

**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 The Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers
20 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Hong Kong~~**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason A. Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason A. Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman. Adrienne Konigar-Macklin arrived at 5:35 p.m. and Andrew S. Wong arrived at 5:48 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 Expulsion
2. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release:
Case Number: 17-018-005; 17-018-006
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956(a) Case Number: BC632205
4. 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
5. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (4) regarding Pending/Potential Litigation (2 matters):
(1) Case No. BC644620 and (2) Potential Matter

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:35 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Reconvene to Regular Session: 6:32 p.m.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Major Jose Rivera from Pomona High School.

Information: 1.03 Action Taken in Closed Session

Mr. Moore said under item # 1, Request for Student Expulsion, the recommendation was made for expulsion in abeyance to place the pupil in alternative program for the fall and spring semesters. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Education with a vote of 4-0. Under item # 2, the Board voted in favor of a 20 day suspension regarding employee # 17-018-005; and in favor of a 10 day suspension regarding employee # 17-018-006.

The board approved all three items above by a vote of 4-0.

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 5b.03, Classified Personnel – Change of Assignment, Salary or Status, pull #13 and #32 only.

Agenda Item 5b.04, Classified Personnel – Elections, pull #20 only.

Agenda Item 7.11, Facilities Agreement: PBK – Ganesha High School, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.12, Facilities Agreement: PBK – Palomares Academy of Engineering & Design, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.13, Facilities Agreement: PBK – Pomona High School, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.27 Fiscal Agreement: Western University College of Dental Medicine, pulled.

Agenda Item 7.05, Approval of Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18 (2017-18) for Support of Career Technical Educational Facilities Program Projects and Applications, pulled for separate consideration.

Mr. Martinez called on Lincoln Elementary School Principal Alicia Ochoa-Mc Mullin who introduced a few of their Ballet Folklorico dancers which is comprised of 36 4th to 6th grade students and alumni. Mrs. Ochoa-Mc Mullin said the students volunteer on their own time. They have performed at Disneyland for the past five years and at the Los Angeles County Fair for three years. She thanked the parents for all of their help. The Folklorico dancers performed two dances. Their instructor and a teacher at Lincoln, Mrs. Paula Rafael spoke about the impact the arts had in her life while attending Pomona schools and asked the board to continue to support the arts.

Mr. Martinez said he received information from Garey High School teacher Mr. Octavio Lojero regarding his son, who is a 7th grade student at Cortez Mathematics & Science Magnet School, Diego Lojero's accomplishments in golf. Mr. Lojero shared details about his sons' golfing accomplishments. Mr. Martinez congratulated Diego and presented him with a certificate of recognition from the board members.

Mr. Martinez called on Child Welfare Attendance Coordinator Ms. Tatiana Gomez who introduced the 12 district attendance poster contest winners and presented them with awards, and certificates of recognition from the board members. The district winners were Kyara Barrios, Elena Lafleur, Kadence Hsieh, Joshua Israel Barragon, Angela Rodriguez, Anali Perez, Diana Valencia, Leslie Castaneda, Grisel Chavez, Samai Samano, Maia Tumbokon, and Ava Sharif. Many of the winning posters were displayed in the back of the auditorium.

Information: 2.03 Staff Reports, moved from Section 2.

Dual Immersion Program: Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Lilia Fuentes called upon students from Pantera, Montvue and Westmont elementary schools. Each of the school's student groups performed in Mandarin or Spanish.

Information: 1.05 California School Employees' Association Representative Comments, moved to Section 2.

