

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomona Unified School District
Mendoza Center – Multi-Purpose Room
851 S. Hamilton Ave., Pomona, CA 9 1766**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman; Andrew S. Wong arrived at 5:53 p.m.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Omar Lopez, Park West High School

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Richard Martinez, Superintendent
Leslie Barnes, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, Business Services
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. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956(a) Case Number: BC632205
3. 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): Agency Negotiator(s): Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer-negotiations
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, and (3) Potential Matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:39 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 6:56 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Melanie Andreo, Cadet Corporal Angelica Garcia and Cadet Command Sergeant Major Josue Garcia from Garey High School.

Action: 1.03 Election/Designation of Board of Education Officers

Mr. Moore provided information about the selection of officers.

Motion to nominate Frank Guzman as Vice President made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Andrew Wong

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Motion to nominate Dr. Roberta Perlman as President made by: Jason Rothman

Seconded by: Andrew Wong

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman,

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Action: 1.04 Election of a Board Member to Serve on the San Antonio Regional Occupational Program

Motion made to nominate Frank Guzman made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Andrew Wong

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Action: 1.05 Election of Representative for Electing Members to the County Committee on School District Organization and LACSTA

Motion to nominate Jason Rothman made by: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Andrew Wong

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Action: 1.06 Election of a Board Member to Represent Pomona Unified School District at the Pomona and Diamond Bar City Council Meetings

Motion to nominate Roberta Perlman as representative of the District at the Pomona City Council meetings and Adrienne Konigar-Macklin as representative of the District at the Diamond Bar City Council meetings made by: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Information: 1.07 Action Taken in Closed Session

Mr. Moore said there are two items to report. Under Item 1 of the closed session agenda, the board voted 3-0 in favor of expulsion, held in abeyance with utilization of a district alternative program for two semesters.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Andrew Wong

Mr. Moore announced under Item 4 of the closed session agenda, Case No. BC644-620 has been dismissed.

Information: 1.08 Superintendent's Comments - Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Martinez said he is moving Agenda Item 2.02 to 1.08.

The following items were pulled from the Agenda:

Agenda Item 4.03, Certificated Personnel – Special Assignment, pull Section D, # 1 only.

Agenda Item 5a.12, Certificated Personnel – Special Assignment – Administrative Coaches, pulled.

Agenda Item 5b.03, Classified Personnel – Changes of Assignment, Salary or Status, pull #6 and #10 only.

Agenda Item 5b.09, Classified Personnel – Amendments, pull Section 2, # 33 only.

Agenda Item 6.01 Classified – Establishment of Fund for Position: Community School Coordinator, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.25, Fiscal Agreement: Creative Brain Learning, pulled.

Agenda Item 8.03, Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations: BP5117 and AR5117 Inter-District Attendance (Second Reading), pulled.

Mr. Martinez called on Kellogg Polytechnic Elementary School student Andres Castro who has performed for various groups in Pomona. Andres sang and played a rendition of *Feliz Navidad* on a keyboard. Mr. Martinez thanked him for his performance. Andres' mother, Silvia Castro spoke about the physical struggles her son has faced by being born with hydrocephalus, and his love of music from the age of three. Mr. Martinez said he wanted to share one more story about Ms. Castro she came to his office when first starting in the school district with her family. He said she put some high demands on us because she wanted the best for her children. She has been such an instrumental parent in ensuring all parents receive support at Kellogg, not just special education parents. Mr. Martinez thanked her for being a leader and example in her persistence and being a champion for children.

Information: 2.02 Recognition of Student Representative to the Board of Education, moved to 1.08

Mr. Martinez presented Omar Lopez with a Certificate of Recognition for his service as Student Representative and thanked him for representing the students throughout the district.

Omar Lopez, Student Representative, provided a brief report on high school activities. Omar thanked the Board for their leadership and making the future better for our future generations.

