

MEETING MINUTES



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Closed Session - 4:00 p.m.

Open Session - 5:30 p.m.

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Attendance

Voting Members

Linda Kurt, President

Sara Deen, Vice President

Eric Alegria, Board Member

Ami Gandhi, Board Member

Administrators

Devin Serrano, Superintendent

Rick Licciardello, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Kimberly Taylor, Executive Director, Student Services

Brenna Terrones, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Suzanne Wildey, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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

President Kurt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

She announced that Board member Julie Hamill has accepted the position of a Civil Rights Assistant United States Attorney and has resigned her seat on the board.

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No public comments.

B. Recess to Closed Session

The Board recessed to Closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Employment

3. Public Employee Appointment; Public Employment

4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

7. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

8. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

9. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

C. Reconvene to Open Session - Estimated Time 5:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened to Open session at 5:45 p.m.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

E. Report of Board Action Taken in Closed Session

The Board The Board approved the settlement agreement for OAH Case No. # 2025060453 by a roll call vote as follows:

- Y__ Sara Deen
- Y__ Ami Gandhi
- Y__ Linda Kurt
- Y__ Eric Alegria

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

The Board approved the settlement agreement for Student Number 20250801 by a roll call vote as follows:

- Y__ Sara Deen
- Y__ Ami Gandhi
- Y__ Linda Kurt
- Y__ Eric Alegria

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

F. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda for August 27, 2025

That the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 27, 2025, as presented.

- Motion made by: Eric Alegria
- Motion seconded by: Ami Gandhi
- Voting:
- Ami Gandhi - Yes
- Eric Alegria - Yes
- Sara Deen - Yes
- Linda Kurt - Yes

G. PVPUSD HIGHLIGHT - PVPUSD Advanced Internship Program and Lead Summit

This summer, 32 PVPUSD high school students participated in the Advanced Internship Program, designed and delivered in partnership with Nova School. Students immersed themselves in cutting-edge projects across industries, gaining valuable work experience and future-ready skills. A few students as well as representatives from PVPUSD and Nova School attended the meeting to share their experience.

H. Public Communications

1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Kurt announced, the public will be given the opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on this agenda. Remarks shall be limited to three minutes per person. If there are more than 20 speakers, individual comments will be limited to one minute. The Board cannot engage in public discussion during this portion of the agenda due to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Education Code 35145.5, Government Code Sections 54950 – 54963)

No public comments.

2. Public Comment on Open Session Agenda Items

Ms. Kurt announced the public will be given the opportunity to address the Board during each agenda item. Remarks shall be limited to three minutes per person. If there are more than 20 speakers, individual comments will be limited to one minute. The Board cannot engage in public discussion during this portion of the agenda due to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 – 54963). Requests must be submitted prior to the agenda item you wish to address.

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2025

That the Board approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2025, as presented.

- Motion made by: Eric Alegria
- Motion seconded by: Ami Gandhi
- Voting:
- Ami Gandhi - Yes
- Eric Alegria - Yes
- Sara Deen - Yes
- Linda Kurt - Yes

J. Reports

1. Board President Announcements

Ms. Kurt announced:

- Tonight's Board of Education meeting is being recorded and live streamed via a link on the District website.
- We are seeking new members for two important District committees, the Operations Advisory Committee and the Education Advisory

Committee.

- The OAC advises on budget and facilities-related matters. OAC applications are due **September 3rd**. [OAC Application](#)
- The EAC reviews and advises on instructional programs, curriculum processes, instructional technology priorities, and other educational topics as requested by the Board. EAC applications are due **September 17th**. [EAC Application](#)

Please see our website for additional information and applications.

