

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

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin. Andrew S. Wong arrived at 4:54 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Richard Martinez, Superintendent
Darren Knowles, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Fernando Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil & Community Services
Oliver Unaka, Public Information Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim C. Moore, Attorney, Mundell, Odlum & Haws, LLP
Howard Friedman, Attorney, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP
S. Daniel Harbottle, Attorney, Harbottle Law Group

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8- (1) APN's 8322-022-900 through 901, 8322-023-902 through 903 (East End), (2) APN 8322-023-901 (Tower), (3) 8344-033-901 through 905 with a portion of 902 (Rio Rancho), and (4) 8358-035-908 to 915, 918, 925, 928 to 929, 935 to 936, 939, and portions of 917, 922 to 923, 926, 937 to 938, and 940 to 941 (Dudley) and APN 8333-022-012 (Caswell): Agency Negotiator(s): Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer - Negotiations
3. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(4) Regarding Potential/Pending Litigation (1) Case No. BC644620, (2) Case No. 2:15-cv-007895
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title of Position: Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:21 p.m.

1 OPENING BUSINESS

6:30 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 7:15 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Martinez.

Information: 1.03 Action Taken in Closed Session: None

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

Mr. Martinez said he wanted to share information with the Vejar families. Your Principal Ms. Brooks has led some conversations and discussions and has been hearing from the stakeholders at Vejar Elementary; parents, students and teachers; and what she is recommending is to postpone and hold further dialogue with parents and community members in regards to the core teaching and put that off for now. So we will continue sixth period classes and he believes some of you may have heard this informally already. He wanted to let those parents or students and graduates from the program, staff members and our board know that the principal has made that recommendation for the program. He said many of you are going to speak today and he is not sure if you are speaking on for a teacher or for a program. We know the program was pretty significant and concerning you, that you didn't have enough information. So we are postponing this year based on her recommendation and she wants to ensure everyone has the opportunity to learn and ask all of the questions and take the time to do that. He thanked the board members and community for being so active and sharing concerns.

Information: 1.05 California School Employees' Association Representative Comments: None

Information: 1.06 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments:

Dorothy Kim, President, Associated Pomona Teachers, recognized three members who attended the NEA (National Education Association) representative assembly in Boston with her last week. APT elected delegates Gloria Moreno from Simons, who is also an executive board member representing middle schools; Tyra Weis, former APT president and now San Antonio teacher, and Lisa Garnett from Diamond Point. Through the assembly she came to know that APT and PUSD have been ahead of the curve on community schools and collaboration. We have an opportunity to set a model for other districts for their community schools initiatives. She expressed her opinion about the possibility of highly functioning community schools becoming a hallmark of our district, and how it might help us to retain students and attract students from other districts. Ms. Kim said in our collaboration efforts we have made tremendous gains and we also have lots to learn. Community schools are just one area where collaboration efforts can be highlighted and utilized for the greatest positive outcome. She acknowledged APT Vice President Erin Jackson and Second Vice President Chester Tadeja for representing APT when she was unavailable. She also acknowledged Treasurer Paul Rodriguez and Secretary Sadie Phillips who have also contributed greatly to this association in a very short time in office. Ms. Kim said many of their member and leaders volunteered, attended workshops, and participated in many events during their summer break. She expressed her gratitude for the support she has received during her first six weeks in office. Members have shown through action the truth of their motto that we are stronger together. She announced she got married for the second time this last Friday and said she has agreed to change her name sometime in the near future so she will be called Ms. Dorothy Perez when she decides to change it.

Information: 1.07 Audience Comments

Vejar Elementary School student Monica Martinez, Garey High School senior Melanie Andreo, Vejar parents Ana Martinez and Laura Perez expressed their opinions against

block scheduling at Vejar.

Vejar parent Evangelina Diaz expressed her opinion about the principal and what was happening at the school at the school.

Vejar parents Allen and Gloria Schonborn and Margarita Aguilar expressed their opinions about the principal and against block scheduling.

Community member Claudia Bedolla expressed her opinion about improving communications with parents at Vejar.

Vejar parent Margarita Alfaro expressed her thanks for the postponement of the block schedule, and her opinion about the principal.

Harrison Elementary School teacher Narcisa Skeete requested reconsideration of her claim filed for her doctoral stipend which was denied due to an error in a transcript.

Representing Padres Unidos, community member Evelia Rocha expressed her and a few other parents' opinions about their disappointment in a break in communication with them by district leaders about the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan). They requested a meeting with district leaders to resume discussions.

2 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Information: 2.01 Superintendent Oral Communications on Agenda Items: None

Action: 2.02 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2017 and amended Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2016

Motion made by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications on Consent Calendar Items Only

Teacher Rosaura Jimenez-Mireles expressed her opinion about a friend and colleague's doctoral stipend claim and all teachers' claims and asked a question regarding their last two-percent off the salary scale.

Action: (Consent): 3.02 Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar (Agenda Items 3-8)

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

10 OPEN ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 10.01 Audience Comments: None

Information: 10.02 Board and Superintendent Oral Communications and Concluding Comments

Mr. Guzman welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us on this nice summer night. He wished everyone a happy summer.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked everyone for coming out and said she loves to hear from everybody and appreciates their comments and they are some of the things we take in to consideration. She wished everyone a happy and productive summer. If there's a book you like please pick it up and read it. Reading during the summer can be quite fascinating.

Mr. Wong thanked the speakers who came and expressed their concerns this evening. He said his colleagues and administration are listening and we continue to value everyone's feedback and input. He wished everyone the best for a great rest of the summer.

Dr. Perlman congratulated Dorothy Kim on her nuptials. She thanked the Vejar families for coming and expressing their concerns. She said we always take what you say very seriously and will be looking in to their concerns. She also thanked the parents from Padres Unidos who came to the meeting and talking about the LCAP. She said she will contact them to talk about their concerns and set up a meeting. On July 19th they will be taking their Metrolink trip to the Music Center. The Superintendent will be taking them lunch during the day. They will have 60 students and parents and are very excited about that trip. Thank you for coming out.

Mr. Rothman thanked the Vejar parents for coming to the meeting and expressing their concerns multiple times. He said we are receptive to all of your issues, concerns and considerations and add he thinks you are absolutely right, we can always do a much better job of collaborating with everybody. He congratulated Dorothy Kim.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting August 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 7:59 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:


President, Board of Education