



**April 13, 2013**  
**STUDY SESSION**  
**GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP SESSION**  
**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**PAJARO DUNES - SANDPIPER CENTER**  
**2661 Beach Road (West Beach Street)**  
**Watsonville, CA 95076**

**1.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC - 9:00 AM**

President Yahiro called the study session of the Board in public to order at 9:05 AM at 2661 Beach Road, Watsonville, CA.

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee DeRose led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Welcome by Board President**

Trustees Kim De Serpa, Leslie DeRose, Maria Orozco, Karen Osmundson, Lupe Rivas and President Willie Yahiro were present. Trustee Jeff Ursino arrived at 10:45 AM.

President Yahiro thanked all for being present.

Superintendent Dorma Baker introduced Ms. Leslie DeMersseman of California School Boards Association; Ms. DeMersseman would be facilitating the study session.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee DeRose moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Orozco seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Ursino absent).

**3.0 STUDY SESSION – GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP SESSION**

- **Session on Board/Superintendent Roles, Responsibilities and Governance Practices.**  
*Facilitated by Leslie DeMersseman, consultant, California School Boards Association*

Ms. DeMersseman established the meeting guidelines and came to agreement on objectives for the workshop.

Board members said a bit about themselves and their interest in education.

The following items were discussed:

Unity of Purpose is achieved through PVUSD mission statement, its goals, the Comprehensive Accountability Framework (CAF), and board members' individual aspects of the district that makes them proud.

Governance Roles and Responsibilities was discussed in relation to the community and the superintendent. Board Bylaws addressing the role of the board, limits of board member authority, administration concepts and roles and superintendent responsibilities and duties were discussed at length.

Sustaining a Positive Governance Culture was addressed and discussion was driven by the contents in Board Bylaws.


Governance Structure and Processes was a topic in which protocols and guidelines for board meetings were discussed. Protocols for visiting schools and responding to concerns from staff or community members were addressed. The board also discussed its role in negotiations, which is defined in Board Policies 4000 and 4143/4243.

- **Public comment**

Bill Beecher, community member, commented that it would be beneficial for the Board to be able to clarify concerns from the public during meetings and it does not have to violate Brown Act guidelines.

**4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items to discuss, the Board adjourned the Board Governance Study Session at 3:15 pm.



Dorma Baker  
Dorma Baker, Superintendent