



A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
4:30 PM  
Faculty Cafeteria**

(\* handouts referred to are on file in the Executive Director's office)

**I. PRELIMINARY:**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Rene Rodman 4:43PM

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Amy Dresser Held  
Darcy Stamler  
Karen Perkins  
John Riley  
James Paleno  
Torino Johnson

Patrice Fisher  
Rene Rodman  
Alex Shuhgalter  
John Callas  
Victoria Francis (left at 7:30PM)

Officers/Non-Voting Members

Greg Wood  
Marcia Haskin  
Azad Amanat

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING ON August 25, 2009. See final approved version at [www.palihigh.org](http://www.palihigh.org).

- Darcy Stamler moved that the Board approve the minutes from the August 25, 2009 Special Board Meeting. John Callas seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed**

**8 – yes (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Vicky Francis, Mr. John Callas, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Dr. Karen Perkins, Dr. John Riley)**

**3- abstain (Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno)**

D. Executive Director Amy Dresser Held announced that Pali's API score from the 2008-09 school year is 818.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Non-agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than two (2) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed sixteen (16) minutes. Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. Use of names of individuals should be avoided when referring to accusations or wrongdoing (names should be presented to the Executive Director for follow-up action). Speakers may choose to speak during the public comment segment and/or at the time an agenda item is presented.

- Dick Held, a community member and Booster Club President, spoke about the upcoming Pali High and Booster Club fundraising campaigns.
- Gail Wirth, a parent and Booster Club member, spoke about the upcoming Pali High and Booster Club fundraising campaigns.

- Dorthianne Henne, a community member and Booster Club member, spoke about the upcoming Pali High and Booster Club fundraising campaigns.
- John Rauschuber, a teacher, spoke about the potential Pali High foundation.
- Susan Frank, a parent, spoke about the potential Pali High foundation and the Booster Club as well as the Brown Act.
- Stephen Klima, a teacher, spoke about access to public records.
- Alex Shugalter, a teacher and Board Member, spoke about agenda items for this Board meeting.

### III. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED DETAILS OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PLAN INCLUDING A) CREATION OF A FOUNDATION AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNSEL AND B) ALLOCATION OF PORTION OF FUNDS RAISED TO BOOSTER CLUB. (see handout)

- Amy Dresser Held, Executive Director, said that since she is the daughter-in-law of Booster Club President Dick Held, that she would recuse herself from the discussions regarding fundraising as it relates to the Booster Club. She then left the room.
- Board discussion then focused on whether the school should set up a foundation, and whether doing so could be accomplished without too much difficulty or excessive expenditure of resources, both financial and through investiture of staff time.
- Board discussion also focused on the future role of the Booster Club, and how it would potentially be affected by the overall school fundraising plan as well by the creation of a foundation.
- John Riley moved that the school not proceed with establishing a foundation right now, but instead proceed with the school fundraising plan, and that the administration research and develop a proposed structure and policies for a potential foundation. John Callas seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed**

**10 – yes (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Vicky Francis, Mr. John Callas, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno, Dr. Karen Perkins, Dr. John Riley)**

**1- absent (Ms. Amy Dresser Held)**

- Ms. Amy Dresser Held rejoined the meeting.
- A parent then spoke about a grade appeal meeting.

#### B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADDITIONAL 2009-2010 EXPENSES RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: 1) \$25,000 FOR NEW TEXTBOOKS FOR ADDITIONAL CLASS SECTIONS AND 2) \$12,000 FOR TECHNOLOGY, COPIER AND A/V DEPARTMENT IMA (NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED/CONSIDERED DURING 2009-2010 BUDGET CYCLE). (See handout)

- James Paleno moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee for the creation of a \$25,000 Textbook Contingency Fund for this year. John Riley seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed**

**11 – yes (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Vicky Francis, Mr. John Callas, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Mr. Torino Johnson, Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. James Paleno, Dr. Karen Perkins, Dr. John Riley)**

- Patrice Fisher moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to allot \$12,000 for Technology, Copier and A/V Department IMA. Amy Dresser Held seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed**

