

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- 1 Date** **December 12, 2013**
- 2 Present** Hayley Buettner, Pat Contreras, David DePaoli, Lillian Durbin, Sharon Gill, Pete Lara, Jr., Richard Morris, Board Members; John Snively, District Superintendent and Secretary; Martha Stuemky, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; Ken Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Nate Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Beverly Atherton, Porterville High School Student Board Representative; Ileana Fernandez, Strathmore High School Student Board Representative; Joe Santos, Monty Newkirk, Tiffany Van Dusen, Mike Tsuboi, Fernando Carrera, Laura Geren, Julissa Leyva, Cindy Ervin, Richard Smithey, Angel Valdez , Jose Valdez, Carla Crocker, Jim Tyler, John Buckley, Brad Rohrbach, Jeff Bottoms, Cynthia Brown, Jeff Brown, Tony Navarro, Lissa Lambie, Apolinar Marroquin, Patty Jorgensen, Magdalena Sanchez, Lorenzo Cruz, Kris Wilson, Administrators
- 3 Guests** Esther Avila, Porterville Recorder; Arelli Adams, Natalie Tate, Katelyn Porter, Teresa Alcantar, Zachary Angle, Heather Stroub, JT Lee, Carrie Porter, Amy Angle, Jim Angle, Rigo Molina, Yogini Patel, Nicole Arbelo, Jennifer Biagio, Andres Fernandez, Marisa Tsuboi, Urvashi Patel, Brock Fleischman, Chelsea Schmidt, Lee Gifford, Julianne Buckley, Citizens, Employees, and Students
- 4 Call to Order** The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the District Governing Board Room by District Superintendent and Secretary John Snively, who conducted the initial portion of the meeting for the purpose of Election of Officers of the Governing Board of Trustees for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 5 Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge Of Allegiance was led by Amanda Molina and Zack Angle, Sequoia Middle School Student Leadership Class Team Leaders.
- 6 Mr. Lara Elected President** Mrs. Contreras nominated Mr. Lara for the Office of President, which was seconded by Mrs. Durbin. There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Mr. Lara. Mr. Lara was declared elected to the Office of President of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2013-2014.
- 7 Mrs. Durbin Elected Vice President** Mrs. Gill nominated Mrs. Durbin for the Office of Vice President. There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Durbin. Mrs. Durbin was declared elected to the Office of Vice President of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2013-2014.
- 8 Mrs. Contreras Elected Clerk** Mr. Morris nominated Mrs. Buettner for the Office of Clerk. Mrs. Gill nominated Mrs. Contreras for the Office of Clerk. A polled vote for Mrs. Contreras is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mrs. Contreras – Aye; Mr. Morris – No; Mr. DePaoli – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye; Mrs. Buettner – No. Mrs. Contreras was declared elected to the Office of Clerk of the Governing Board of Trustees for 2013-2014.
- 9 Governing Board Meeting Dates Established** Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Buettner, that regular Governing Board meetings be conducted on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Porterville Unified School District Governing Board Room. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
- 10 District Representative Appointed to Election of County Committee Members Appointed** Mr. Lara was appointed to serve as the District Representative to participate in the Election of County Committee Members. All members present voting aye.
- 11 T.C.O.V.E. Board Representative Appointed** The Tulare County Office of Vocational Education (T.C.O.V.E.) Board Representatives are appointed as follows: Mr. DePaoli - Board Representative; Mrs. Contreras - Board Representative Alternate. All members present voting aye.