Information: 1.09 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments: Dorothy Kim, President, Associated Pomona Teachers, wished everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year. She thanked Cortez, Montvue and San Antonio elementary schools for their donations of toys for three toy drives that APT is contributing to this year. APT members, our students and families understand the importance of giving and we are very grateful. She said many of their members are especially tired this year and are looking forward to the winter break as they are in need of the gift of time. Their members have been attending trainings held on technology, technology programs, next generation science standards, math, writing, PBIS, ELD, social-emotional learning and many other programs and topics. Educators need the time to evaluate which programs can support them in their classrooms to try to truly improve student achievement. As of now the multiple and incessant training is creating a systems overload for both teachers and students, and we will soon begin to malfunction. She said another issue they have faced this year is the over use of administer led meetings and trainings of late start Fridays when teachers need to collaborate within their grade levels and departments to see how they can better improve the curriculum and instruction for our targeted students. By participating in shared leadership, by administrators approaching teacher work with an attitude and a demeanor of trust in the professionals in the classroom, and by allowing our collective bargaining process and agreement to guide and innovate our respect for and use of collaborative time, we will begin to see our efforts produce more positive results for ourselves and our students. By prioritizing educator's ability to meet with their colleagues to discuss the targeted students and best practices, we will be able to confirm that collaboration is a key factor in closing the achievement gap regardless of economic status. As district and union leadership and members have set the example regarding collaborating on issues facing our educational community it is time that personnel at each of our school sites do the same. It is good practice for our teachers to have time to allow their brains to process all of the information taken in during trainings and let them decide what works best for them in their classrooms. In this spirit we are looking forward to a brand new and exciting start to the new year when we come back in January. Educators always have hope and it is one of our most distinguishable characteristics. We hope we will have fewer trainings in the second semester and hope our students will flourish and become productive members of our community, and we hope for the best for our students, our educators and our community. We wish all of you happy holidays and a Happy New Year, and always knowing we are stronger together.

Information: 1.10 California School Employees' Association Representative Comments: Marian Orozco, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 14, offered her congratulations to newly elected President Perlman and Vice President Guzman. She said just when we thought we were finished with negotiations we are beginning to prepare for full blown contract negotiations. They also completed negotiations for AB 119 and are grateful they came to an agreement very quickly. At a recent RPM (Regional Presidents Meeting) she shared that we finished while other chapters within CSEA are still working on it and said kudos to Mr. Knowles, Mr. Maravilla and the CSEA team. She thanked APT President Dorothy Kim for extending an invitation to the IBB (Inter-Based Bargaining) training. Their Treasurer Steven Lopez was able to attend and is now a trainer of trainers. She said it is something they would like to look into and would be a big step for CSEA because they have never done this. Ms. Orozco said she was selected to become a CSEA member

trainer and will be training other individuals in dealing with auditing and treasurers. Their elections were held yesterday and she will be the president for another two years. Their new officers are Second Vice-President is Gil Salinas who is a district secretary officer, and Public Relations Officer is Audrey Yarborough who works at Garey High School. She thanked the parents who attended the meeting for having their children in Pomona Unified School District (PUSD). She said she will stick by this district one-hundred percent. We do have many different programs with many trainings but it is always to assist the students, the community and the staff. She thanked them all for being here and allowing us the opportunity to educate their children. We have roller coaster rides but the one thing we always keep in mind is the students, the community, the staff, the teachers and the classified employees. When we walk out the door we still continue with our heads up because we are all here for one reason. She said you may hear many different things. She said she is a little assertive in what she does sometimes, but she gets compassionate when it comes down to the members and anyone else. Whether you are PAC²E, APT or CSEA it doesn't make a difference. She's a fighter and always wants to see that all are winners in PUSD. Ms. Orozco said she's always a visual person and likes to give gifts; this is what CSEA does. She said we are all life savers and uplift spirits; we give that positive atmosphere so our children won't feel any negativity. She gave the board members Lifesavers candy. She said they always talk about out with the old and in with the new. When she was younger she could agree with that but now that she's older she doesn't want to be put out. She was a Campfire girl there's a song that says "make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold." She said since they are dealing with contract negotiations she gave board members silver and gold, motion censored ornaments. She wished all happy holidays.

Information: 1.11 Audience Comments

Washington Elementary School Principal Mr. Alan Pantanini, parent Ms. Susana Castro, her daughter 5th grader Arlette Retano-Castro and teacher Dr. Maria Franco-Madrigal expressed their gratitude for the facility renovations at Washington and announced their new mascot is the Lobos and their new school colors are gray, black and burgundy.

Garey High School student Josue Garcia expressed his concerns about the lack of AP (Advanced Placement) literature resources and asked for help to gain more access to more novels. Mr. Rothman asked the Superintendent to look into this matter.

Ms. Yulanda Tate, owner of *Peace of Mind, Inc.* preschool, a resident and mother stated she would like to make a formal complaint about her preschool being terminated by the district and how it is hurting her business.

Ms. Paola Avendano a representative from Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez's office presented Board President Mr. Rothman with a certificate of recognition and special thanks for his hard work and serving as president in 2017.

Ms. Evelia Rocha from Padres Unidos expressed her opinion about the need for visual and performing arts curriculum in all schools and asked for LCAP funds to be used to increase arts to help alleviate student's daily stress and anxiety and increase parent engagement.

