

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- 1 Date** **December 13, 2018**
- 2 Present** James Carson, Lillian Durbin, Juan Figueroa, Jr., Sharon Gill, Pete Lara, Jr., Felipe Martinez, Tom Velasquez, Board Members; Nate Nelson, District Superintendent and Secretary; Brad Rohrbach, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Martha Stuemky, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; Andy Bukosky, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Eric Ortega, Carla Crocker, Staci Phipps, Diane Rankin, John Buckley, Eric Barba, Scott Braden, Liz Torres, Crystal Milinich, Patty Espinoza, Lissa Lambie, Heather Bledsaw, Andrew Lopez, Julissa Leyva, Apolinar Marroquin, JR Ortiz, Regina Longoria, Jose Valdez, Doug Ihmels, Patty Jorgensen, Rebecca Ortiz, Dawn Crater, Mike Tsuboi, Kevin Jessee, Administrators
- 3 Guests** Juan Avila, Porterville Recorder; Jayne Fusick, Shelby Curry, Annie Nanamura, Priscilla Sustuita Clark, Kara Martinez, Mary Arias, Jose Vasquez, Victor Veiss, Jonathan Rizo, Ruth Lara, Sapphire Trujillo, Kim Melvin, Kristy Walley, Rosebeth Empleo, Linda Hoy, Cecilia Macias, Marc Salazar, Krystal Sudano, Jovita Dabney, Natalie Lopez, Dede Cobarrubias, Cherie Flint, Renee Carson, John Miller, Krysta Byers, Kelsey Izumo, Sherri Mounce, Janet Uresti, Noah Uresti, Jeanette Martinez, Carolina Perales, Citizens, Employees, and Students
- 4 Call to Order** The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the District Governing Board Room by District Superintendent and Secretary Nate Nelson, who conducted the initial portion of the meeting for the purpose of Election of Officers of the Governing Board of Trustees for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 5 Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rhys Curry, Kindergartener; and Jackson Garfield, Second Grader, Los Robles Elementary School students.
- 6 Oaths of Office** Dr. Nelson administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected and appointed Governing Board Members James Carson, Lillian Durbin, Juan Figueroa, Jr., Pete Lara, Jr., and Felipe Martinez.
- 7 Mrs. Durbin Elected President** Mr. Velasquez nominated Mrs. Durbin for the Office of President, which was seconded by Mrs. Gill. There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Durbin. Mrs. Durbin was declared elected to the Office of President of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2018-2019.
- 8 Mr. Lara Elected Vice President** Mr. Velasquez nominated Mr. Lara for the Office of Vice President, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez. There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Mr. Lara. Mr. Lara was declared elected to the Office of Vice President of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2018-2019.
- 9 Mrs. Gill Elected Clerk** Mr. Lara nominated Mrs. Gill for the Office of Clerk, which was seconded by Mr. Figueroa. There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Gill. Mrs. Gill was declared elected to the Office of Clerk of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2018-2019.
- 10 Governing Board Meeting Dates Established** Moved by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lara, that regular Governing Board meetings be conducted on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Porterville Unified School District Governing Board Room. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 11 District Representative Appointed to Election of County Committee Members Appointed** Moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mr. Martinez, that Mrs. Durbin be appointed to serve as the District Representative to participate in the Election of County Committee Members. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 12 Porterville Schools Improvement Corporation Appointed** Moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mr. Velasquez, that Mrs. Durbin, Mr. Lara, and Mrs. Gill be appointed to serve as Board of Directors for the Porterville Schools Improvement Corporation (P.S.I.C.). Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.

