

**THE BOARD REPORT**  
**Summary of the August 23, 2017**  
**PUSD School Board Meeting**

***Appreciation for Extended-Day Kindergarten.*** On behalf of the kindergarten teachers at all three elementary schools, Beach teacher Claire Stevens offered her appreciation that the District is now offering extended-day kindergarten, saying that it is essential for meeting the needs of the students and supporting the educational program.

***Praise for the District's Commitment to Promoting Diversity, Kindness, and Inclusion.*** City Council member Jen Cavanaugh praised the District for its work to promote compassion, mutual understanding, kindness, and acceptance. This work includes a recent letter outlining District values, that was distributed to District families at the start of the school year and shared with the broader community at the August 21 City Council meeting. (You can view the District's letter [here](#).)

This work also includes the District's community workshop, held on August 10, on equity, diversity and social justice. This workshop dovetailed with a week-long professional development program for District staff. Ms. Cavanaugh expressed appreciation for the important messages conveyed and the broad reach of these efforts, and noted the common purpose of the City's *Healthy Relationships* programs that are offered through the Recreation Department.

***Participation in State Teaching Tolerance Round Table: "The Role of Education in Countering Racism and Hate Speech."*** On August 23, Superintendent Randall Booker and School Board President Sarah Pearson participated in a State round table discussion hosted by Assemblyperson Tony Thurmond and State Superintendent Tom Torlakson. Numerous state legislators and county and district superintendents, as well as educational resource providers and representatives of the California Teacher's Association, California School Employees Association, and the National Council of Teachers of English, also participated.

Superintendent Booker was invited to make a presentation about PUSD's initiatives -- including professional development programs for educators and partnerships with the City and community groups -- to both confront hatred and promote mutual understanding and kindness. Although districts throughout the State are facing similar issues of bigotry and hatred, PUSD is leading with the implementation of professional training for all staff.

***Appointment of Athletic Director.*** The District announced the selection of Joe Welsh, who served until recently as the Head Coach for the District's Girls' Varsity Water Polo team, as the new Director of Athletics for Piedmont High School and Millennium High School. Mr. Welsh has extensive coaching experience, as well as an impressive background in both business and government service. You can view the District's press release, including more information about Mr. Welsh's background, [here](#).

***First Day of School Presentation.*** Superintendent Randall Booker presented a slide show of photos taken across all school sites, highlighting the joy of friends greeting each other on the first day of school, and educators welcoming students to the new school year.

***Update on Measure H1 and Summer Construction Projects.*** Bond Program Coordinator Michael Brady and Director of Facilities Pete Palmer presented a comprehensive update on all facilities projects, including projects funded by the Measure H1 bond program. You can read about the ongoing and recently completed projects [here](#).

***Future Agenda Items.*** What follows are a few upcoming public meetings. You can see the District's complete calendar of events [here](#).

- August 29: Board Workshop on Relocation of PHS Administrative Offices (open to the public)
- September 13: Hearing on Financial and Budget Report for 2016-17
- September 25: Workshop on District Goals and Action Plan (the Local Control Accountability Plan Advisory Committee)
- September 27: Hearing on Sufficiency of Textbooks