Information: 1.06 Associated Pomona Teachers' Representative Comments

Dorothy Kim, President, Associated Pomona Teachers, said unfortunately as a state and as a nation we have been in a period of much tragedy and devastation since she was last here. The recent fires in Californian cost many people their homes, and the innocent victims' whose lives were taken in the domestic terror attack in Las Vegas sadly included many CTA (California Teachers Association) members. She said we grieve and mourn with the suffering and dig to find hope where we can and to create hope with our actions. Ms. Kim said CTA members started *Go Fund Me* for the victims of the fires and recently rose over \$5,000 for their families who lost their homes. Amidst this tragedy we ban together because we are stronger together. APT has been going through some challenging times as well. They have had to make some important and difficult financial decisions and it has caused emotional distress for many of our members. She expressed her thanks to her APT officers, the executive board members and the site representatives that have done their due diligence and made the members at their sites aware of the issues. Ms. Kim said she also wanted to thank PUSD leadership for being professional and patient when they were quite vulnerable. If we did not have the current collaborative relationship which Michael da Rosa helped to foster, this difficult period could have hurt all of us in more ways than we know. They will continue to focus on and advocate for their members and students. She cited recent conference and professional development opportunities that are helping to develop the educational piece in moving our district and union toward more deeply through collaboration. Research has proven when all stakeholders collaborate student achievement goes up no matter the zip code or any other factors. Student achievement is why this initiative is so important to both the union and the district. It may take years to actually see and feel the full impact but the work has commenced and we will continue on this journey together. So far on the journey we have learned that communicating and solving problems together is easier and faster than going at it alone. We realize that we will not always agree but we press on the issues and not on people keeping in mind our collective memory of success through continued work together. Even through times when we strongly disagree I appreciate and respect how we continue to talk with one another, especially considering that many other chapters and districts have relationships that could be described as anything but collaborative. She thanked all APT members who served in our armed forces as well as other veterans

and their families who sacrificed to protect our freedom. They have proved we are stronger together.

Information: 1.07 Audience Comments

Parent and member of Padres Unidos Ms. Evelia Rocha said she attended the *Coffee with the Superintendent* at Marshall Middle School and heard how delighted parents are with the schools in the district. She shared math statistics from Smarter Balance and said she wants to see better test results for our students. She said Padres Unidos requests the district to clarify if all students have math test books or other instructional material they can reference at home. She also expressed their opinion about the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) not serving its purpose the way it is structured and requested changes to support the committee goal. Ms. Rocha also asked that the district provide them with information that shows all students have textbooks and instructional material to reference at home.

Community member Ms. Maheen Masood expressed her concerns about the inter-district transfer forms being postponed until May when they were originally told it would be in March. She wants the date rescheduled to allow enough time to allow them to do the inter-district transfer form.

Parent and president of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) Ms. Tamela Hutchinson expressed her appreciation that PUSD and the board recognize the cultural, social, emotional needs that are specific to African American students and are looking forward to building up the council. She thanked Fernando Meza, Oliver Unaka and Krystana Walks-Harper for their support in building up the program and said they are looking forward to the future and what it brings.

Pomona High School (PHS) parent, former student and member of the new parent booster club for the basketball team Ms. Nicole Burton expressed her concerns about the cleanliness of the restrooms and gym at the school. Ms. Burton provided photographs of the gym and other areas of concern. She also expressed her concerns about 1,300 students only having one 30-minute lunch period in one cafeteria and availability of food.

Mr. Rothman requested facilities staff to look into all of the issues about Ms. Burton's concerns. Mr. Martinez replied they will work with Dr. Barnes and send a team out to review all of the areas of concern.

School Psychologist Ms. Wei-Tsu Loh announced next week is School Psychologist Awareness Week. She said she wants to make sure everyone is aware of the 30 psychologists and all of the things they do. She gave an example of a typical day and the credentials, qualifications and names of many of the individuals.

Parent of Walnut Unified School District student who lives in the PUSD boundaries Ms. Araceli Muñoz said she is currently in the process of trying to apply for an inter-district transfer for her youngest child. She has heard different dates of when applications need to be picked up and submitted. She requested that we evaluate the process and said there is not enough time to make a proper decision about how to move forward with this process.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) president at Ranch Hills Elementary School Mr. Jeff Mitchell said he is supporting the previous speaker. Walnut Unified School District just placed on their District of Choice application they are not accepting any more PUSD residents. He expressed his desire to have the date of the inter-district transfer applications moved up from May so parents can plan and make their decisions.

