

Bard Briefs

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

► Board Organizational Meeting

The Board elected officers for the 2018 calendar year, as well as representatives for various city, county, and state organizations.

T.J. Zane elected as Board President

Dr. Darshana Patel elected as Board Vice President

Vacancy for Board Clerk (Will be appointed by County Superintendent per Ed Code)

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

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/2017/12-14-2017-Board-Agenda-A.pdf>

- Among those highlighted were: Mt. Carmel High School's Marching Band and Color Guard took 1st place for the third year in a row at the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) 6A Championships in Arcadia; several teams of PUSD students placed 1st and 2nd in various categories at the FIRST Lego League (FLL) regional competition at Legoland, including students from Oak Valley, D39C, Del Sur, and Meadowbrook.

► Student Board Representative Reports

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

- Trevor George (Poway) First year that Poway High is on trimester and it is going well, Homecoming dance on campus over 1,000 attendees, art students working with Memory Project to paint portraits for impoverished children, canned food drive collected enough to feed 900 families, 2,200 snowflakes hung with students names all over campus, Toys for Tots goal over 200 toys, winter sports in full swing, wrestlers at national meet in Reno, big thank you to Board for approving tree removal before Santa Ana winds came
- Kailey Lyche (Rancho Bernardo) Annual dance concert with three nights of full houses, seniors receiving acceptance letters, students putting wishes on a tree to be granted by ASB, mental health focus on stress, anxiety, self-care and depression awareness, Bronco players fall play, Royal Regiment won silver in SoCal band championships, holiday winter assembly and spirit week, band and choir concerts, ASB gingerbread house contest, Winter Whiteout Dance coming up, winter sports will begin league play after break, adopted many families for adopt-a-family
- Nathan Xia (Westview) Successful homecoming with record-breaking attendance included alternative activities for those who don't dance, Dia de los muertos celebration, Unity Week to acknowledge differences with speaker Keith Hawkins, largest club rush ever, Legally Blonde upcoming performance, Westview Gold, Dance, and Choir hard at work for performances, is ending term as President, thanked the Board for the opportunity to be educated and supported by PUSD

► College Bound Presentation

College Bound PUSD is a program offered to secondary students in support of college and career readiness. College Bound is now in Poway, Oceanside, and Hayward school districts. Students and parents spoke on the benefits and impact of the program on PUSD students. “I remind myself, success will not come to me, I have to go and get it. This program has helped many minority students in the District,” explained Mt. Carmel student Ngefor Ndifor. “College Bound is a great way to prepare students for success. No matter who you are or where you came from, this has taught me I am capable of achieving it,” Westview student Jamar Dudley.

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Insurance and benefits company offering to partner with staff to offer services
- Equal access to visual and performing arts for students
- PUSD student representatives who performed at All-National Honor Ensemble

► Consent Calendar Approved, including 2018-19 School Calendar

The Board adopted the 2018-19 student attendance calendar.

Start of School 8/22/18

End of School 6/13/19

For the full calendar, including District recesses and non-student days, you can view it at this link, on page 42:

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► Financing Team to gather information from existing bondholders

The Board authorized the Superintendent to appoint a financing team to conduct meetings with existing District bondholders to gather information related to the evaluation of potential taxpayer reduction efforts.

Goal: explore options to reduce or eliminate all or a portion of the non-callable 2011 Capital Appreciation Bond while minimizing impact to taxpayers.

Approach: gather information from bond investors, gather information from community, communicate findings and options, select financing option and finalize modification with investors, sell refunding bonds and redeem capital appreciation bonds

► Review and acceptance of the 2016-17 financial compliance and program audit

For findings and District responses go to this link, pages 45-48: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2017/12-14-2017-Board-Agenda-A.pdf>

► First Interim Financial Report

The 2017-18 First Interim Report reflects the current budget and actual revenues and expenditures as of October 31, 2017. These projections, which revise the District’s budget, were presented to the Board for approval. In order for the District to receive a positive certification, the District must show that it will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

Projected Budget Deficit

2017-18 \$16.3 million deficit

2018-19 \$14.8 million deficit

2019-20 \$16.9 million deficit

Next Steps:

January 2018: Governor’s proposed budget for 2018-19 (PUSD projections will change)

January-May 2018: Enrollment projection, staffing, budget planning and building of 2018-19 budget

► California School Dashboard

On December 7, 2017, the California Department of Education released the results of the 2017 Accountability Dashboard. The purpose of the dashboard is to measure strengths and areas of needed improvement. The California Dashboard displays reports at the district, school, and student group levels on a set of state and local measures including student test scores, graduation rate, suspension rate, and college/career readiness. Follow this link for the District's report:

<https://www.caschooldashboard.org/#/Details/3768296000000/3/EquityReport>

► Annual Report of the Personnel Commission for 2016-17

The Annual Report is prepared in the fall each year to summarize the activities of the Personnel Commission in the prior fiscal year. PUSD joins the Personnel Commission in extending special appreciation to employees for their dedication to the students and community of the Poway Unified School District. The goal of the Personnel Commission is to ensure the efficiency of the classified service through effective recruitment, selection, training, and retention procedures. To view the report follow this link, to pages 77-81:

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► Video: Announcing Dual Immersion Mandarin Chinese Program at Adobe Bluffs Elementary Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/JqHL32T4m8E>

This video focuses on the current success of the Foreign Language in Elementary School "FLES" program at Adobe Bluffs Elementary School, and the addition of a dual immersion option for incoming kindergarteners for the 2018-19 school year.

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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