

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

Wednesday, April 12, 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**

Richard Martinez, Superintendent  
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 Expulsion
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
Case Numbers: ADJ 1663284; ADJ2664301; BC581936 and  
Government Claim: CL082416WM
3. 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
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: 5:43 p.m.**

**1 OPENING BUSINESS**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 6:44 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**

The following items were pulled from the Agenda:

Agenda Item 5a.01, Administrative Assignment, pulled.

Agenda Item 5b.03 Change of Assignment, Salary or Status, #21 only, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.18, Facilities Agreement: Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc. (Diamond Ranch HS), pulled.

Mr. Martinez called on Director of Special Education Dr. Jennifer Yales who gave a presentation about autism and April being Autism Awareness month.

Mr. Martinez called on Administrative Director of Pupil and Community Services Fernando Meza and Teacher Specialist Paul Knopf who recognized Judge Geanene Yriarte for her time and efforts over the years she served in the Teen Court program. Judge Yriarte thanked everyone for the recognition, saying it has been a privilege. The students were always respectful and eager to learn. She said she feels Mr. Paul Knopf also needs to be recognized tonight. Without him the Teen Court would not be a success. Mr. Martinez presented Judge Yriarte with a certificate of appreciation.

**Information: 1.05 Student Representative Comments**

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

**Information: 1.06 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments:**

Michael da Rosa, President, Associated Pomona Teachers, shared a story about his family history. His grandmother Eloise, after crossing the Rio Grande River originating from Chihuahua, Mexico, retiring at 65 after a long career as a seamstress, raising 3 children and 11 grandchildren, became a United States citizen in her senior years and performed many charitable acts. He said this immigrant story is similar to what many can tell from many other countries with rich cultures and traditions. He said in recent weeks he has heard from his students, members, classroom teachers, nurses and psychologists about anxious family members. He encouraged everyone to engage in a day of action on May 1<sup>st</sup> to fight for our students and communities. Mr. da Rosa said the APT leaders have committed to invite students to tell their inspirational stories of immigration. We stand by our students and families side; not only in educationally but on a deeper level we care about their social and emotional well-being. The day will be centered on a writing assignment, pre-Kindergarten through adult for students to share their stories of journeys to Pomona or Diamond Bar. Many teachers will share the writings with APT, and they will share them at the next school board meeting.

**Information: 1.07 California School Employees' Association Representative**

**Comments:** Marian Orozco, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 14, welcomed everyone back after spring break and said she hopes everyone continued to read for 20 minutes every day. She said it has been a hard week knowing what our fellow CSEA members were dealing with in San Bernardino. A few

months ago she spoke about leadership. This past week CSEA Board members attended leadership training where they addressed the necessary skills a person needs to take on the responsibilities of a leader. She has been involved in CSEA since 1976 and said she learned that CSEA has their code of ethics and one of the issues she would see with APT, CSEA, PAC<sup>2</sup>E, parents and everyone was that we at all times be courteous in relations with pupils, parents, teachers and others. Always bear in mind that the purpose of CSEA is to promote the efficiency and raise the standards of all employees and be equally obligated to assist her fellow workers. She thanked Mr. Martinez for listening and hearing them out. She asked all staff to go to the new housing areas and help bring more children to Pomona by sharing the wonderful things happening in the district. Regarding contract reopeners, their members are waiting to hear from their negotiating team if there will be a positive change in their home budgets. Ms. Orozco thanked Mr. Guzman for coming to them to be a part of the Latino Family Symposium. They will have some donations and she is proud of that.

**Information: 1.08 Audience Comments**

Community member Esther Garcia expressed her disappointment about the possibility of Mr. Meza being moved to another department and her support for him to stay in his position.

Ruben Acero representing Padre de la Comunidad and Pomona Premier Youth Soccer League expressed his appreciation of everything that has been done in the school district. As a Park West parent he expressed his support for Mr. Meza to continue working with parents.

Evelia Rocha representing Padres Unidos de Pomona expressed her opinion about the LCAP procedures. Information requested and responses from recommendations they have made for LCAP has not been provided to them. Ms. Rocha said if parent voices are not heard come election time they will remember this.

Ranch Hills Elementary School parent Ana Portillo representing Padres Unidos de Pomona expressed her disappointment in the results from a nutritional survey parents had put together, and parent recommendations regarding nutrition in the district not being implemented. They fear their voices and students voices are not being heard, so come election time their voice will be heard through elections.

Parent and community member Andrea Gomez expressed her concerns regarding staff members. She said parents are very important in this community and the board members are here because they elected them. She also expressed her concerns regarding the nutrition committee.

