



# Palo Verde Unified School District

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## **Palo Verde Unified School District**

*Board of Trustees Regular Meeting*

*October 17, 2017 5:00 PM*

*To be held in the District Administrative Center*

*295 North First Street*

*Blythe, CA 92225*

*Closed Session 5:00 PM*

*Open Session 6:00 PM*

### **Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:**

Present:

Samuel Burton

Norm Guith

Alfonso Hernandez

Jamey Mullion

John Ulmer

### **A. OPEN SESSION**

#### **A.1. Call to Order**

Minutes:

The Palo Verde Unified School District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on October 17, 2017 in the District Boardroom at 295 North First Street, Blythe, California. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Jamey Mullion, at 5:00 PM.

#### **A.2. Roll Call**

Quick Summary:

Mr. Samuel Burton, Member

Dr. Norm Guith, Member

Mr. Alfonso Hernandez, Clerk

Mrs. Jamey Mullion, President

Mr. John Ulmer, Member

Minutes:

A quorum was established with the following members of the Board of Trustees in attendance: Mrs. Jamey Mullion, Mr. Alfonso Hernandez, Dr. Norm Guith, Mr. John Ulmer and Mr. Samuel Burton.

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT/ HEARING SESSION**

#### **B.1. Public Comment/ Hearing Session**

Quick Summary:

Session limited to comments/ hearing pertaining to agenda items at this time. See "Hearing Session" item below for guidelines.

Minutes:

There was no public comment.

### **C. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees adjourned to closed session at 5:00 PM.

### **C.1. Pupil Personnel**

Quick Summary:

The Board will review student suspensions and expulsion case(s) #17-18-02.

### **C.2. Personnel Matters**

Quick Summary:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Board will meet to discuss and vote regarding personnel matters.

A. Personnel Report

### **C.3. Labor Negotiations**

Quick Summary:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Mr. Jeremy James, Director of Human Resources, will discuss with the Board of Trustees the current status of negotiations with PVTA, CSEA and Teamsters Local 542.

## **D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:06 PM.

## **E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

## **F. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Minutes:

A "Moment of Silence" was observed.

## **G. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Mrs. Jamey Mullion, Board President, reported there was no action taken in closed session.

## **H. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Ulmer and seconded by Mr. Burton to approve the agenda.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Mullion, Mr. Hernandez, Dr. Guith, Mr. Ulmer, and Mr. Burton

Noes: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously

## **I. PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **I.1. Student of the Month Elementary Level (Grades TK-8)**

Quick Summary:

Mrs. April Smith, principal of Margaret White Elementary, will introduce Miss Leah Rene Henry who has been selected Elementary Student of the Month for October 2017. Miss Henry is currently an 8th grade student at Margaret White Elementary.

Minutes:

Mrs. April Smith presented to the Board of Trustees Miss Leah Rene Henry as the Elementary Student of the Month for October, 2017.

## **I.2. Student of the Month Secondary Level (Grades 9-12)**

Quick Summary:

Mrs. Brandy Cox, principal of Palo Verde Valley High School, will introduce Mr. Don Pelicano who has been selected Secondary Student of the Month for October 2017. Mr. Pelicano is currently a 12th grade student at Palo Verde Valley High School.

Minutes:

Mr. David Chamberlain presented to the Board of Trustees Mr. Don Pelicano as the Secondary Student of the Month for October, 2017.

## **I.3. Presentation: Monthly Attendance Trophy**

Quick Summary:

Mr. Meliton Sanchez, Director of Business Services, will present the monthly attendance trophy.

Minutes:

Mr. Meliton Sanchez presented the Monthly Attendance Trophy to Twin Palms High School.

## **J. HEARING SESSION**

### **J.1. Hearing Session**

Quick Summary:

This is an opportunity for community members to address the Board on agenda and non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak are to complete the form located on the back table and present it to the secretary prior to the meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and each subject to twenty minutes except by consent of the Board of Trustees.