Arroyo Elementary School parent Ms. Maria Zepeda expressed her concerns with the flow of traffic and lack of parking around the school during school hours, offered a possible solution, and proposed that a traffic study be conducted to help with the problem. She said she will also be going to a city meeting to ask them to come up with a solution for the problem. Ms. Zepeda expressed her appreciation for having the support of two principals at the school. She also asked for additional help for students in math.

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 September 13, 2017, Special Board Meeting of September 18, 2017 and Special Board Meeting of October 2, 2017

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

Information: 2.03 Staff Reports

Dual Immersion Program, moved to Section 1.

LCAP Local Indicators: Director of Accountability and Assessment Mrs. Silvia San Martin gave a presentation about the California Dashboard and specifically the local indicators. In spring 2017 the initial California Dashboard indicators included Suspension Rates, Graduation Rates, English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. The latest version of the Dashboard will be released on or after the 1st of December and the indicators now include Attendance, College and Career Readiness and Local Indicators. The four state priorities include Basic Conditions, Implementation of Standards, Parent Engagement and School Climate. We have met all of our local indicators with the exception of School Climate and we anticipate we will meet the criteria in the fall 2018 Dashboard.

Information: 1.05 California School Employees' Association Representative Comments, moved from Section 1.

Marian Orozco, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 14, said they just barely finished counting ballots for their openers. It was ratified as yes and did pass. Thank you for your patience Mr. Knowles and Mr. Maravilla. Thank you committee and the parents we could not have done it without you. Thank you for your support.

Omar Lopez, Student Representative, provided a brief report on high school activities.

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: 7.05 Approval of Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18 (2017-18) for Support of Career Technical Educational Facilities Program Projects and Applications, moved from Section 3, Consent Calendar.

Dr. Barnes 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 Unanimously

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

Action: 9.02 Resolution No. 17 Pomona Administrators, Classified Management and Confidential Employees Association Salary Proposal for the 2017-18 School Year

Mr. Knowles gave a report on this item.

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 and Approval of Tentative Agreement (15-16 Re-Openers) Between California School Employees Association, Chapter 14, and Pomona Unified School District

Mr. Knowles 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: Frank Guzman

Seconded by: Roberta Perlman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

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

Action: 9.04 Resolution No. 16 (2017-2018) – Board Member Compensation

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin left the chamber.

Motion made by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Frank Guzman, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman

Abstain: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Andrew Wong

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin returned to the chamber.

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 was excited to have our students present this evening with many proud parents. He thanked Ms. Hutchinson for leading AAPAC and said we appreciate what she is doing. When we have an opportunity to listen to parents, such as at a *Coffee with the Superintendent*, we learn information that makes us better. Sometimes staff and parents wonder if he can put up with a lot of criticism however none of it came that way. The way we approach it during the *Coffee with the Superintendent* is resolution. You don't only come with an issue; you have to come up with some ideas or solutions to help us out. He said he appreciates the constructive way parents have been coming at him to support and better our system. He said we do have one more event on the 14th of December at Palomares Academy at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. He invited and encouraged anyone who has not attended to join him. Questions, comments and ideas received are being posted on the PUSD website with our comments and responses. He wished everyone a great evening and week and said on next Friday we are honoring our veterans and there is no school that day.

Mr. Guzman thanked the Lincoln Folklorico dancers and Ms. Rafael for her dedication. He also thanked the Montvue, Pantera and Westmont dual immersion program students for doing an amazing job of showcasing the good things going on at their school sites. He thanked School Psychologist Wei-Tsu, who has been actively coming to our board meetings and sharing with us important dates such as School Psychologist Week. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to our students. Mr. Guzman said he looks forward to a great year.

Mr. Wong thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening. He thanked all of the speakers, as well as the Lincoln Elementary dancers, dual immersion students and singers. Mr. Wong shared that the superintendent, board members Mr. Guzman and Dr. Perlman, himself, and 50 Madison Elementary students recently participated in the Pomona 5K. He said that they sponsored the Madison Elementary students, and the students had extremely impressive results, had a fun time and were excited to be able to run in a 5K through downtown Pomona. Mr. Wong is looking forward to having more PUSD students participate next year.