Ms. Gabriela Cortez from Padres Unidos expressed her desire to provide every child in

the district with equal access to art, music, writing to help students express their feelings of anxiety, depression, sadness and anger.

Community member Mr. Mario Martinez expressed his concerns about bullying and the importance of helping students by giving them the tools for compassion, support and safety. He asked that the doors not be closed at Barfield for the parents so they can help the students.

Mr. Jesus Sanchez representing Gente Organizada said he worked with a non-profit law firm who reviewed the June 2017 draft of the LCAP who reported their findings to LACOE who approved it. He said to his knowledge one of the findings was not addressed and provided details of his concerns. He read several questions and concerns and requested an opportunity for them to meet with district leadership to clarify their questions and explore options to address needs of the students to help improve their education in the district.

2 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Information: 2.01 Superintendent Oral Communications on Agenda Items: None

Information: 2.02 Recognition of Student Representative to the Board of Education, moved to 1.08

Action: 2.03 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2017

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

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: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

9 SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

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

Action: 9.02 Public Hearing and Approval to Submit Waiver for the State Testing Apportionment Information Report 2015-16 CAASPP

Mrs. Silvia San Martin 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: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Absent: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

10 OPEN ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 10.01 Audience Comments: None

Information: 10.02 Board and Superintendent Oral Communications and Concluding Comments

Mr. Martinez wished everyone happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and all of those wonderful things. He wished everyone well for the two weeks they are off. He wished everyone a Happy New Year, and be safe. He encouraged the parents to please continue to talk to us adding this is a good forum. There is also office time with staff. He said to Jesus, with our community parents we may resume that conversation as we do have your questions and may have further discussion on that. Have a wonderful evening and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Omar Lopez thanked the school board for giving him the opportunity to act as the voice and official notifier of what the schools are planning. He said he hopes they will give more students the chance to help each other out and push each other to do better as time goes on. Mr. Rothman said it has been a genuine pleasure having you on the board.

Mr. Guzman wished everyone a happy holiday season, Merry Christmas or however you celebrate the holiday season; and a joyful new year. We'll see you all next year.

Mr. Wong thanked the Garey JROTC cadets for coming this evening and leading us in the pledge of allegiance. He also thanked the Washington community for coming and for their presentation to the Board. Mr. Wong thanked Andres Castro and his mom Silvia for coming to the meeting and performing, and being a shining light in our district. He thanked the student board representative for giving us great updates and leadership during his term as the student board representative. Mr. Wong said that Omar shows the type of leadership we have and are teaching our students here at PUSD. Mr. Wong also thanked the rest of the speakers who shared their comments. He said he wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Wong looks forward to seeing everybody in January.

Dr. Perlman thanked Omar for his service to the board. She said we enjoyed getting to know him and wished him the best of luck as he moves on. She asked that he let us know after he graduates what he is doing and where he is going to college. She expressed her thanks to Andres and Sylvia for coming tonight and said she has had the

pleasure of hearing him play many times. Dr. Perlman thanked the Garey High School JROTC. They are not only great students, but wonderful young people and she is really proud of all of them. She thanked the Washington Elementary family for providing information about future plans for their beautiful new school. Enjoy it and best of luck; and we'll see you on Friday. She thanked the parents in Padres Unidos for always coming out and for advocating for our arts programs. She and many of the board members have gone to concerts this week and really enjoyed hearing our students. The music is always a joy. Art is very important for the emotional wellbeing of our children. She thanked the music teachers and music coaches because she heard some wonderful music this week. Garey High School has their wonderful winter concert Saturday night at 8 o'clock and she invited everyone to attend. Dr. Perlman acknowledged Jeanette Royston, president of NAACP (National Association of Colored People) who was in the audience. A big toy give away will be held on December 17 at the Brown Memorial Temple. Please send any families in need to the church at 2:00 p.m. Every child there will receive at least one toy. Wishes for a great holiday season to everyone and thank you for coming out.

Mr. Rothman thanked each and every one of you for coming and spending a December evening with us. He said he definitely wants to thank our performer tonight, who is the best dressed person in the house tonight. It sounded fantastic and thank you for coming and bringing your whole family to be with us. He said hello to Jeanette. Mr. Rothman said he is genuinely curious about what's up with our assembly member. It is rare to catch him off guard and he did. He wished everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah. He thanked his colleagues for a pleasant and civil year as president of the Board of Education. He said this is the second time he has gotten to do this and each time with you it just gets better and better.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:


President, Board of Education