Neither Board members nor staff members will respond during the public hearing. Speakers who ask questions will be informed by the President that responses may be referred to the Superintendent for investigation or resolution. Speaking time is limited to three minutes per speaker, twenty minutes total.

If necessary answers will be given:

- a. by telephone after research
- b. by mail after research
- c. at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as an agenda item

The Board also would like to remind anyone who wishes to lodge a complaint against a District employee that there is an existing Board adopted policy in effect specifically for this purpose. This policy contains a comprehensive procedure for reviewing and investigating public complaints, which includes a right of appeal to the Board.

This process provides a much more thorough opportunity for the complainant and the employee to be heard and the merits of the complaint to be properly investigated. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of this policy may contact the Superintendent's Office.

Minutes:

Ms. Susan Scott, Desert Center Superintendent, informed the Board that Desert Center is reorganizing as an elementary district. She handed out a report for the Board's review. Ms. Scott requested a joint Board Workshop to discuss the impact of the reorganization.

Ms. Stephanie Vivanco-Avant, representing herself, thanked Dr. Bush for meeting with her. She expressed her concerns regarding school pick up. She stated she feels she should be able to call and request her children be held back from the bus.

Ms. Theresa Houston, representing herself, stated she and staff/ parents of Ruth Brown Elementary wished to show their support for administration, staff and teachers at the school site.

## **K. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **K.1. Board Member Report**

Quick Summary:

The Board of Trustees will report on recent activities and items of interest.

Minutes:

Mr. Burton, Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Hernandez, and Mrs. Mullion had nothing to report.

Dr. Guith reported he attended a Joint Riverside/ San Bernardino Board Meeting on October 16th in San Bernardino.

### **K.2. Superintendent's Report**

Quick Summary:

Dr. Charles Bush, Superintendent, will report on recent activities and items of interest.

Minutes:

Dr. Bush reported he attended a recent CCEE Summit with Mrs. Smith and Ms. Kern. He stated that Dr. Molina will be here next week to visit. Dr. Bush reminded the Board that homecoming is on October 27th. He reported he will be attending an upcoming County School District Organization Meeting to provide input regarding Desert Center. He invited the Board to share their thoughts; he would pass them along when he attends.

### **K.3. Reports of Associations**

Quick Summary:

Representatives from local PVTA, CSEA and Teamsters 542 may make presentations on their respective organizations at this time.

Minutes:

There were no reports given by Associations.

## **L. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **L.1. Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Superintendent's Office submits to the Board of Trustees for approval the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2017.

### **L.2. Personnel Report #2017-18-06**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Alfonso Hernandez.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Personnel Services Department submits to the Board of Trustees for approval the current Personnel Report.

**L.3. Ratification: Purchase Order Listing for September, 2017**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Business Services Department submits to the Board of Trustees for ratification the Purchase Order Listing for September, 2017. Total fiscal impact for September was \$519,966.20.

**L.4. Permission for Student Out of State Travel: Felix J. Appleby Elementary NJHS Field Trip to Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Samuel Burton and a second by John Ulmer.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

Felix J. Appleby Elementary NJHS requests from the Board of Trustees permission for student out of state travel to Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. The date of the trip is Friday, March 23, 2018. Our visit will include a guided tour of the campus. We have 21 students and 4 chaperones attending the trip.

Expense: NTE \$1,000

Funding: NJHS PTO account

**L.5. Approval: Revision to Agreement Dates CSBAs Practi-Cal**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Special Services Department submits to the Board of Trustees for approval, revision of dates for the agreement with CSBAs Practi-Cal. The revised term of the agreement is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019; changed from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. All other terms of agreement remains in effect.

**L.6. Approval of Consultant Contract: Brent Cooper dba El Paseo Children's Center; Independent Educational Evaluation**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Samuel Burton and a second by John Ulmer.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Special Services Department submits to the Board of Trustees for approval a contract with Brent Cooper, L.E.P. to perform an Independent Educational Evaluation as determined by the IEP team, including a review of records, observations, rating scales, teacher, staff and family interviews, a written report and participation in an IEP meeting. The term of the agreement is October 17, 2017, through June 8, 2018.