Community member Javier Galvez provided information about his new book and said he gives lectures and accepts invitations to functions or schools. He said Danzante del Sol invites you to join him on three television and three radio stations. He offered to share any information that might be of importance to the community.

Parent Graciela Flores expressed her concerns regarding her request for a transfer for her son who is in middle school that she has been requesting since January. She asked the board to please approve her transfer or tell her what she needs to do.

Pantera Elementary School PTO parent Claudia Kano expressed her support for Mr. Meza and that parents want to continue to have someone who speaks their language.

Decker Elementary School parent Nayar Brera expressed his support for Mr. Meza.

Lopez Elementary School parent Maria Zepeda expressed her concerns about minutes from the board meetings of November and October 2016 being incomplete. She said details about a problem she spoke about were not included and she wants them to be revised. Ms. Zepeda also expressed her support for Mr. Meza.

Mr. Rothman requested Mr. Moore to check the minutes for the meetings the speaker had indicated might be incorrect since all of our meetings are recorded for audio transcript.

Mr. Martinez thanked the parents for being here and the supporters of Mr. Meza who has done wonderful work for our community and a true advocate of parents and for children. He said he has not yet made a recommendation to the Board of Education for their consideration and is amazed how information spreads in our community. Mr. Martinez shared information about a conversation he and Mr. Meza had a few years ago about the type of work he would like to do in the district. He stated there is no demotion that is being considered for Mr. Meza and no decision has been made about his position in the 2017-2018 school year however he has said he will go where he is most needed by the organization. Mr. Martinez thanked everyone for being here and sharing their concerns.

## **2 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Information: 2.01 Superintendent Oral Communications on Agenda Items: None**

**Action: 2.02 Request for Student Expulsions**

Motion made by: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries / Unanimously

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

Case A, April 12, 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 semester.
- That the expulsion of the student be held in abeyance in order to place the student in a district alternative program.
- That the educational placement of the student be at Pomona Alternative School.
- That the student and/or the student's parents participate in: Behavior Contract, Drug Counseling, Personal Counseling, Parenting Education, Random Drug Searches and Voluntary Probation Program.
- 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 April 12, 2017.

**Action: 2.03 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meetings of March 8, 2017**

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

**Information: 2.04 Staff Reports**

**The Learning Connection:** Deputy Superintendent Baker introduced Program Administrator Darlene Mosher and a team of teachers and students from The Learning Connection (TLC) Program to share the success of the program.

Mrs. Mosher thanked the board and district administration for their support of their after school program, The Learning Connection. The program currently serves about 1,800 students per day at 21 schools throughout the district. The program helps keep children safe provides them with more educational opportunities and helps to make them college and career ready. In their annual survey 99% of parents shared they are satisfied with the program and indicated it has helped improve their children's school work and academic achievement. Mrs. Mosher said credentialed teachers supervise the program at each site and also use about 90 college intern tutors per day. The program helps to deepen concepts students have learned during the day. Some activities include computer programming and coding, engineering and robotics, visual and performing arts, along with P.E. time and social and emotional learning, and students are served a nutritional supper every day. Mrs. Mosher said when some of their students move on to high school they participate in ROP (Regional Occupational Programs) and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), and work as student assistants in the TLC program. Many of them return to work as college intern tutors when they are in college and then again return as teachers. She said they have been doing this for nine years now with different partnerships such as University of La Verne, Cal Poly Pomona and Western University.

Mrs. Mosher introduced Philadelphia Elementary School teacher Brenda Boeglin-Quintana. Ms. Boeglin-Quintana said she enjoys overseeing 78 students in the program at her school and to see the leadership skills and hands-on learning of the students. She introduced her 7<sup>th</sup> grade son Nick Quintana who participates in the TLC program at San Jose. Nick said his favorite part of the program is enrichment with the hands-on activities.

Mrs. Mosher introduced parent Ana Beltran and her 6<sup>th</sup> grade son Evan Bortolivesi who has been in the TLC program at Cortez Mathematics and Science School since he was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Ms. Beltran said as a working parent, she cannot speak highly enough about the program. It gives her peace of mind knowing her son is in a safe environment

with credentialed teachers that allows learning and fun activities. She has seen his confidence grow and he asked to become a group leader which is modeled by the skills of the college tutors. Evan said the program helps him to finish his homework with the college tutors. He also likes the snacks, P.E. activities and having his friends there. Mrs. Mosher asked the board members if they had any questions or comments.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin said parents are really excited about the program. It's a great help to our students in providing them consistency with what they learn during the day to carry forward to the evening. The collaborations with our local universities are wonderful because it inspires our children to want to go to college and think about their careers. She said when they can actively see students who were participants, become tutors who come back as teachers; the full circle really has a great impact and helps not only them but us as an institution. It helps us understand what we are doing what we need to do to grow our own in a certain sense and have teachers here who are vested in Pomona.

