

Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **SEPTEMBER 14, 2017** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► District Recognitions

The Superintendent and Board honored the 2017 PUSD Classified Employees, Teachers, and Volunteers of the Year:

- Bridgette Padilla (Administrative Assistant, Sunset Hills Elementary School)
- Linda Farmer (Budget Analyst, Finance Department)
- Mark Lantsberger (Computer Science Teacher, Del Norte High School)
- Susan Michelena (Social Studies Teacher, Rancho Bernardo High School)
- Keith Opstad (Art Teacher, Westview High School)
- Rachel Allums (Volunteer, Twin Peaks Middle School)
- Jenny Burnett (Volunteer, Pomerado Elementary School)
- Cathy Rongey (Volunteer, Westview High School)

The entire list of site honorees can be found in the agenda packet here:

<https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/9-14-2017-Board-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>
(pages 9-17) Congratulations to all! You represent the best of #TeamPUSD!

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2017-18 school year, the six high school student representatives will alternate months, with three attending each board meeting. This month we heard reports from Abraxas High, Del Norte High, and Mt. Carmel High. The students from Poway High, Rancho Bernardo High, and Westview High will give their reports at the October 12th meeting.

- Olivia Hampton (Abraxas): back to school night, BBQ and ice cream social, anti-bullying presentations, students in Transitions program started volunteer jobs and soon will begin for-profit jobs, working on newsletter, Jack-O-Smash fundraiser coming up, 2,278 lbs. of produce donated by student garden, raised two generations of tilapia in aquaponics pond
- Nicole Labrador (Del Norte): seniors preparing for college applications with presentations and workshops, over 600 freshman joined orientation and first day of school rally, back to school night, fall season of sports underway, campus raised over \$5,000 for Hurricane Harvey relief, held military night at football game, flags placed around campus for 9/11, successful club rush
- Alliyah Gardea (Mt. Carmel): continued beginning of year tradition of freshman welcome tunnel and rally, first day of school televised on local news, free red shirts distributed to all students, freshmen also got free attendance to football game, to celebrate Red Sea as reigning CIF best student section, over 1,000 students entered field through tunnel

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Limiting technology in education, providing traditional paper and book option
- Progression of construction and cleanup projects at Poway High
- Creation of visual and performing arts task force

► **Trustee Area Districting**

Doug Johnson, President of National Demographics Corporation, gave a presentation. At least 150 school districts and over 66 cities have switched or are switching from districtwide elections to by-district elections as a result of the California Voting Rights Act. The tentative timeline for this process is as follows:

- **August 31** Public Hearing to receive testimony on composition of potential districts
- **September 14** Public Hearing to receive testimony on composition of potential districts
- **October 4** Deadline for initial public map submissions
- **October 5** Draft maps (including public submissions) published
- **October 12** Public Hearing regarding content of draft maps and proposed sequence of elections
- **November 9** Public Hearing and Board action to adopt map and resolution
- **TBD** County Committee on School District Organization hearing and vote
- **November 2018** First three trustee areas hold elections
- **November 2020** Remaining two trustee areas hold elections
- **2021** Trustee areas reviewed and possibly redrawn using 2020 Census data

► **Moss Adams Internal Controls Assessment Review**

The assessment identified opportunities for improvement including:

- Improving and testing controls related to revolving cash funds
- Improving and testing controls related to payroll and timekeeping
- Improving and testing controls related to vacation administration
- Improving and testing controls related to billing and revenue collection
- Improving compliance with purchasing policies
- Improving overall control environment

► **The Board approved the 2016-17 Unaudited Actual Year-End Closing Financial Report**

These figures can be viewed in the board packet: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/9-14-2017-Board-Meeting-Agenda.pdf> (pages 123-127)

► **The Board revised its Board Policy and Approved a resolution to accommodate the adoption of CUPCCAA**

The California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) provides for alternative bidding procedures when an agency performs public project work by contract up to \$175,000.

► **The Board awarded a contract to West Coast Arborists for tree removal service along Espola Road at Poway High School**

► **Approval of Resolution “Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2017-18”**

California Ed Code requires that each governing board of a school district hold a public hearing by the eighth week of school to make a determination that every pupil has sufficient textbooks/instructional materials

► **Acknowledgement of National School Lunch Week for October 9-13, 2017**

► **Acknowledgement of “Character Counts! And Red Ribbon Week” for October 16-20, 2017**

► **The Board announced its intended reappointment of Margaret Wyatt to the Personnel Commission**

► **PUSD’s Insurance Committee recommended the District maintain the current insurance carrier, Aetna, for 2018 coverage**

Open enrollment begins on or near November 1, 2017

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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