

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomona Unified School District
Education Center Board Room
800 South Garey Avenue, Pomona
Via teleconference at Grand Hyatt Dubai
7978/Sheikh Rashid Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:32 p.m.; and Andrew S. Wong arrived at 5:55 p.m.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Marco Ruiz, Palomares Academy of Health Sciences

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Richard Martinez, Superintendent
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. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release:
Case No. 016-017-007; 016-017-008; 16-017-009; 016-017-010; 016-017-011;
016-017-012; 016-017-013; 016-017-014; 016-017-015; 016-017-016
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. BC644520, (2) SB-415, and (3) Case No. 2:15-cv-007895

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:30 p.m.

1 OPENING BUSINESS

6:30 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 6:40 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Araceli Castillo, Cadet Master Sergeant Melanie Andreo and Cadet Sergeant Major Oscar Ortiz from Garey High School.

Information: 1.03 Action Taken in Closed Session

Mr. Moore said the board made a decision to approve a one-day suspension for certificated employee #16-017-007.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Andrew Wong

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

The following items were pulled from the Agenda:

Agenda Item 5b.07, Classified Personnel – Military Leave of Absence (with pay) and Leaves of Absence (without pay), pull # B1 only.

Agenda Item 6.07, Classified – Establishment of Fund for Position: Computer Service Technician II, pulled.

Agenda Item 6.16, Classified – Establishment of Fund for Position: Student Support Specialist, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.13, Resolution No. 26 (2016-17) Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election, Series A, in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$42,100,000 to Provide Financing for Projects Authorized Under Measure P, pulled for separate vote and moved to Special Action Items as new Agenda Item 9.06.

Agenda Item 7.14, Resolution No. 27 (2016-17) Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Ed Tech® Bonds, 2016 Election, Series B, in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000 to Provide Financing for Technology Projects Authorized Under Measure P, pulled for separate vote and moved to Special Action Items as new Agenda Item 9.07.

Mr. Martinez called on Dr. Perlman who introduced Garey High School Senior Jonnathan Sanchez. Dr. Perlman said five years ago we reinstated the district science fair which qualifies students to go to the county science fair and on to the state fair. The judges, who are not part of the school district, told her these are the highest quality projects they have seen. She congratulated the mentors and teachers who helped students. Dr. Perlman said 19 of our students will participate in the Los Angeles County Office of Education science fair and hopes we will have one-hundred percent participation from all of our schools in the future. The Sarah Ross Foundation gives separate prizes from those that are going to the county science fair, March 24-26 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Jonnathan Sanchez said last year he was in a group who won at the county level and this year he wanted to try to push himself by doing his own project. He said he was grateful to have worked with a professor at Western University which helped him to grow academically. Jonnathan gave a synopsis about his winning science project "Zika Virus Effects." He said he hypothesized that a protein in the Zika virus blocks a notched signaling pathway that is crucial in developing a baby's brain so the baby's head doesn't develop to its fullest. He said he concluded that one of the viral proteins might be blocking that pathway and caused the brain to not develop neurons and that's why the

baby's head is small. Jonnathan said they will be trying to use normal stem cells to give more precise data and give them a more concrete conclusion.

Dr. Perlman thanked Jonnathan and recognized his teacher and advisor Mr. Antonio Gamboa for the work he does with his students.

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

Second Vice President of Associated Pomona Teachers (APT) Erin Jackson, representative for Michael da Rosa, said Mr. da Rosa and Vice President Dorothy Kim are at a Service Center dinner honoring one of our parents this evening. Ms. Jackson shared a personal story about how messaging can be way off. Ms. Jackson said members of APT and district administrators participated in a CalTurn conference in Sacramento. A major focus of the conference was their district learning team action plan. Copies of their previous plan and draft document they are continuing to work on were distributed to board members. She said their team reflected on their goals and came to the stark conclusion that was like the story she had shared, and that was that their messaging was off. She asked the board members to join her in messaging and invited them to learn about the progress they have made to support and implement a shared leadership campaign at Phase I and Phase II sites. Later this month the district leadership team will host its second annual site representative/principal assembly that will provide them with the opportunity to share important findings based Rutgers study related to collaboration and student achievement.

Ms. Jackson said Michael da Rosa participated on a panel on behalf of California Teachers Association around characteristics that make great school leaders. At this event our State Superintendent Tom Torlakson urged school leaders to go back to their districts and join the forty school districts in California that have passed resolutions providing sanctuary for undocumented students and their families.

Information: 1.07 California School Employees' Association Representative Comments: None

Information: 1.08 Audience Comments

Garey High School Teacher Rafael Duran brought their Viking Troupers who performed two songs expressing their thanks to the board members for their support. They thanked them for being friends of and supporting the arts.

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

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman

Abstain: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Andrew Wong

Case A, March 8, 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 semesters.
- 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, Community Service Hours (100), Personal Counseling, and Drug Counseling.
- 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 March 8, 2017.

Action: 2.03 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meetings of January 11, 2017 and February 8, 2017

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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 Unanimously

9 SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

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

Action: 9.02 Measure P and Measure PS Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Member Appointment and Re-appointment

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Jason Rothman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Frank Guzman

Action: 9.03 Adoption of Resolution No. 28 (2016-2017) Authorizing the Consolidation of Odd-year Board of Education Elections with Even-Year General Elections

Mr. Moore gave a report on this item.

