

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **OCTOBER 12, 2017** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/0-10-12-17-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted were:

- Mark Lantsberger, San Diego County Teacher of the Year and Finalist for California Teacher of the Year
- Megan Power, named School Ambassador by U.S. Department of Education
- Three PUSD students selected for All-National Honor Ensembles

► Excellence in Education Video Series

Studio 701 is a PUSD internship for advanced digital media students. Every month the students will be producing a piece that highlights the different ways the District is achieving college and career readiness for our students.

This month's piece focuses on PUSD's first-ever Career Technical Education Student Expo; you can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmIqIV43p_s

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2017-18 school year, the student representatives will alternate months. This month, we heard from:

- Jalen Rasoul (Rancho Bernardo): Dancing with the Teachers show, Bronco athletics relief effort on behalf of Port Arthur, Texas, Royal Regiment hosted Annual Field Tournament, Homecoming over 1,200 students attended, PSAT test day, art club working on tile mosaic, band, choir, and improv concerts coming up, establishing clear vision of RB experience, Bronco ambassadors visiting elementary schools, students will attend No Place for Hate conference
- Nathan Xia (Westview): Golden Leaders program working on good sportsmanship at athletic events, student senate program for representation of student voice, Westview United program made up of the school's best collaborators, performing arts including choir and theatre getting ready for performances, Westview's Got Talent showcase, Odyssey of a Lifetime Homecoming space theme, Day of Innovation science exhibition

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Addressing substitute shortage at schools
- Addressing race relations within PUSD

► Public Hearing: Establish trustee areas

- This is the third public hearing regarding the draft maps and proposed sequence of elections
- The Board heard from 6 public speakers
- The trustees selected two focus maps to move forward with in the process: #109 and #112
- Maps #115-118 will be considered at the next meeting

- The public is invited to examine these, make suggested changes to them via the online mapping tool, and provide comments on these maps to PowayUSD@NDCresearch.com
- These are all posted for viewing on the PUSD website: <https://powayusd.com/en-US/Board/Trustee-Election-Districts/Trustee-Election-Districts>
- The fourth public hearing will occur November 9, 2017, at PUSD's regularly scheduled board meeting, where the Board will adopt a map; then the San Diego County Office of Education will hold a hearing and vote on the adopted map

► **CAASPP Testing Results**

- Todd Cassen and Doug Johnson, Executive Directors with Learning Support Services presented student performance for 2017
- This is the third year California students in grades 3-8 and 11 have taken the Smarter Balanced Assessment
- For the 2016-17 school year, 74% PUSD Students met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts, and 67% PUSD Students met or exceeded standards in Mathematics
- Schools have taken the data and used/analyzed data for professional growth days, creating action plans to close the achievement gaps. Some of the ongoing work in PUSD to increase scores includes the Reading Academy for early literacy, Response to Intervention system, and integrated math curriculum

► **Consent Calendar Approved Unanimously**

► **2018-19 Budget Development**

PUSD faces an imminent, ongoing structural deficit in its General Fund of \$14.8 million in 2018-19. When the District submits its first interim financial report to the San Diego County Office of Education in December 2017, it will need to detail how to resolve this deficit. The Finance Department is recommending \$7-\$8 million dollars in budget solutions to balance the budget. The District Budget Advisory Committee, made up of parents, students, staff, and community members, has been meeting with Ron Little, Associate Superintendent of Business, with the goal of making recommendations for budget solutions to the Superintendent.

► **Public Hearing and Approval of Board Appointee to the Personnel Commission**

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Margaret Wyatt to serve another three-year term commencing December 1, 2017.

► **Board Policies Section 1000-1700—Community Relations Adopted**

Trustees approved the new CSBA policies unanimously, with the exception of BP 1312.2, which was pulled for further review. The approved policies will replace the current corresponding PUSD Board Policies.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, November 9, 2017 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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