- Board member Hamill has accepted the position of Civil Rights Assistant United States Attorney and has accordingly resigned her seat on the school board, effective August 22. The Board will convene a special meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the process and timeline for filling the vacancy. This meeting will also be live-streamed. Ms. Hamill's service will be honored at a future meeting.
- Back to School Night for Grades TK-5th is next week. Please check your school's website for more information. Elementary Schools will have a minimum day schedule on Friday, September 6th. Back to School Night for Grades 6-8 is Thursday, September 11th followed by a minimum day Friday for Intermediate schools. PVHS and Peninsula High Schools have Back to School Night Thursday, September 18th followed by a minimum day Friday for PVHS & Pen. Rancho Del Mar Back to School Night is Thursday, September 25th followed by a RDM minimum day.
- The District is pleased to continue to offer free meals to all TK-12 Students for the 2025-26 school year. There are many exciting updates underway for the school nutrition program and we invite students, parents, family members, and the community to check the Food Services website frequently for the menu and new announcements.
- Tickets for Peninsula Education Foundation's **Toast on the Coast** are officially on sale—and you do *not* want to miss this! Join us for PEF's **Party with a Purpose** on **Saturday, September 27th** as we kick off the school year in style. Get ready to **donate, celebrate, and dance** at Palos Verdes' largest food and music festival – all while raising critical funds for our PV schools. Tickets are available now at [toastonthecoastpv.com](#)
- All PVPUSD sites and District office will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- And now, please welcome our new Student School Board members: Mason Kim from Peninsula High School and Malia Tamilin from PV High.

2. Report of Student Board Members

Student Board members Malia Tamilin (PVHS) and Mason Kim (PVPHS) provided school reports.

Mason Kim departed at 6:19 p.m.

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

Samantha Weiss presented the report of the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA).

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

No report.

5. Report of Superintendent

Enrollment currently stands at 10,293 students, a slight increase from the same time last year. Most of the increase can be attributed to the growing Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program, which now has 20 classrooms across the district. Consistent daily attendance remains critical, and families are encouraged to prioritize students being on time and ready to learn every day. Regular attendance is critical for both student learning and district funding.

Dr. Serrano welcomed two new administrators to PVPUSD: Ingrid LeClair, elementary assistant principal for Dapplegray, Point Vicente, and Rancho Vista Elementary Schools; and Kirk Takeyama, associate principal for Palos Verdes High School.

Dr. Serrano thanked Julie Hamill for her dedicated service to the board and the PVPUSD community. A formal recognition for Julie's service will be scheduled for a future meeting.

a. Introduction of PVHS Associate Principal

b. Introduction of Elementary Assistant Principal

6. Report of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Member

No report.

Student Board member Malia Tamilin departed at 6:27 p.m.

K. Discussion/Action

1. Approval of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (District) and the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA) and adoption of the 2024-2025 Salary Schedules for the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA), and benefit increases for PVFA effective July 1, 2025.

That the Board of Education approve the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement and related budget revisions between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (District) and the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA) and adopt the 2024-2025 Salary Schedules for the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA), and on schedule payment and benefit increases for PVFA, as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

2. Approval of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (District) and Palos Verdes Chapter 123, California School Employees Association (CSEA), along with adoption of the 2024–2025 Salary Schedules, and authorization of payment and benefit increases for CSEA, Management, Confidential, and Non-Represented (not eligible for union membership) Employees.

That the Board of Education approve the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement and related budget revisions between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (District) and Palos Verdes Chapter 123, California School Employees Association (CSEA) and adopt the 2024-25 Salary Schedules and on schedule payment and benefit increases effective January 1, 2025, as presented.

Motion made by: Eric Alegria

Motion seconded by: Ami Gandhi

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

3. Miraleste Intermediate Swimming Pool Improvements Bid No: 039-25-08-27 Measure SOS Project Number: 2026-SOS001-0340100

That the Board approves California Commercial Pools, Inc., in the amount of \$2,182,400.00 (Two Million One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) for the Miraleste Intermediate Swimming Pool Improvements Project with work to commence on September 8, 2025.