<b>12</b>	<b>Porterville Schools Improvement Corporation Appointed</b>	The Board of Directors for the Porterville Schools Improvement Corporation (P.S.I.C.) are appointed as follows: Mr. Lara - Chair; Mrs. Durbin - Vice Chair; Mrs. Contreras - Member. All members present voting aye.
<b>13</b>	<b>Porterville Education Foundation Directors Appointed</b>	The Porterville Education Foundation (P.E.F.) Board of Directors are appointed as follows: Mrs. Buettner and Mrs. Durbin, Board Representatives. All members present voting aye.
<b>14</b>	<b>Consent Agenda Approved</b>	Moved by Mrs. Buettner, seconded by Mrs. Contreras, that the Minutes of the November 14, 2013, regular meeting be approved; that Purchase Orders for November 2013 be ratified; that Payroll Orders for November 2013 in the amount of \$6,270,592.26 be approved; that Payment Order Nos. 16 and 17 in the amount of \$3,660,462.35 be approved; that Self-Funded Insurance Report for October 2013 be approved; that revised Out-of-County Field Trip Requests be approved; that Gift Donations to the School District be approved, with letters of appreciation forwarded to the donors; that the Annual Developer Fee Report be approved; that Budget Revisions be approved; that Personnel Report No. 9 be approved, with a certificate of recognition forwarded to retirees: Isabel Garcia and Olivia Quezada; and that all Governing Board Members, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents be authorized signatories on school district warrants, payment orders, payroll orders, purchase orders, revolving fund checks and other official documents. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
<b>15</b>	<b>Recognition Awards and Special Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tiffany Van Dusen introduced the Westfield Elementary School CyberQuest Team who finished first and second place in a recent competition.</li> <li>• Mrs. Cynthia Brown recognized the Pathways/Linked Learning Department as the recipient of the 2013 California Schools Board Association (C.S.B.A.) Golden Bell Award, which included a \$5,000.00 award.</li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	<b>Report – Sequoia Middle School</b>	Dr. Joe Santos, Principal, and Sequoia Middle School students gave a report regarding Sequoia Middle School's academic programs and campus activities.
<b>17</b>	<b>Report – Student Board Representative</b>	Ileana Fernandez and Marisa Tsuboi, Strathmore High School students, gave a report regarding academic programs and student activities for the S.H.S. campus.
<b>18</b>	<b>Report – Physical Fitness Scores</b>	Mr. Jeff Bottoms presented the results of the 2012-2013 Physical Fitness Results for P.U.S.D. students in grades 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 9 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>19</b>	<b>Oral Communications</b>	No comments were received.
<b>20</b>	<b>Comments by Governing Board of Trustees and/or Superintendent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Snavelly announced a Strathmore High School swimming pool groundbreaking ceremony, which is scheduled Friday, December 13, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.</li> <li>• President Lara invited all to attend the S.H.S. swimming pool ground-breaking ceremony. He also congratulated the Pathways Department for the Golden Bell award.</li> <li>• Board Members Mrs. Contreras, Mrs. Durbin, and Mr. Morris expressed their appreciation for the Pathways/Linked Learning Program success. They are proud of the Pathways/Linked Learning accomplishments at C.S.B.A.</li> </ul>
<b>21</b>	<b>Resolution No. 5 Approved</b>	Following an overview by Dr. Stuemky, it was moved by Mr. DePaoli, seconded by Mrs. Buettner, that Resolution No. 5 be adopted in the matter of the Child Development Services Amended Contract for P.U.S.D. Preschool Programs and authorizing designated personnel to sign contract documents and oversee multiple site programs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. A polled vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mrs. Contreras – Aye; Mr. Morris – Aye; Mr. DePaoli – Aye; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye; Mrs. Buettner – Aye. Motion carried.
<b>22</b>	<b>Public Disclosure of P.E.A. and C.S.E.A. Collective Bargaining Agreements</b>	Dr. Gibbs reviewed the Disclosure of the 2013-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreements for P.E.A. and C.S.E.A. No comments were received. Following a review, it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Contreras, that the District Administration be authorized to sign the Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement Certifications.

- 23 **P.E.A. and C.S.E.A. Collective Bargaining Agreements** Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Contreras, that the 2013-2015 P.E.A. Collective Bargaining Agreement be ratified as presented. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
- 24 **First Interim Financial Report Approved** Following a review by Dr. Gibbs, it was moved by Mr. DePaoli, seconded by Mrs. Buettner, that the First Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 be approved and certified as presented, and that the Governing Board President be authorized to sign the certification page of the report. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
- 25 **Update – 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget** Dr. Gibbs provided an update on the 2013-2014 preliminary budget.
- 26 **2014-2015 Traditional School Calendar Approved** Following a review by Dr. Snavelly, it was moved by Mrs. Buettner, seconded by Mrs. Durbin, that the traditional school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year be approved as presented. A polled vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mrs. Contreras – Aye; Mr. Morris – Aye; Mr. DePaoli – No; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye; Mrs. Buettner – Aye. Motion carried.
- 27 **2014-2015 Classified School Calendar** Following a review by Dr. Snavelly, it was moved by Mrs. Buettner, seconded by Mrs. Durbin, that the classified school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year be approved as presented. A polled vote of the Governing Board is recorded as follows: Mrs. Gill – Aye; Mrs. Contreras – Aye; Mr. Morris – Aye; Mr. DePaoli – No; Mr. Lara – Aye; Mrs. Durbin – Aye; Mrs. Buettner – Aye. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
- 28 **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Employment** This item was moved to closed session.
- 29 **Closed Session** At 6:20 p.m., President Lara called for closed session for the purpose of discussing public employee discipline/dismissal/release matters and student matters, as well as matters concerning existing and pending litigations, Assessor's Parcel Number 215-300-023, Certificated Management, Classified Management, and Confidential Management Employees. negotiations, and discussion regarding Robles-Wong v. California.
- 30 **Call Back to Regular Session** President Lara called the meeting back into regular session at 7:40 p.m.
- 31 **Release/Dismissal of Public Employee** Moved by Mr. DePaoli, seconded by Mrs. Buettner, that a Classified public employee (5624) be dismissed/released of his/her duties as recommended by District Administration. Motion carried; all members present voting aye.
- 32 **Student Expulsions** Moved by Mr. Buettner, seconded by Mrs. Durbin, that twenty-four student expulsions be approved as follows:
- Citrus High School – 2 students – One student expel 2013-2014 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract. One student expel 2013-2014 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School.
  - Monache High School – 2 students – Expel 2013-2014 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School.
  - Pioneer Middle School – 3 students – Expel 2013-2014 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract.
  - Porterville High School – 5 students – Three students expel 2013-2014 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract. Two students expel 2013-2014 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School.
  - Santa Fe Elementary School – 1 student – Expel 2013-2014 school year, suspend, return to school on a probationary contract.
  - Strathmore High School – 1 student – Expel 2013-2014 school year, transfer to Vine Street Community Day School.

**(cont) Student Expulsions**

- Vine Street Community Day School – 10 students – Six students met terms of rehabilitation plans and are recommended for return to mainstream schools; three students failed rehabilitation plan and are recommended for return to Vine Street CDS until successful completion; one student transfer to Success Community Day School.

Motion carried; all members present voting aye.

**33 Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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**Pat Garcia Contreras, Clerk  
Governing Board of Trustees  
Porterville Unified School District**