

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomona Unified School District
Education Center Board Room
800 South Garey Avenue, Pomona**

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin and Andrew S. Wong.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Marco Ruiz, Palomares Academy of Health Sciences

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Baker, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services
Leslie Barnes, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, Business Services
Darren Knowles, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Fernando Meza, Administrative Director, Pupil & Community Services
Oliver Unaka, Public Information Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim C. Moore, Attorney, Mundell, Odlum & Haws, LLP

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Request for Student Expulsions
2. Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (4) regarding Potential/Pending Litigation (3 Cases):
(1) Case No. BC644620, (2) SB-415, and (3) Case No. 2:15-cv-007895
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 – Name of Agency Negotiator: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources – Name of Employee Organization: Associated Pomona Teachers, California School Employees Association, Chapter 14, and Pomona Administrators, Classified Management and Confidential Employees Association

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:45 p.m.

1 OPENING BUSINESS

6:30 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 6:42 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Second Lieutenant Veronica Castaneda,

Cadet Second Lieutenant Miguel Sebastian, Cadet First Lieutenant Shanice Crespo and Cadet Corporal Vania Reyes from Ganesha High School.

Information: 1.03 Action Taken in Closed Session: None

Information: 1.04 Superintendent's Comments - Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

The following items were pulled from the Agenda:

Agenda Item 5b.01 Classified Personnel – Separations, pull # 4 only.

Agenda Item 5b.14 Classified Personnel – Amendments, pull # 3 only.

Information: 1.05 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments:

Michael da Rosa, President, Associated Pomona Teachers (APT), shared information about a forthcoming learning lab that includes initiatives in a number of areas that we are already working on. He announced they have selected the second cohort of collaboration schools that include Harrison, Madison and Roosevelt elementary schools, Palomares Academy of Health Sciences, Park West High School and possibly Barfield Elementary School. He expressed his thanks to APT Second Vice President Erin Jackson, Assistant Superintendent Darren Knowles and Deputy Superintendent Stephanie Baker for the progress they are making in setting up a new system of professional learning and growth for all stages of a teachers career from induction through the end of career. Mr. da Rosa said both PUSD (Pomona Unified School District) and APT leadership have invested in a significant amount of adult learning together and he said he believes it has made a positive difference in Pomona. He expressed his opinion about the tentative agreement before the board tonight, and urged them to vote in favor of it. On behalf of their members, he thanked the administrators that participated as members of the IBB (Interspace Bargaining) team, Superintendent Martinez and the board members for their continued support of the members of their association. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and a good evening.

Information: 1.06 California School Employees' Association Representative

Comments: Marian Orozco, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 14, wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said they held their elections and introduced newly elected CSEA officers Veronica Barva as their first vice president, and Diane Johnson as recording secretary. She then shared a story about missing an important ingredient when you are trying to prepare something. She said let's not commence negotiations without having all of the necessary ingredients so we don't walk away without accomplishing what we desire. She said she looks forward to beginning negotiations when Mr. Knowles returns.

Information: 1.07 Audience Comments

Pomona Unified School District Psychologist Wei-Tsu Loh who works at Philadelphia Elementary School and Fremont Academy of Engineering and Design said she was at the meeting to speak on behalf of staff at Philadelphia. She expressed her opinion about the ongoing construction being done at Philadelphia.

2 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Information: 2.01 Superintendent Oral Communications on Agenda Items

Acting Superintendent Mrs. Baker wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said on behalf of the superintendent we welcome each of you.

Action: 2.02 Request for Student Expulsions

Motion made by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Case A, January 11, 2017: The Board of Education approved the following rehabilitation plan to be verified prior to readmission.

- That the student be expelled for the spring and fall semesters from the Pomona Unified School District.
- That the expulsion of the student be fully implemented due to the seriousness of the incident.
- That the educational placement of the student be at San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corporation.
- That the student and/or the student's parents participate in: Behavior Contract, Community Service Hours (150 hours), Drug Counseling, Family Counseling and Random Searches.
- The student must maintain passing grades, good attendance, and good citizenship.
- The student is not to be on any other school campus without a parent/guardian during the expulsion period.
- That the student's readmission be reviewed by December, 2017. Parent is to contact Pupil Resources for a review appointment.

