



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012  
3:30 PM, Gilbert Hall**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

a. Call to Order

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3:43 pm

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b. Roll Call

Monica Iannessa – Pali High

Chris Lee – Pali High

Judi Firth – Pali High

Mystic Thompson – Pali High

Marike Anderson Dam – Pali High

Polly Bamberger – Pali High

Allison Holdroff Polhill – Pali High

Stephanie Inyama – 3744 Carmona Avenue #4, LA 90016

Mark Epstein – 355 S. Grand Ave., 34th floor, LA, 90071.

Jason Cutler – 2301 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance, CA 90506

Matthew Wunder – 13500 Aviation Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90504

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Allison Holdorff Polhill	X		Mark Epstein	X via phone	
Chris Lee	X		Matthew Wunder	X via phone	
Jason Cutler	X via phone		Monica Iannessa	X	
Judi Firth	X		Polly Bamberger	X	
Mystic Thompson	X		Stephanie Inyama	X Via phone	
Marike Anderson-Dam	X				

**NON VOTING MEMBERS**

	Present	Absent

Hailey Biscow		X
Tucker Reynolds	X	
Greg Wood	X	
Pamela Magee	X	
Nikki Washington	x	

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*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.*

*Speakers may choose to speak during the public comment segment and/or at the time an agenda item is presented.*

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N/A

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**III. DISCUSSION ITEM**

A. Proposition 30 impact on PCHS

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Board needs to communicate to community the impact of Proposition 30 and PCHS since being approved by voters.

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A budget recap was provided by Greg. It is unclear when and if funds would be available. Specific and/or general areas that need funding need to be outlined and reviewed.

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Per Greg most of the questions asked won't be answered until after the governor prepares budget in mid January.

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**IV. ACTION ITEM**

A. Approval of English Language Learner Master Plan and Program Improvement \$42,500

Motion: Allison Holdorff Polhill  
 Seconded the motion: Mystic Thompson

	YES	NO	AB		YES	NO	AB
Allison Holdorff Polhill	X			Mark Epstein	X		

Chris Lee	X			Matthew Wunder	X		
Jason Cutler	X			Monica Iannessa	X		
Judi Firth	X			Polly Bamberger	X		
Mystic Thompson	X			Stephanie Inyama	x		
Marike Anderson-Dam	x						

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The Master Plan will not go into effect until next school year and is critical to PCHS and their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Program Improvement status.

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**B. Approval of Uniserve contract \$234,034**

Motion: Jason Cutler

Seconded the motion: Judy Firth

	YES	NO	AB		YES	NO	AB
Allison Holdorff Polhill	X			Mark Epstein	X		
Chris Lee	X			Matthew Wunder	X		
Jason Cutler	X			Monica Iannessa	X		
Judi Firth	X			Polly Bamberger	X		
Mystic Thompson	X			Stephanie Inyama	X		
Marike Anderson-Dam	x						

This was not an easy decision. Several areas were looked at with regards to PCHS being independent from LAUSD, student information system, Sedexco and maintenance contract.

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Each custodial staff met with HR informally and made aware of decision to discontinue service with district and LAUSD will be officially notified after board approves the contract.

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- The administration clarified the amount of savings Pali would receive. On an annual basis we will likely be saving \$360,000 per year by signing the contract with Uniserve. According to Greg Wood, Pali will save \$93,000 for the rest of this school year 2012/2013.

- Three different entities submitted bids for custodial services. Uniserve was by far the best bid given the cost, quality of work and overall contract. They currently serve such entities as Palos Verdes School District, The Getty, UCLA and USC.
- Pali administrators met informally with all ten LAUSD custodians currently working at Pali. Our custodial staff members are not Pali employees, rather they are employed directly by LAUSD. All LAUSD custodial employees have seniority and have a “place” with LAUSD at another school site.
- According to David Riccardi, the transition from LAUSD custodial staff to Uniserve should be relatively smooth. There may be a few hiccups during the first few weeks as we transition. The Pali Administration will address any hiccups that may occur. Operations will work closely with Uniserve through every step of the transition.
- One LAUSD custodian may be working with us as we transition.
- Some LAUSD custodial staff members were offered employment by Uniserve.
- Uniserve needs a maximum of 30 days to start up.
- In 2003, the faculty overwhelmingly voted to become independent from LAUSD. The last two visages of LAUSD control has been with operations and technology (our SIS system).
- Using LAUSD for our operations has cost PCHS great money and time. For instance, we have had to wait 2-3 weeks for plumbing issues from LAUSD due to their cutbacks.
- At our Board meeting on November 14, 2012, Dr. Magee explained to the Board that Pali is the only conversion charter school to continue to use LAUSD custodial services and that LAUSD itself finds this to be an anomaly. From a budgetary standpoint LAUSD is not set up to bill a vendor. There have been numerous concerns with the billing process.
- The Budget Committee tasked the Administration to find further savings for Pali. A substantial savings and an increase in services will likely occur in contracting with a different agency.
- The administration will be holding a meeting regarding any stakeholders concerns regarding this transition at lunch at 11:43 am on 11/30/12

C. Approval of Science Lab upgrade project \$85,500

Motion: Allison Holdorff-Polhill as amended to not Exceed \$85,500.

Seconded the motion: Mystic Thompson

	YES	NO	AB		YES	NO	AB
Allison Holdorff Polhill	X			Mark Epstein	X		
Chris Lee	X			Matthew Wunder	X		
Jason Cutler	X			Monica Iannessa	X		
Judi Firth	X			Polly Bamberger	X		
Mystic Thompson	X			Stephanie Inyama	X		

Marike Anderson-Dam	x						
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Majority of monies coming from Booster club \$50,000 and \$10,000 for education fund. The remainder may come from Celebrate my Drive campaign winnings or general fund. The budget was approximate but each item is necessary to be OSHA compliant and meet other safety regulations.

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- The Board unanimously approved of the Science Upgrades Project not to exceed \$85,500.
- Much of the science renovation budget is related to creating safe labs pursuant to OSHA standards.
- The much needed science renovations are directly related to part of our WASC plan.
- The project is funded as follows: \$50,000 from Boosters; \$10,000 from Ed Fund; and the remaining monies to be found through the school.
- According to Dr. Magee, there are other areas in our budget where we can pull the whole project together.

D. Approval for Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) - Employee ID 000125 and 30000006 Teaching Grade 9-12, dance and/or drama, at PCHS, applicants will be employed on basis of a Provisional Internship Permit.

Motion: Mark Epstein  
 Seconded the motion: Jason Cutler

	YES	NO	AB		YES	NO	AB
Allison Holdorff Polhill	X			Mark Epstein	X		
Chris Lee	X			Matthew Wunder	X		
Jason Cutler	X			Monica Iannessa	X		
Judi Firth	X			Polly Bamberger	X		
Mystic Thompson	X			Stephanie Inyama	x		
Marike Anderson-Dam	x						

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Total of 3 positions open, the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be on next months' agenda. Visual and Performing Arts credential program.

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**V. ADJOURNMENT** 5:07 pm