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said it's always

a joy to see the children perform and to show us exactly what they can do which is always amazing; Ballet Folklorico, Montvue, Pantera and Westmont. Congratulations to Diego (Lojero); and to some of the other schools that weren't here, Garey High with their volleyball league, Pomona High School in football and anything else that we may have missed. She thanked the parents for coming out tonight and voicing their concerns because we learn by your concerns. She said we really appreciate it and she is always excited when she sees a packed board room. Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked AAPAC and Ms. Hutchinson for really pushing that and moving it forward and helping all of our children to achieve within this district which is very important. She said she had a wonderful time visiting Pomona High School and even though she saw some things she didn't like, there were still some things that she really liked. The spirit of the students over there and their willingness to really get it done is amazing and infectious. She thanked them for allowing her to visit with them. Mrs. Konigar-Macklin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded them this is a really difficult time of year for some people. They don't have families; they don't have friends. So if you have any time at all you might think about volunteering at a local shelter for people that are homeless and really don't have, or invite someone to your home that you may not have thought about but who is a neighbor or a friend that really doesn't have anyone and share your home with them. Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked the wonderful women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their generous donation of time and scholarships to help our students achieve. She said she is going on a mission trip to South Africa and is taking school supplies to students in an orphanage. If anyone is interested in giving school supplies she would be happy to take them to the orphanage. The orphanage they are going to was recently featured on CNN and is run by a woman that takes in children who have aids or were abandoned because their parents had aids.

Dr. Perlman said she opens up her home up to Western University optometry students every year on Thanksgiving. She thanked all the schools that came out. It was a really wonderful evening of great performances. Lincoln Elementary was excellent with Mrs. Rafael -- she is exceptional. Westmont, Pantera, and Montvue student performers were all really wonderful. She said she had the opportunity this week to go to Garey High School. Eight students invented nail clippers to aid diabetics with neuropathy. They were being recognized as 1 of 15 schools in the country by MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and a professor from MIT came to Garey High School. Dr. Perlman said they were skyping with the vice president of funding for this competition. He was talking about their invention and told them that although he did not get to select the winners, when he saw the invention come across his desk he was very excited because he attended Garey High School. She said it was so wonderful for our students to see someone who was from Garey who is now a vice president of this foundation who graduated from Garey High School. In addition, this week, Mr. Gamboa conducted science fair classes for teachers to learn how to do science projects; the classes provided very useful information for teachers. She said she also saw Ms. Ramirez, who teaches coding at Simons Middle School, and her students, present to parents about computer coding in three languages! Dr. Perlman thanked the Padres Unidos representatives for coming out and also Ms. Hutchinson for her leadership role in AAPAC. She reminded everyone that the Chalk Art Festival is this Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shaun Diamond Plaza downtown. She and Mr. Guzman did the 5K walk and made it to the finish line. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rothman thanked all of the students that came out tonight, and all of their programs. It was very nice to see all of the different dancing and performing arts as well as the dual immersion programs. There is a neat event coming up on Friday in Palmdale, the other PUSD, who somehow became our rivals in everything that we do. Diamond Ranch High School football team and Palmdale Unified are playing the first round CIF playoffs in Palmdale. He said so Miss Joyce Ricks, Palmdale USD's board president, the gauntlet has been cast; and he wished them good luck. He said we are casting gauntlets. He said it's interesting you brought up coding because he was able to go to the code consortium in Riverside a few weeks ago where they had a whole bunch of different schools and different administrators talk about how to get computer coding in to the classroom and the organization grows. That code was there and is pushing us on towards computer science. Mr. Rothman wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and said he wants to pay tribute to our veterans that served our country. He wished them a Happy Veteran's Day.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Adjournment: 8:17 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:


President, Board of Education