Motion made by: Frank Guzman
Seconded by: Jason Rothman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Action: 9.04 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman
Seconded by: Frank Guzman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman
Abstain: Andrew Wong

Action: 9.05 Adoption of Resolution No. 25 (2016-17) Release/Non-Reelection of Probationary, Temporary and/or Substitute Certificated Employees

Mr. Knowles gave a report on this item.
Motion made by: Roberta Perlman
Seconded by: Frank Guzman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Action: 9.06 Resolution No. 26 (2016-17) Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election, Series A, in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$42,100,000 to Provide Financing for Projects Authorized Under Measure P (Moved from Section 3) formerly 7.13

Motion made by: Frank Guzman
Seconded by: Roberta Perlman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman
Abstain: Andrew Wong

Action: 9.07 Resolution No. 27 (2016-17) Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Ed Tech® Bonds, 2016 Election, Series B, in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000 to Provide Financing for Technology Projects Authorized Under Measure P (Moved from Section 3) formerly 7.24

Motion made by: Frank Guzman
Seconded by: Roberta Perlman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman
Abstain: 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 the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council members in the audience representing Palomares Academy. He also thanked them for the Pomona Kindness Project that was a great success, and thanked the Board of Education for approving that resolution last month. He said the city also passed a resolution at their council meeting last week. He gave kudos to the leadership of our community and said

he is excited about what they have done, and they did it so well with the yellow ribbon campaign. That was unfortunately due to the loss of an 8 year old Cortez student we lost. We were able to celebrate Jonah Hwang's life and success in a tribute to him and also of life of all of the children of Pomona Unified School District. Mr. Martinez said last week we had the State of the District for the community. We will continue in sharing our best and brightest of things we are most excited about on the 21st of March we will be having an 8:30 a.m. meeting at the Village Conference Center for our parents and community members. We are also going to do the same on the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in this room and he encouraged everyone to attend either event. Mr. Martinez said for Read Across America he read at eight schools across Pomona Unified last week. It was exciting to participate in that event and he thanked all board members for participating. The Young Men's Conference held last Friday was a great success with over 200 young men participating. We were only able to accommodate ten to fifteen students per school and were excited to offer a leadership, practical life skills conference for young men as they prepare to go into adulthood and post-secondary education. Mr. Martinez announced the first Latino Family Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 22 and he encouraged everyone to be there. He said the event will be geared towards high school students. He thanked everyone for their support and care for our kids and for our Pomona Unified School District community.

Mr. Guzman said as Mr. Martinez alluded to the Latino Family Symposium which is geared towards 6th through 9th grade, the transitional period specifically for our kids. We are in the process of planning that and he hopes everyone will have the opportunity to come and join us. He said over the past couple of weeks we have had Read Across America and he was fortunate enough to go to several schools and spend some time there with his son who was visiting. He said it was an amazing experience going to each of the schools, listening to the kids and participating in the assemblies. It was an amazing time and he appreciates all of the schools for the wonderful and different events. Mr. Guzman thanked Eric Vasquez from the Justice for Youth program. He said he was at the Young Men's Conference and does an amazing job with our kids and he wanted to acknowledge him for what he is doing because he said it affects some of our most needy kids.

Mr. Wong said he had the opportunity to go to a number of schools for Read Across America. He said he went to Harrison, Vejar, Golden Springs, Armstrong, Pantera, Lincoln, San Antonio and Kingsley. He learned a number of things about Dr. Seuss, and from the students and teachers in the classrooms that he read in. Mr. Wong said he also had the opportunity to go to the Young Men's Conference and attend some of the classes at the conference with the superintendent including "how to tie a necktie." Mr. Wong said it was a great program with practical skills and advice for students. Mr. Wong thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin said she will save her comments for the next meeting when she is physically here. She said she went to several events and would like to thank those in the audience when she is present. She did however want to acknowledge the wonderful music she heard. Even though she couldn't see the dancing it sounded like a great party in the board room.

Dr. Perlman said she and Councilman Gonzalez read it *The Eye Book* together, and he learned a lot about the eye so it was all good. She jokingly told Mr. Wong that he and

the superintendent look a lot better now that their ties are correct. She expressed her thanks to Jonnathan for his great presentation and to Mr. Gamboa for the work he is doing at Garey High School with the students. She also thanked Mr. Duran and the Garey High School choir for their performance.

Dr. Perlman said we lost a much-cherished member of our community to violence a few weeks ago and we are heartbroken at the loss of Jonah Hwang. She thanked the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council for the work they did to promote hope in our community and asked that Jonah's name stand for hope throughout our community as we move forward. Dr. Perlman said she's still wearing her yellow ribbon as it reminds her of his wonderful spirit.

Mr. Rothman said he too has a recommendation for a short book titled *The Foot Book*. Any body part book from Dr. Seuss is very short. He said he also discovered that reading *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* is a very long read, especially if you do it in a dual immersion program. He said he had the opportunity to read at several different schools for Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America. It is always a lot of fun to read to the kids and everyone really gets into it. He said they seem to enjoy having us come and read to them. Mr. Rothman thanked the singers and Mr. Duran for having them come and sing and dance. He also congratulated our science fair winner Jonnathan. That was phenomenal. He said if to Jonnathan, if you are not allergic to bees, to come to an internship in his lab. They work with viruses that are not human; they work with bees.

Mr. Rothman said all of us in the Pomona Unified School District were deeply saddened by the death of one of our employees Claudia Torres, Campus Supervisor at Diamond Point Elementary. She was employed with the district for 12 years; and for the senseless act of violence against Jonah Hwang, an 8 year old student at Cortez Elementary who was killed. The Board of Education and staff extend its deepest sympathy to the families and adjourn the meeting in honor of Claudia Torres and Jonah Hwang.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.



Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:



President, Board of Education