Motion made by: Ami Gandhi

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

4. Revisions to the PVPUSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulation Manual Presented for First Reading

The Board reviewed following policies/regulations as a first reading:

- Policy 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan
- Regulation 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan
- Policy 6141.2: Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
- Regulation 6141.2: Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
- Policy 6142.1: Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
- Regulation 6142.1: Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
- Policy 6142.8: Comprehensive Health Education
- Regulation 6142.8: Comprehensive Health Education

5. Board Assignment of Operations Advisory Committee (OAC) and Education Advisory Committee (EAC) Board Representatives

That the Board select Linda Kurt and Sara Deen as the Board representatives for the OAC and select Ami Gandhi and Eric Alegria as the Board representatives for the EAC for 2025-26.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Ami Gandhi

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

The Board recessed the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m. to begin the Special Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. Ms. Kurt announced the Regular meeting would reconvene immediately following the Special meeting.

The Board reconvened at 7:35 p.m. for the Regular Meeting.

6. Board Assignments of Board Representatives for PVHS and PVPHS School Site Councils

That the Board select Eric Alegria as the non-voting Board representative for the PVHS School Site Council and Ami Gandhi as the non-voting Board representative for PVPHS School Site Council for 2025-26 school year.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

L. Consent Calendar

1. Human Resources

a. Personnel Assignment Orders and Other Personnel Action

That the Board of Education approve and/or ratify the Administrative, Certificated and Classified Assignment Orders, Educational Services consultant,

Point Vicente Elementary consultant, and Palos Verdes High School consultant, as amended.

Motion made by: Linda Kurt

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

b. Agreement with Universal Psychological Services, Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Universal Psychological Services, Inc. for the formal Psychological Fitness for Duty Exams for district employees.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

2. Educational Services

a. Agreement for 2025-26 Services of Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for TK-12th Grade

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 2025-26 school year because the student's special education needs cannot be met within the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

b. Approval of LACOE's Outdoor Science and Conservation Education Program Contract 2025-26

That the Board approve contract C-25394:25:26 for PVPUSD's participation in LACOE's Outdoor Science and Conservation Education Program 2025-26.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

c. Authorization for Overnight Field Trip – PVPHS – Varsity Girls Tennis – San Diego, California – September 18-20, 2025

That the Board approve the proposed overnight field trip to San Diego, California, for the PVPHS Varsity Girls Tennis team to attend the Point Loma Invitational High School Tennis Tournament from September 18-20, 2025.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

3. Business Services

a. Acceptance of Gifts

That the gifts of materials, supplies and \$2,107,485.59 in cash received August 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025, be accepted, as presented.

Motion made by: Linda Kurt

Motion seconded by: Ami Gandhi

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

b. Approval of Monthly Contract Approval/Ratification Report

That the Monthly Contract Report be Approved/Ratified as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

c. June 2025 Warrant Report

That the Board approve the warrants and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments issued from the various funds in the amount of \$15,142,141.71, as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

d. July 2025 Warrant Report

That the Board approve the warrants and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments issued from the various funds in the amount of \$13,263,218.25, as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

e. Approval of July 2025 Purchase Order Report

That the 2025-2026 Purchase Orders issued 7/01/2025 through 7/31/2025 in the total amount of \$2,459,418.43 issued from the General Fund and other District funds, be approved and/or ratified.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

f. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with Ruhnau Clarke Architecture for the Lunada Bay Elementary School HVAC / Modernization Project

That the Board approve the District's agreement with Ruhnau Clarke Architecture and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

g. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with tBP Architecture for Montemalaga Elementary School HVAC / Modernization Project

Ms. Terrones brought to the attention of the Board the administrative error in the estimated figures in the content of the agenda item. The correct estimated amounts are: \$5,437,834 for the project budget and \$552,526.72 for the estimated fee.

That the Board approve the District's agreement with tBP Architecture and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Linda Kurt

Motion seconded by: Sara Deen

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

h. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with Ruhnau Clarke Architecture for the Palos Verdes High School Seismic & HVAC / Modernization Project

That the Board approve the District's agreement with Ruhnau Clarke Architecture and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

i. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with DLR Group for Miraleste Intermediate School Seismic & HVAC / Modernization Project

That the Board approve the District's agreement with DLR and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

j. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with PBWS Architecture for the Rancho Vista Elementary School HVAC / Modernization Project