Dr. Perlman thanked Mrs. Mosher for the presentation. She said she wishes more children could be involved in the TLC program. The organization of the program, the enrichment, and of course the mentorship, is a big part of it. It is a great opportunity for our students; and getting their homework done is a tremendous benefit. She said that the mentorship component is powerful. She thanked them for the exceptional work they are doing.

Mr. Martinez said when Darlene Mosher came she really refined the TLC program and we were able to increase the number of students that participated. Many of our parents in this room have children that have served in TLC while attending local colleges, including my daughter and Dr. Perlman's daughter. He said we are always recruiting and want your kids to serve as TLC tutors. Mr. Martinez said this is incredible work; incredible learning and he thanked Mrs. Mosher for leading the program.

Mr. Rothman thanked Mrs. Mosher for leading one of the gems of the Pomona Unified School District. He thanked her for the work she does and everyone else in the wonderful program.

### **3 CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Information: 3.01 Oral Communications on Consent Calendar Items Only**

Mr. Rothman called on speakers who indicated they wanted to speak about agenda item 3.03, Resolution No. 30.

Garey High School student Ulysses Marquez and representative of the Pomona Student Union expressed his opinion in support of Resolution No. 30.

Madeline Rios, chairman of the Latino Roundtable immigrant rights committee expressed her support for Resolution No. 30 and thanked the Board in advance for passing the resolution.

Branch President of the Pomona Valley NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Jeanette Ellis-Royston said she had the privilege to

testify at Supervisor Hilda Solis' office on immigration safety. There were two motions that she read information from. She said the NAACP supports this resolution and hopes that it will pass.

Dr. Jose Calderon from the Latino and Latina Roundtable thanked Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) for the years you have opened your doors to their community efforts and ensuring spaced and places that are just from drivers licenses, immigrant know your rights education forums, workshops and clinics. He expressed his opinion in support of Resolution No. 30.

Garey High School parent Claudia Bedolla expressed her opinion in support of Resolution No. 30.

Community member and Pomona High School graduate Gustavo expressed his support for Resolution No. 30.

Board Members expressed their opinions regarding Resolution No. 30.

Mr. Rothman asked Student Representative Marco Ruiz to read Agenda Item 3.03, Resolution No. 30 (2016-17) Regarding the Board's Commitment to Ensure all District Campuses are Safe Zones and Safe Havens out loud.

Separate action was taken on the following agenda item:

**Action: 3.03 Resolution No. 30 (2016-17) Regarding the Board's Commitment to Ensure All District Campuses Are Safe Zones and Safe Havens**

Motion made by: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Andrew Wong

**Information: 3.01 Oral Communications on Consent Calendar Items Only – continued**

Mr. Doug Hikawa, Vice President of Corvel Corporation expressed his opinion about agenda item 7.30 a fiscal agreement and recommendation to the Board for a workers' compensation contract awarded to York Risk Services. He said during the transition PUSD employees will continue to receive the quality medical care they need and claims administration services they deserve and he looks forward to seeing us in the future again.

**Action: (Consent): 3.02 Consent Calendar**

Consent Calendar (Agenda Items 3-8)

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

**9 SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS**

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

**Action: 9.02 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Pomona Unified School District's Initial Proposal for Reopener Negotiations to the Association Pomona Teachers and Appointment of the District's Collective Bargaining Representatives**

Mr. Knowles gave a report on agenda items 9.02 and 9.03.

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: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

**Action: 9.03 Public Hearing on Acceptance of Associated Pomona Teachers' Negotiations Proposal to the District**

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: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

**Action: 9.04 Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 29 (2016-17) to Renew the Charter School Petition for School of Extended Educational Options (SEEO)**

Mr. Meza introduced Mr. Knowles who is the president of the SEEO board. Mr. Knowles gave a presentation on this item. SEEO Principal Tom Sweeney thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. Several board members shared information about their experiences while visiting SEEO.