**3 – yes (Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Amy Dresser Held)**

**7 – no (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Vicky Francis, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno, Dr. Karen Perkins, Dr. John Riley)**

**1- abstain (Mr. John Callas)**

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PCHS ASSUMING COSTS OF TOPANGA RESIDENT BUS SERVICE (PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR BY LAUSD). (see handout)

- Karen Perkins recused herself from the discussion, saying that her children take the Topanga bus, and left the room.
- Peter Missejjer, Charter School Coordinator with LAUSD, spoke about the history of the Topanga Bus Service, which falls under the classification of Other Transportation Service (OTS) within the District.
- Board discussion focused on the potential long term expense to Pali if it assumed the cost of the service, as well as the potential precedent that could be established by assuming this expense.
- John Callas moved that Pali deny the request of LAUSD, and not assume the costs of Topanga Resident Bus Service. Torino Johnson seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed**

**9 – yes (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Vicky Francis, Mr. John Callas, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno, Dr. John Riley)**

**1- absent (Dr. Karen Perkins)**

**1- abstain (Ms. Amy Dresser Held)**

- Karen Perkins rejoined the meeting.

D. PROPOSED BOARD WORKSHOP SUBJECTS AND SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010. (see handout)

- Darcy Stamler moved that the Board schedule the proposed workshops for 09-10. James Paleno seconded the motion.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed**

**11 – yes (Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Ms. Vicky Francis, Mr. John Callas, Ms. Rene Rodman, Ms. Darcy Stamler, Dr. Karen Perkins, Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno, Dr. John Riley)**

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENSE REPORTS (STANDING ITEM).

- There were no expense reports.

**IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE.

B. CBO REPORT OF 2008-2009 UNAUDITED ACTUALS. (see handout)

- Greg Wood presented the 2008-09 unaudited actuals. His report showed that the Unrestricted Reserve contained an addition of \$1.1 million for the School Year which was the result of additional Federal Stimulus Funding and a delay in State Budget cuts until 2009-2010. He emphasized that due to continuing fiscal uncertainties with regard to state funding, Pali should continue to analyze its budget based on a two-year rolling window. On a two-year combined basis, an analysis of the 08-09 unaudited actuals combined with the 09-10 current projections will result in an increase of \$19,000 in the combined two year gain in Unrestricted Net Assets. However, he cautioned the Board to keep in mind the large reductions contained in this year's projected budget, and that future budgets beyond the current year will be affected by this reduced funding.
- CONFIRMATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 4:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY.

**V. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:**

This is a presentation of information concerning non-confidential matters which have occurred since the previous Board meeting.

A. Student Report – **Azad Amanat**

- Expressed concerns about the hat and skateboard policies.
- B. Parent Report – **Julia O’Grady**
  - Parent Advisory Council – Susan Frank – announced that the upcoming PAC meeting will be focused on a discussion with the administration.
  - PTSA –
  - BOOSTER CLUB –.
- C. Faculty/Staff Report – **James Paleno/Torino Johnson (no report)**
- D. Academic Principal’s Report – **Marcia Haskin (see handout)**
- E. Executive Director’s Report – **Amy Held (no report)**
- F. Chief Business Officer’s Report – **Greg Wood (see handout)**
- G. Technology – **Maisha Cole Perri (see handout)**
- H. Human Resources – **Jennifer Avant Eustice (see handout)**
- I. Standing Committee Reports: **(no reports)**
  - Communications – **Monica Iannessa**
  - Education Programs – **Grant Smith/Karen Perkins**
  - Finance and Budget – **Greg Wood**
  - Operations/Facilities/Technology Committee – **Maisha Cole Perri**
  - Policy – **Julia O’Grady**

*Board Chair then announced agenda items for closed session.*

**VI. CLOSED SESSION: 8:15PM**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION b OF SECTION 54956.9
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PCHS Negotiator: Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Executive Director  
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: PESPU, UTLA
  - Torino Johnson, James Paleno, Alex Shugalter and Karen Perkins left the meeting as they are members of employee bargaining units.

**VII. PUBLIC SESSION: 9:10PM**

- Rene Rodman announced that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 9:10PM**