That the Board approve the District's agreement with PBWS Architecture and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

k. Approval of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Agreement with tBP Architecture for the Peninsula High School Seismic & HVAC / Modernization Project

That the Board approve the District's agreement with tBP Architecture and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the District.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

l. Notice of Completion - Soleado Public Announcement System

That the Board accepts the Soleado Intercom System Replacement project as complete; and that the Board authorize the administration to process a Notice of Completion, with payment to be made 60 days after the Notice of Completion is signed. The Board authorizes the final retainage payment of \$1,867.69 as payment in full to Responder Systems Corporation dba Rauland California.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes

Sara Deen - Yes

Linda Kurt - Yes

m. Notice of Completion - Ridgecrest Public Announcement System

That the Board accepts the Furnishing and Installation of a PA System at Ridgecrest Intermediate School project as complete; and that the Board authorize the administration to process a Notice of Completion, with payment to be made 60 days after the Notice of Completion is signed. The Board authorizes the final retainage payment of \$4,372.26 as payment in full to Responder Systems Corporation dba Rauland California.

Motion made by: Sara Deen

Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes

Eric Alegria - Yes
Sara Deen - Yes
Linda Kurt - Yes

n. Notice of Completion for PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc.

That the Board accepts the Energy Services Agreement with PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. as complete; and that the Board authorize the administration to process a Notice of Completion, with payment to be made 60 days after the Notice of Completion is signed. The Board authorizes the final retainage payment of \$128,714.24 as payment in full to PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc.

Motion made by: Sara Deen
Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria
Voting:
Ami Gandhi - Yes
Eric Alegria - Yes
Sara Deen - Yes
Linda Kurt - Yes

o. Notice of Completion for Century Paving, Inc.

That the Board accepts the contract with Century Paving, Inc. for Asphalt Paving, Slurry Seal, and Striping Services at Palos Verdes High School, Palos Verdes Intermediate, and Rancho Del Mar High School as complete; and that the Board authorize the administration to process a Notice of Completion, with payment to be made 60 days after the Notice of Completion is signed. The Board authorizes the final retention payment of \$5,552.50 as payment in full to Century Paving, Inc.

Motion made by: Sara Deen
Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

p. Sale and/or Disposal of Surplus Property for Maintenance and Operations

That the Board authorize the administration to declare the items in Exhibit A as surplus and sell and/or dispose of the items in accordance with Education Code Sections 17540 through 17542 and 17545 through 17555.

Motion made by: Sara Deen
Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria
Voting:
Ami Gandhi - Yes
Eric Alegria - Yes
Sara Deen - Yes
Linda Kurt - Yes

q. Facilities Project Approvals

That the Facilities Project Approval Forms for the installation of swings at Montemalaga Elementary School be approved as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Deen
Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria
Voting:
Ami Gandhi - Yes
Eric Alegria - Yes
Sara Deen - Yes
Linda Kurt - Yes

4. Administration

a. PVPUSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulation Manual Presented for Second Reading

That the Board approve revisions, as presented, to the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

- Policy 0410: Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- Policy 0440: District Technology Plan
- Regulation 0440: District Technology Plan - **Delete**
- Policy 0441: Artificial Intelligence
- Policy 1113: District and School Websites
- Regulation 1113: District and School Websites
- Exhibit 1113: District and School Websites
- Policy 5125.1: Release of Directory Information
- Regulation 5125.1: Release of Directory Information
- Exhibit 5125.1: Release of Directory Information
- Policy 5145.3: Response to Immigration Enforcement
- Regulation 5145.3: Response to Immigration Enforcement

Motion made by: Sara Deen
Motion seconded by: Eric Alegria

Voting:

Ami Gandhi - Yes
Eric Alegria - Yes
Sara Deen - Yes
Linda Kurt - Yes

M. Future Agenda Items

- Math Pathways - Middle School Focus - Gandhi
 - Number of students in acceleration by school site
 - Recommended vs parent opt-in numbers
 - Students denied placement
- Extracurricular fee burdens- Deen
- Update to Publications Policy - Kurt

N. Reports of Board Members

O. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools and

Secretary of the Board of Education