- 13 **Porterville Education Foundation Directors Appointed** Moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mr. Velasquez, that Mr. Martinez be appointed to serve as a Board of Director for the Porterville Education Foundation (P.E.F.). Moved by Mr. Velasquez, seconded by Mr. Lara, that Mrs. Gill be appointed to serve as a Board of Director for the P.E.F. Motions carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 14 **District Leadership Team Member Designated** Moved by Mr. Velasquez, seconded by Mr. Lara, that Mrs. Durbin be designated to serve a two-year term on the District's Linked Learning/Student Pathways Leadership Team, replacing Mr. Velasquez, whose term has expired. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 15 **Consent Agenda Approved** Moved by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Velasquez, that the Minutes of the November 8, 2018, regular meeting be approved; that Purchase Orders for November 2018 be ratified; that Payroll Orders for November 2018 in the amount of \$8,914,483.83 be approved; that Payment Order Nos. 15, 16, and 17 in the amount of \$6,331,377.35 be approved; that revised Out-of-County Field Trip Requests be approved; that Gift Donations to the District be approved, with letters of appreciation forwarded to the donors; that the Annual Developer Fee Report be approved; that Budget Revisions be approved; that a Rejection of Claim against the District be approved; and that all Governing Board Members, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents be authorized signatories on school district warrants, payment orders, payroll orders, purchase orders, revolving fund checks and other official documents. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- At the request of Superintendent Nate Nelson, revised Personnel Report No. 09-19 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action following Closed Session.
- 16 **Recognition Awards and Special Presentations** No awards or special presentations were announced.
- 17 **Report – Los Robles Elementary School** Mrs. Carla Crocker gave a report regarding Los Robles Elementary School's academic programs and campus activities.
- 18 **Report – Vandalia Elementary School** Mrs. Laura Vera gave a report regarding Vandalia Elementary School's academic programs and campus activities.
- 19 **Report – Citrus High School** Mr. Scott Braden gave a report regarding Citrus High School's academic programs and campus activities.
- 20 **Report – Monache High School Field Trip** Mr. Marc Salazar, Monache High School Social Science Teacher, gave a follow-up report regarding a field to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., which was held in March 2018.
- 21 **Report – Porterville Alternative Success Solutions** Dr. Martha Stuemky, Mr. Kevin Jessee, and Mrs. Dawn Crater gave a report regarding the District's new Porterville Alternative Success Solutions (P.A.S.S.) program.
- 22 **Oral Communications**
  - Mr. John Miller, Butterfield Charter School Teacher, addressed the Governing Board concerning the removal of trees from the Butterfield Charter School parking lot.
- 23 **Comments by Governing Board of Trustees, Committee Representatives, and/or Superintendent**
  - Dr. Nelson reported on the following items:
    - ✓ He welcomed new Governing Board members, Mr. Carson and Mr. Figueroa.
    - ✓ California School Boards Association (C.S.B.A.) Annual Education Conference, which was held November 28, through December 1, 2018.
    - ✓ Winter break for students starts December 14, 2018, through January 4, 2019.
    - ✓ Mr. Lara and Dr. Nelson attended a meeting hosted by Assemblyman Devon Mathis.
  - Mr. Lara gave a report regarding the C.S.B.A. Delegate Assembly meeting.
  - Mr. Martinez gave a report regarding the Professional Partner Advisory Coalition (P8) meeting.

- 24 **New Curriculum Approved** Following a review by Dr. Stuemky, it was moved by Mr. Velasquez, seconded by Mr. Carson, that the following new curriculum courses be approved as presented:
- Spanish P101
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  - Principles of Marketing
  - Environmental Science P/AP
  - Argumentative Writing & Critical Thinking Through Literature – English P101B
  - Classical Guitar P
  - Careers in Education Internship P
- Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 25 **First Interim Financial Report Approved** Following a review by Dr. Rohrbach, it was moved by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Velasquez, that the First Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 be approved and certified as presented, and that the Governing Board President be authorized to sign the certification page of the report. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 26 **Public Hearing: P.M.A. Gymnasium Conformity to State Standards** At 6:39 p.m., a public hearing was conducted to receive comments in the matter of the Porterville Military Academy gymnasium for school use and determination that the site selection conforms to State standards. No comments were received.
- 27 **Resolution No. 11 Adopted** Following a review by Dr. Rohrbach, it was moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mrs. Gill, that Resolution No. 11 be adopted in the matter of the site selection evaluation of the Porterville Military Academy gymnasium for school use and determination that site conforms to State standards. A vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mr. Velasquez – Aye; Mr. Martinez – Aye; Mr. Carson – Aye; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mr. Figueroa – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye. Motion carried.
