

**Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District  
Minutes**

**Board of Education Special Meeting**

February 01, 2018  
Malaga Cove Administration Center  
375 Via Almar  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90275

Members Present

Anthony Collatos, President  
Linda Reid, Vice President  
Suzanne Seymour, Clerk  
Barbara Lucky, Member

Administrators Present

Donald B. Austin, Superintendent of Schools  
Trent Bahadursingh, Deputy Superintendent  
Keith Butler, Associate Superintendent/Business Services  
Kimberly Fricker, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services  
Matthew Horvath, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

**A. 4:00 p.m. - Call to Order**

Minutes:

The special session was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the president, Dr. Collatos.

**A.1. Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

Minutes: None

**B. Recess to Closed Session**

Minutes:

President Collatos announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

**B.1. Conference with Labor Negotiator**

**B.2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

**C. Reconvene to Open Session**

Minutes:

The open session was reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**E. Report of Board Action Taken in Closed Session**

Minutes: None

## **F. Approval of Agenda**

### **F.1. Approval of the Special Board of Education Meeting Agenda for February 1, 2018**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the agenda for the Special Board of Education Meeting of February 1, 2018, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Lucky and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Yes Dr. Anthony Collatos  
Yes Ms. Barbara Lucky  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

## **G. Public Communications**

### **G.1. Public Comment on Open Session Agenda Items**

Minutes:

President Collatos announced that the public would be given the opportunity to address the Board during each agenda item and that remarks would be limited to three minutes per person.

## **H. Discussion/Action**

### **H.1. Provisional Appointment to Fill the Vacancy on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education**

Minutes:

The following individuals addressed the Board: Julie Trell (Palos Verdes Estates) and Sandra Valeri (Rancho Palos Verdes).

Dr. Collatos thanked the candidates for their participation and opened the discussion for the provisional appointment of a Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education member.

By Board consensus, it was agreed that all candidates would be asked the following questions:

1. No Board can do it all and oversee everything, even in a high performing district like ours. What are your priorities for the District for the upcoming year, either in terms of an academic subject area, operations area, or general topic?
2. As a Board member, from whom will you seek advice when weighing key decisions? Describe your experience with conflict resolution and consensus building.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion Passed:** That the Board appoint Richard Phillips to fill the vacancy on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education, for the term of February 1, 2018 to December 7, 2018. Passed with a motion by Ms. Linda Reid and a second by Ms. Barbara Lucky.

Yes Dr. Anthony Collatos  
Yes Ms. Barbara Lucky  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

## **H.2. Oath of Office**

Minutes:

Superintendent Austin administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board of Education Member, Richard Phillips.

## **I. Adjournment**

Minutes:

President Collatos thanked Pat Colby and Nancy Mahr (League of Women Voters Members) for moderating the interview process. In addition, Dr. Collatos announced that a Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., at the Malaga Cove Administration Center.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Donald B. Austin, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools and

Secretary of the Board of Education