

**Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District  
Minutes**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

September 25, 2019

Malaga Cove Administration Center  
375 Via Almar

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Closed Session - 5:30 p.m.

Open Session - 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Linda Reid, President

Suzanne Seymour, Vice President

Richard Phillips, Clerk

Matthew Brach, Member

Megan Crawford, Member

Suraj Anand, Student Member

Lucy Pluimer, Student Member

Administrators Present

Alex Cherniss, Superintendent of Schools

Trent Bahadursingh, Deputy Superintendent

Keith Butler, Associate Superintendent/Business Services

Linsey Gotanda, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services

Matthew Horvath, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

**A. Call to Order**

Minutes:

The regular session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the president, Ms. Reid.

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

Minutes: None

**B. Recess to Closed Session**

Minutes:

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

**B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

**B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

**B.3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**

**C. Reconvene to Open Session - Estimated Time 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes:

The open session was reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Minutes:

President Reid announced that in Closed Session the Board took the following action:

The Board approved an amended settlement agreement for OAH Case No. #2019040971 by a roll call vote as follows:

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

The District will provide Student related services and Student waived all claims against the District.

## **F. Approval of Agenda**

### **F.1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda for September 25, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 25, 2019, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

## **G. Public Communications**

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

Minutes:

President Reid 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. Approval of Minutes**

### **H.1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

## I. Board President Announcements

Minutes:

President Reid made the following announcements:

- Tonight's Board of Education meeting is being recorded and live streamed via a link on the District website.
- Monday, September 30th, and Wednesday, October 9th, are student free days and PV Kids' Corner and Teen Scene will provide a full-day childcare option for families.
- Join the community dialogue and hear from Superintendent Cherniss on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at the Harlyne J. Norris Pavilion, about the priorities and challenges our district will be addressing in the 2019-20 school year. The event is currently at capacity but will be filmed. Viewing information will be provided on the District website at [www.pvpusd.net](http://www.pvpusd.net).

### I.1. Introduction of 2019-20 Student Board Member

Minutes:

President Reid introduced 2019-20 Student Board Member, Sirena Nikolakopoulos.

## J. Report of Student Board Members

## K. Consent Calendar

### K.1. Human Resources

#### K.1.a. Personnel Assignment Orders and Other Personnel Action

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve and/or ratify the Administrative, Certificated and Classified Assignment Orders, Educational Services consultants, Student Services consultant and Valmonte Early Learning Academy (VELA) consultant, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

#### K.1.b. Approve New Classified Job Description, Student Support Assistant Kids' Corner

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve a new classified job description for the position of Student Support Assistant Kids' Corner.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

### **K.1.c. Agreement with Emerson College for Clinical Practicum**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Emerson College effective September 12, 2019 through September 11, 2024.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

### **K.1.d. Clinical Affiliation Agreement for Nursing Programs with Grand Canyon University**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Grand Canyon University for the assignment of university students, enrolled in the clinical and graduate nursing programs, to schools in the District for the term of September 26, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

## **K.2. Educational Services**

### **K.2.a. Agreement for 2019-20 Services of Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for TK-12th Grade**

**Motion Passed:** That the District enter into an agreement with the designated nonpublic schools and agencies for the purpose of providing special education and related services for TK-12th grade students for the 2019-20 school year because the student's special education needs cannot be met within the District.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

### **K.2.b. Approve the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Contract for Participation in Outdoor Science and Conservation Education 2019-2020 (C-19580:19:20)**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Contract for participation in Outdoor Science and Conservation Education (C-19580:19:20) for 2019-2020 school year, in accordance with Education Code Section 8763 for School-Sponsored Trips (PVPUSD Administrative Regulation 6153).

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**K.2.c. Approve the Pali Institute Contract #06356 for Participation in Pali Institute's Outdoor Education Program 2019-2020 in Running Springs, CA**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the Pali Institute Contract #06356 for participation in Pali Institute's Outdoor Education Program in Running Springs, CA for the 2019-2020 school year, in accordance with Education Code Section 8763 for School-Sponsored Trips (PVPUSD Administrative Regulation 6153).

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**K.2.d. Approve the Guided Discoveries, Inc. Contract for Participation in AstroCamp 2019-2020 in Idyllwild, CA**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the Guided Discoveries, Inc. Contract for participation in AstroCamp in Idyllwild, California, for the 2019-2020 school year, in accordance with Education Code Section 8763 for School-Sponsored Trips (PVPUSD Administrative Regulation 6153).

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**K.2.e. Approve the Contract Renewal Between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and Fuel Education (FuelEd) LLC - Online Course Program - October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the renewal contract between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and Fuel Education (FuelEd) LLC., Online Course Program, from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 with the stipulation that before licenses for Summer School 2020 are allocated the staff will present a recommendation for Board approval that addresses capacity and academic integrity.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Phillips and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

### **K.3. Business Services**

#### **K.3.a. Monthly Contract Approval/Ratification Report**

**Motion Passed:** That the agreements with the following entities: Cumming and VOXDJs be approved/ratified, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

#### **K.3.b. Purchase Order Report**

**Motion Passed:** That 2019-20 Purchase Order numbers 108355A through 109364 in the total amount of \$4,161,999.05, issued from the General Fund and other District funds, be approved and/or ratified.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

#### **K.3.c. 2019-20 Budget Revision (Gifts) - Unrestricted General Fund 01.1 (BA008)**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve Budget Revision BA008 as follows:

Budget Summary BA008 for the Unrestricted General Fund 01.1 by increasing budgeted revenues and transfers in by \$279,598 and by increasing expenditures and transfers out by \$279,598, with no change to the ending fund balance.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

#### **K.3.d. Acceptance of Gifts**

**Motion Passed:** That the gifts of materials, supplies and \$21,977.04 in cash received August 29, 2019 through September 12, 2019, be accepted, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**L. Report of the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA) Leadership**

**M. Report of the Palos Verdes Chapter 123, California School Employees Association (CSEA) Leadership**

**N. Report of Superintendent**

**O. Report of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Member**

**P. Public Communications**

**P.1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Minutes: None.

**Q. Discussion/Action**

**Q.1. Approve the 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Parent Advisory Committee Members and Establish 2019-2020 Meeting Dates, Time, and Location**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee Members and meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Phillips and a second by Ms. Suzanne Seymour.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**Q.2. Review and Approval of 2019-20 District Goals**

Minutes:

Departure of Student Board Members, Suraj Anand and Lucy Pluimer, at 7:34 p.m.

**Motion Passed:** That the Board approve the 2019-20 District Goals, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Suzanne Seymour and a second by Ms. Megan Crawford.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach  
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford  
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips  
Yes Ms. Linda Reid  
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

**R. Information**

**R.1. Notice of Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials Compliance Grades TK-12 2019-20**

Minutes:

Presented as an information item.

**S. Reports of Board Members**

**T. Adjournment**

Minutes:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Alex Cherniss, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools and  
Secretary of the Board of Education