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: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

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. Martinez said he is elated for the board actions tonight on Resolution No. 30. He said he is very proud of our student body and other student that talk about what they



support. He said he is also very proud of the parents and has to say Fernando Meza, Maria Garcia and all of those that work in pupil and community services. They do a wonderful job of educating and training our parents to become effective leaders in our community and commit to 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He has received many calls and emails from teachers and from parents asking him what our position is as an organization, and as a district. They were asking if we were going to do something like this. He said he believes this document is going to go far and wide in our community in making clear this is who we are. This is what PUSD is about and he is proud to be PUSD.

Mr. Guzman said yesterday he had the opportunity to attend math night at Garey High School. He said spoke to administrators and teachers who thought they would maybe have 100 people show up. It was standing room only with well over 300 individuals lined out the door and it was a huge success. He thanked the Garey administration and staff for their hard work and for ensuring our kids are getting the help they need even when they don't realize they're exercising their minds after school hours. He said two weeks ago he had the opportunity to attend a robotics competition at Fremont Academy. Students from various campuses across the district came together to battle, so to speak, in the robotics world. It was an amazing opportunity for our kids. They loved it and to see the excitement in their eyes was amazing. Mr. Guzman said it was a pleasure to be present. He expressed his thanks to teen court Judge Yriarte for serving our community and coming back to Pomona time and time again adding that we will surely miss her. Two events that are coming up in the next few weeks are the Latino Family Symposium on April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and we hope everyone will join us, and then on April 29 the Cesar Chavez march that starts here and goes to Garey High School.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked everyone for coming this evening. She enjoyed and was happy to hear all of the comments that she did. She is really happy to see you this evening and to hear from you Gustavo. She thanked The Learning Connection for all of the work they do and also McDonald's for participating in a fundraiser with La Verne Charter. She said it was exciting seeing the children and the teachers there to support their camp and she thanked them for giving her the opportunity to help them out. The wonderful baseball field at Garey High School was awesome. The ribbon cutting today was certainly a joy for all of us and we are happy to have a place at schools where students are proud and feel good about the things we are doing there for their benefit.

Mr. Wong thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He gave updates about his school visits with the superintendent and Board Member Perlman over the last couple weeks including to Washington, Lexington, Madison, Philadelphia, Simons, Adult Education, Park West and Village Academy. The visits were informative, educational and gave great insight to some of the incredible programs, as well as the excellent teachers, staff and administrators at the district.

Dr. Perlman thanked Dr. Yales for her presentation about autism. She said it is amazing how many children and families are affected by autism and she appreciates the reminder about how much it impacts our families. With reference to the L.A. County Science fair, we did not have anyone come in first like we did last year but the same young man that went to the state science fair last year, won a 12-day expedition to

Costa Rica with a conservation group. She said he was disappointed that he didn't get to go to the state science fair, but only four students out of the thousands in all of Los Angeles County won this award. We are very proud of Jonnathan Sanchez who gave a presentation at our last board meeting about the Zika virus. She said the Cesar Chavez Pilgrimage, on the 29<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9:30 at the Education Center and then reconvening for the Tree Ceremony at Garey at 11 o'clock. Dr. Perlman said she has been talking about the Learning Expo since last August -- and it is finally here. The event will be held on May 7 from noon to 4 o'clock at the Fairplex and it is going to be bigger and better than ever. She encouraged students and families to attend. She said it is even appropriate for the preschoolers. Also, Garey High School is having their report card chat tomorrow, which is a wonderful and inspirational program.

Mr. Rothman thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's lively meeting of the Board of Education. It is always fun to have civic participation and speeches from all different kinds of people. He said he had the opportunity to cut the ribbon on Garey's new baseball field tonight. There's a fun story if you read the *La Voz* newspaper. They handed him big pair of ceremonial scissors that he thought were the big dull wooden ones, and they were not. They were pretty much lawn shears and he said it was terrifying. He said he is very pleased we were able to pass Resolution 30 and reaffirm our dedication to our community and to keep everyone safe and happy in Pomona Unified School District. He said he wanted to piggyback on what Dr. Perlman had said congratulating Jonnathan Sanchez who received an honorable mention which is really good at the County Fair. His research was on microbiology and the Zika virus. He also congratulated the other three honorable mention winners.

Mr. Rothman said all of us in the Pomona Unified School District were deeply saddened by the tragic death of the teacher Karen Elaine Smith and the student Jonathan Martinez, who were both victims of the North Park Elementary School shooting in San Bernardino, California. As a school district we feel for our neighbors and extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the entire San Bernardino County Unified School District, and we adjourn the meeting in memory of Karen Elaine Smith and Jonathan Martinez, and her Pomona family too.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting May 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.**

## **12 ADJOURNMENT**

**12.01 Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.**

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:

  
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President, Board of Education