in all Poway Unified School District (PUSD) U.S. History 1 and 2 classes. The textbooks are in alignment with subject-specific State and District standards. The textbook is available for review in the PUSD District Office.

► **Approval to Proclaim the Month of May as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI)**

PUSD recognizes the significance of National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States and endorses the proclamation of the month of May as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

► **Approval to Proclaim the Month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month**

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. PUSD endorses the proclamation of the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

► **Approval to Proclaim May as National Mental Health Awareness Month 2022**

The goal of this focus in May is to ensure anyone affected by mental illness can get the appropriate support and quality of care needed to live a healthy and fulfilling life and to create welcoming and inclusive school campuses where no one feels alone in their struggle. The theme for this year is *Together for Mental Health*.

► **Approval of one-time compensation for all employee groups**

The Board approved a one-time COVID compensation for staff in recognition and appreciation for their hard work during the pandemic and creating the conditions that allowed students to return to in-person learning. The compensation will be paid to eligible employees in their June 30, 2022 pay.

► **Approval of Resolution Authorizing Special Tax Refunding Bonds for CFD15 (Del Sur East)**

Authorizes CFD15 to issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12 million for the CFD for the purpose of defeasing and refunding the outstanding CFD15 Improvement Area A 2014 Special Tax Bonds. Estimated gross savings to District taxpayers of approximately \$2.2 million

► **Public Hearing and Approval to dedicate an easement to SDG&E for Power Your Fleets program (both Resolution No. 50-2022 and Resolution No. 49-2022)**

The District entered into a Program Participation Agreement with SDG&E's Power Your Drive for Fleets (PYDFF) Make Ready Infrastructure program. SDG&E, at no cost to the District, has agreed to establish the necessary electrical infrastructure for our fleet of electrical buses as well as EV charging for community and staff use.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2022

Thursday, June 16

No July Board Meeting

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