Expense: NTE \$6,750 (includes services, mileage, lodging and meal expenses)  
Funding: Resource 6500 Special Education  
06-410-6500-0-5770-1190-5800

**L.7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding: WestEd for the California Healthy Kids' Survey**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

**Quick Summary:**

The Special Services Department submits to the Board of Trustees for approval a Memorandum of Understanding between WestEd and Palo Verde Unified School District for the administration of the California Healthy Kids Survey; grades fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh as appropriate. The cost to administer the survey is .40 per student. NTE \$1,350 which includes all survey fees and reports.

Expense: NTE \$1,350  
Funding: Resource 0707 Supplemental and Concentration Grant  
03-600-0707-0-1156-1000-5800

**L.8. Permission to Surplus Items: Nutrition Services**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

**Quick Summary:**

The Nutrition Services Department requests from the Board of Trustees permission to surplus three (3) items (Hot Boxes). The items are no longer in complete working order and are surplus to the department. The items will be disposed of according to current board policy. The current estimated value of the three (3) items is less than \$1,000.

**L.9. Ratification Regular School Business**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

**Quick Summary:**

The Superintendent's Office submits for ratification from the Board of Trustees, contracts and services approved during the normal course of business under \$15,000:

- A. Donation to PVUSD Elementary Schools from Blythe Lions Club: Pallet of Copy Paper;  
Estimated Value \$1,500

**M. ACTION ITEMS**

**M.1. Expulsion Case #17-18-02**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Norm Guith.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Child Welfare and Attendance Department submits for action to the Board of Trustees expulsion case #17-18-02, student #136710.

**M.2. Second Reading and Approval: Updated BB 9220 Governing Board Elections**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Superintendent's Office submits to the Board of Trustees for second reading and approval updated board bylaw 9220 Governing Board Elections. Per CSBA, the bylaw has been updated to reflect new law (SB 415, 2015) which, effective January 1, 2018, requires a district to move the date of its board election to be concurrent with a statewide election whenever holding an election on a nonconcurrent date has resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined. The bylaw encourages districts to review recent voter turnout and, if necessary, adopt a plan before the January 1, 2018 deadline in order to delay consolidation until November 8, 2022. The bylaw also reflects NEW LAWS which require public hearings before and after drawing maps of proposed trustee areas (AB 350, 2016), authorize districts to permit board candidates to submit candidate statements for electronic distribution (AB 2010, 2016), allow districts to establish a dedicated fund to make public funds available to persons seeking elective office under specified conditions (SB 1107, 2016), and require prospective plaintiffs who allege that the election method violates the California Voting Rights Act to notify the district before filing a complaint (AB 350, 2016).

**M.3. Second Reading and Approval: Updated BB 9121 President**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Ulmer and a second by Samuel Burton.

Yes Samuel Burton  
Yes Norm Guith  
Yes Alfonso Hernandez  
Yes Jamey Mullion  
Yes John Ulmer

Quick Summary:

The Superintendent's Office submits to the Board of Trustees for second reading and approval updated board bylaw 9121 President. Per CSBA, the bylaw has been updated to reorganize and revise the duties of the board president for consistency with information provided in CSBA's Board President's Workshop, and to add an optional component on providing training for the president to enhance his/her leadership skills.

**N. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**N.1. Information Item: Head Start Preliminary Monthly Budget/Expenditure Report August, 2017**

Quick Summary:

Palo Verde Head Start submits to the Board of Trustees for information and review the Preliminary Monthly Budget/ Expenditure Report for August, 2017.

Minutes:

No discussion was held.

**O. OTHER BUSINESS**

Minutes:

1.) Cell phone policy - student

2.) Dates for Board Workshop - Goals (presented at November 14th meeting.)

**P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Minutes:

- 1.) Report on A/C Bid process

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

**R. CALENDAR**

**R.1. Next Meeting**

Quick Summary:

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

5:00 PM - Closed Session/ 6:00 PM - Open Session

District Administration Center

295 North First Street, Blythe, California 92225

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Clerk

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Superintendent