

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomona Unified School District
Mendoza Center – Multi-Purpose Room
851 South Hamilton Boulevard, Pomona, California 91766
~~Via teleconference at The Westin Chosun Seoul
406 Sogong-ro, Jung-gu Seoul, 04533 Korea (South)~~**

Wednesday, October 10, 2017

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin; and Andrew S. Wong arrived at 5:45 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Richard Martinez, Superintendent
Lilia Fuentes, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Services
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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Request for Student Expulsions
2. Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release
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
4. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(4) Regarding Pending/Potential Litigation (3 matters):
(1) Case No. BC644620; (2) Case No. 2:15-cv-007895; (3) Potential Matter

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:40 p.m.

1 OPENING BUSINESS

6:30 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 7:03 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knowles.

Information: 1.03 Action Taken in Closed Session

Mr. Moore announced regarding item number one on the closed session agenda the board approved the two items as recommended.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Absent: Andrew Wong

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

The following items were pulled from the Agenda:

Agenda Item 5a.22, Certificated Personnel – Amendments, pull # 6 and # 8 only.

Agenda Item 5b.04, Classified Personnel, Changes of Assignment, Salary or Status, pulled # 18 only.

Agenda Item 5b.05, Classified Personnel, Elections, Section B, pull # 5 only.

Mr. Martinez said Emma Ignacio, an 8th grade student from Lorbeer Middle School was one of three young ladies chosen in the Walnut-Diamond Bar area and the only PUSD student selected to attend a summer STEM camp for girls called "Tech Trek" sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Emma was nominated by her Math teacher Ms. Campbell for being a stellar student. Mr. Martinez presented Miss Ignacio with a certification of recognition. Miss Ignacio gave a presentation about her experience at the camp.

Information: 1.05 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments:

Second Vice President Chester Tadeja, representative for Dorothy Kim, said he has had the opportunity to go to several Cal Turn events. He said he is impressed with the number of delegates each district sends. It is pleasing to know there is another way to communicate and collaborate together in a way that is best for our children. The Cal Turn conference theme last week was social emotional learning which complemented our own goals. They also looked at local control funding, how it's allocated and being used. There are SIG (School Improvement Grant) schools and prior SIG schools that are inundated with work where teachers are telling them they do not have enough time to do the work they have been planning because there is one more initiative that needs to be considered. There are site administrators who delve in to the smallest nuances of managing teachers which goes against the deep listening model and the collaborative spirit we are embracing throughout our district. Mr. Tadeja said he recently had a rare opportunity to watch an interview panel of top NBA (National Basketball Association) owners. Each person on the panel stated what makes them a good owner. Their common theme was in order for them to be successful they all refused to micro-manage. They have hired the right individuals to be a part of the team to run operations under trust and collaboration. He urged the board and cabinet members to continuously allow teachers to have a voice in the decision making process. He concluded his comments with a quote from song writer Tom Petty about achieving success by being a team player, working hard constructively and working together.

Information: 1.06 California School Employees' Association Representative

Comments: Veronica Barva, first vice president and representative for Marian Orozco, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 14, said they hope to close negotiations on Thursday with reopeners in February. She thanked Mr. Martinez for

attending their last chapter meeting and being a disruptive innovator. Ms. Barva invited everyone to attend their chapter meetings. She wished Mr. Knowles a happy birthday and congratulated Mr. Rothman for becoming a father.

Information: 1.07 Audience Comments

Jesus Sanchez representing Gente Organizada said he and other parents are concerned that at the first PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting parents input did not seem to be reflected on the agenda. He also submitted a formal records request form to receive a copy of Pomona Unified School Districts response to LACOE regarding the LCAP. Mr. Sanchez invited board members to attend future PAC meetings and any additional meetings relating to the LCAP.

Gabriela Cortez representing Padres Unidos de Pomona and Gente Organizada expressed her pleasure that her daughter is very happy in her school. She said she and other parents have concerns because the second option on the student lunch menu was removed. She requested an update about how the NAC (Nutrition Advisory Council) is making a change. Ms. Cortez said she volunteers at the dA Center for the Arts and requested that the district utilize the programs and space available there.

Garey High School Teacher Ion Puschila expressed his joy with the forthcoming community schools that we have and expressed his sorrow because he has no idea what the chain of command and what his role is in all of it. Mr. Puschila requested to be given a couple of periods in the second semester to work on this and asked for clarity on where the district is going with it.