Parents may appeal the Board's decision to the Los Angeles County Office of Education within 30 days from January 11, 2017.

Action: 2.03 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2016

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Andrew Wong

Abstain: Jason Rothman

Information: 2.04 Student Representative to the Board of Education and Administration of Oath of Office for 2016-17

Mrs. Baker administered the Oath of Office to Marco Ruiz of Palomares Academy of Health Sciences.

Information: 2.05 Student Representative Comments

Marco Ruiz, Student Representative, provided a brief report on high school activities.

Information: 2.06 Retirement Service Awards

Mr. Knowles recognized the retiring employees in the audience by presenting each of

them with a plaque that notes their years of service.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications on Consent Calendar Items Only: None

Action: (Consent): 3.02 Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar (Agenda Items 3-8)

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

9 SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

Information: 9.01 Oral Communications on Special Action Items Only: None

Action: 9.04 Approval of College Readiness Block Grant, Moved

Motion made by: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Action: 9.02 Public Hearing and Approval of Successor Agreement between Associated Pomona Teachers and Pomona Unified School District

Mr. Knowles gave a report on this item.

Mr. Rothman announced that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing.

Hearing no response from the public, Mr. Rothman declared the hearing closed.

Motion made by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Action: 9.03 Adoption of Resolution No. 24 (2016-2017) Against Public School District of Choice Extension

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman

Absent: Andrew Wong

Action: 9.04 Approval of College Readiness Block Grant, Moved

10 OPEN ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 10.01 Audience Comments: None

Information: 10.02 Board and Superintendent Oral Communications and Concluding Comments

Student Representative Marco Ruiz thanked the Board members and said it is a pleasure and an honor to be here.

Mrs. Baker thanked the retirees for their years of service, adding that if the superintendent were here he would say that it is a combined effort of all of our staff, classified, certificated that makes us "Proud to be PUSD" and she is sure that the number of years of service that they provided to our district have certainly led to our pride. Mrs. Baker said Marco mentioned the Sprint One Million project. This is something that promotes and pushes us forward as a Future Ready school district ensuring that our families have access to high speed Wi-Fi at home at no cost. We are one of eleven selected in the nation to be a part of a pilot program. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin welcomed the new student board member. She said it is always a pleasure to have students from around the school district and she encouraged his active participation in their discussions and in representing the schools. She also expressed her thanks to the retirees for their years of dedication and service. They are usually the first to face and greet as you go in and it is always a pleasure to see them smiling and greeting everyone and letting them know we are all a part of this wonderful community. She welcomed back to everyone, and said that she hopes they had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and she is looking forward to the rest of 2017.

Mr. Guzman welcomed the new student board member and thanked him for serving his school and the community. He thanked the retirees for their many years of service. Mr. Guzman said Sunday there is a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship event at Pilgrim Congregational Church. At the event they will be honoring a student from Pomona and San Dimas high schools. He said as a former recipient of this scholarship he is honored to attend and encouraged everyone to attend. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Wong wished everyone Happy New Year. He welcomed the new Student Representative to the Board Mr. Ruiz, thanked him for joining them and added that the Board was pleased to have him here for the semester. He thanked all of the speakers this evening, as well as the retirees for all of their years of service to Pomona Unified. He said he hopes everyone had a happy holiday and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Dr. Perlman wished everyone a Happy New Year. She welcomed Marco as the new student representative. She said she is glad he is taking on the ASB (Associated Student Body) president leadership role at his school. Dr. Perlman expressed her thanks to the retirees and the wonderful work they have done for the district; we greatly appreciate all of their years of service. She said she wanted to share information about some upcoming events: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Project benefits the students through scholarships and education, and will be held on Sunday at Pilgrim Congregational Church at 6:00 p.m. The Sarah Ross (through Pomona's Promise) Science Fair will be held on the 25th of February at Ganesha High School; she

encouraged any students interested, to participate in the district science fair in preparation for the Los Angeles County Science Fair.

Mr. Rothman thanked staff and Acting Superintendent Stephanie Baker for making his first meeting as president as fun as humanly possible. He congratulated the retirees this evening for their many years of distinguished service and thanked them on behalf of the Board. He welcomed Mr. Ruiz and said he will be great as the new student representative.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 7:26 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:


President, Board of Education