- 28 **Public Hearing: Classroom Facilities Construction Conformity to State Standards** At 6:41 p.m., a public hearing was conducted to receive comments in the matter of classroom facilities construction for school use and determination that the site selection conforms to State standards. No comments were received.
- 29 **Resolution No. 12 Adopted** Following a review by Dr. Rohrbach, it was moved by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Mr. Lara, that Resolution No. 12 be adopted in the matter of the site selection evaluation of the proposed site for school use and determination that site conforms to State standards. A vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mr. Velasquez – Aye; Mr. Martinez – Aye; Mr. Carson – Aye; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mr. Figueroa – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye. Motion carried.
- 30 **Resolution No. 13 Adopted** Following a review by Dr. Rohrbach, it was moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mrs. Gill, that Resolution No. 13 be adopted in the matter of approving participation in the Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program. A vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mr. Velasquez – Aye; Mr. Martinez – Aye; Mr. Carson – Aye; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mr. Figueroa – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye. Motion carried.
- 31 **C.S.E.A. Chapter 38 Bargaining Unit Agreement** Following a brief explanation by Dr. Nelson, the 2018-2021 Tentative Bargaining Unit Agreement between P.U.S.D. and C.S.E.A. Chapter 38 was pulled from the agenda.
- 32 **Speech Language Pathology Services Credential Waiver Approved** Following a review by Dr. Bukosky, it was moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mr. Martinez, that a Speech Language Pathology Services Credential Waiver for Adriana Vazquez, District Speech Pathologist, Effective November 1, 2018, be accepted as presented and authorized for submission. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 33 **Announcement**
- The Power of Pathways and Partnerships Convention – Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – Friday, January 18, 2019 – San Diego

- 34 Closed Session** At 6:50 p.m., President Durbin called for closed session for the purpose of discussing public employee discipline/dismissal/release/complaint/employment matters and student discipline/confidential matters/expulsions and discussion regarding C.S.E.A. and P.E.A. Bargaining Units.
- 35 Call Back to Regular Session** President Durbin called the meeting back into regular session at 8:36 p.m.
- 36 Revised Personnel Report No. 09-19 Approved** Moved by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lara, that revised Personnel Report No. 09-19 be approved, with a certificate of recognition forwarded to retirees: Obdulia Alvarado, Ann Cozad, Patty Jorgensen, and Connie Rivas. Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 37 Student Expulsions** Moved by Mr. Lara, seconded by Mr. Figueroa, that thirty-seven student expulsions be approved as follows:
- Bartlett Middle School – 2 students – Expel 2018-2019 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract.
  - Citrus High School – 1 student – Expel 2018-2019 school year and 2019-2020 first semester, suspend, transfer to Butterfield Charter School through 2018-2019 school year.
  - Granite Hills High School – 1 student – Expel 2018-2019 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School.
  - Monache High School – 6 students – Three students expel 2018-2019 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract. One student expel 2018-2019 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School. One student expel 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 first semester, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School. One student expel 2018-2019 school year and 2019-2020 first semester, transfer to Porterville Alternative Success Solutions, then return to school on a probationary contract through 2019-2020 first semester.
  - Porterville High School – 1 student – Expel 2018-2019 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract.
  - Strathmore High School – 1 student – Expel 2018-2019 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract.
  - Westfield Elementary School – 2 students – Expel 2018-2019 school year and 2019-2020 first semester, suspend, transfer to Porterville Alternative Success Solutions, then return to school on a probationary contract through 2019-2020 first semester.
  - Vine Street Community Day School – 23 students – Fourteen students met terms of rehabilitation plans and are recommended for return to mainstream school or alternative placement; nine students failed rehabilitation plan and are recommended for return to Vine Street Community Day School until successful completion.
- Motion carried; all seven members present voting aye.
- 38 Adjournment** There being no further business, President Durbin adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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**Sharon Gill, Clerk**  
**Governing Board of Trustees**  
**Porterville Unified School District**