Jose Martinez-Saldaña, director of the Trio Programs at Mt. San Antonio College said they have enjoyed a very productive collaboration with Hacienda-La Puente and PUSD for the past 15 years. They were successful in securing five years of additional funding, \$1.5 million to serve 70 students per year. The Trio Programs are geared for low income and first generation college-bound students. They assist students beginning in ninth grade through completion of secondary school and six years beyond to help them complete their undergraduate studies. He introduced the coordinator of the Upward Bound program Ms. Maria Madero Fernandez, who shared in 2016-2017, 95.4% of their students served graduated from high school and 76% enrolled in college; with 62.5% enrolling in a four-year college. In a six week summer program 10th, 11th and 12th grade students from Ganesha secured their college classes as high school students with A's, B's and no C's. She said we should be proud of the work you and they are doing.

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 July 12, 2017

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

Information: 2.03 Staff Report

LCAP Update: Mr. Martinez said he wanted to read something in to the record. He was asked by LACOE (Los Angeles County Office of Education) to share with the board and community as an update. It is a letter dated October 6, 2017 that was written to Mr. Rothman. "In our letter dated September 15, 2017, we indicated that the Pomona Unified School District's (District) budget for fiscal year 2017-18 had been conditionally approved by the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) pending implementation of recommended amendments to the District's 2017-18 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). That condition was met on October 2, 2017, when the District board approved an amended LCAP at a special board meeting. The County Superintendent has approved the amended LCAP and therefore is now changing the District's conditional approval to a budget approval. We wish to express our appreciation to the District's staff for their cooperation during the review of the District's LCAP and budget for fiscal year 2017-18."

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: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

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: 9.02 Approval of Physical Education Exemptions

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

Action: 9.03 Resolution No. 9 (2017-18) – Board Member Compensation

Mr. Rothman left the chamber.

Motion made by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: 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. Martinez thanked our college partners for their presentation. We have been fortunate to have this relationship with Mt. SAC and other universities. He thanked them for working for that grant opportunity in order to support 35 students from Ganesha High School. Mr. Martinez said he has been meeting with student leadership across the district and has already had two meetings with ASB (Associated Student Body) presidents. He said they are part of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and he is meeting with them at their school sites and asking questions of them similar to what he is going to do with parents. Those questions are: What brings you here to the school? Why do you like being here at this particular site? What can we do to improve our systems? The conversation has been rich and it's been positive. If there is something we can improve on based on the whole system that's what we would like to do. The Coffee with the Superintendent meetings with parents begins on October 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Lorbeer. That same night we will hold another coffee meeting at Lorbeer beginning at 6:00 p.m. The calendar of the remaining coffee events can be found on the district website. The meetings are for us to learn more about Pomona, learn more about us, and more importantly learn how we can best serve our clientele.

Mr. Wong thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening. He explained why the open session of the board meeting started a little later than normal due to the many closed session agenda items, including potential legal matters. He said the Board was happy that everyone came and thanked all of the speakers and our CSEA and APT representatives for their comments.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said it is always a delight to hear from our unions as well as our parents and other community leaders to talk to us about things that are going on. She thanked Pomona High School for inviting her to tour their school this afternoon. They had a spirited discussion about things going on there. She said they have a lot of school pride and are very excited about being red Devils, and want to make sure everyone knows their colors are not blue, and that as a district we should acknowledge that. She thanked Mt. SAC for their continuing interest in our school district and our students. We know you have a lot of school districts and students to consider but the fact that you put Pomona first really means a lot to us and to all of our students who have certainly benefited from that as well as other programs that we have throughout the district. Our goal is to educate and inspire, and we can't do one without the other and we appreciate everyone's effort. Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked the community for their interest in LCAP. She said if you provide us with a calendar of meetings we might be able to come and be more of a part of it than we are now, and hear first-hand from parents what they think about certain things. She would encourage everyone to continue the fight, whatever your fight may be because the world can use people who are more courageous, more honest, and more willing to do what's right rather than what's expedient.

Mr. Guzman echoed his colleague's sentiments and thanked the unions for coming and sharing with us the great things you have to say. He acknowledged Emma Ignacio from Lorbeer and her wonderful accomplishment in being selected to attend the summer STEM Camp sponsored by the AAUW. He thanked Mt. SAC with their Upward Bound program and said we look forward to the next five years with them. He thanked them for

providing our kids with the opportunities as they go to college. Mr. Guzman said he attended the Rachel's Challenge presentation at Lorbeer. If there are any parents that are going to be at one of the schools where we are doing the Rachel's Challenge he would encourage them to attend as anti-bullying is a very worthy cause to learn about and to learn what we can do as parents to support our kids. He said thank you for providing the community the opportunity adding that he wanted to acknowledge this because it is something our community deals with and he is glad we are having this opportunity for our kids.

Dr. Perlman thanked Mt. SAC for supporting our students. She thanked APT and CSEA representatives for their comments. She thanked the parents and community members who question; their inquiries make us better. Dr. Perlman said she would like to adjourn the meeting in honor of all of those in our community that were affected by the senseless tragedy in Las Vegas. We stand together to mourn those who lost their lives in the aftermath of that senseless violence.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:


President, Board of Education