

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 22, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Superintendent and Board Recognition



The Superintendent and Board recognized Neighborhood Healthcare for their partnership efforts through the COVID-19 pandemic. Jeff Glenn and Dr. Rakesh Patel were on hand to accept the recognition on behalf of the entire Neighborhood Healthcare team who worked with EUHSD to:

- Bring staff to each of our comprehensive school sites to test student athletes for COVID-19 weekly, providing more than 4,000 COVID-19 tests for our students.
- Host drive through vaccine clinic for all EUHSD staff, vaccinating more than 300 employees.
- Open up appointment times at the Escondido Palomar College campus vaccine clinic to help vaccinate EUHSD students.
- And now, work with us on two additional partnership grant opportunities to expand resources and support for student and staff wellness as we continue to move through the pandemic period.

Superintendent and Board Reports



The Superintendent and Board addressed the events that took place at the Orange Glen versus Coronado High School CIF championship basketball game last Saturday and members of the public voiced their comments. The board called for a special meeting this Thursday, June 24 at 5:45 p.m. to bring forth a resolution denouncing racism, racial discrimination, and support for equity, safety, and well-being of all students.

Agenda Highlights

In addition to other items, the board approved the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and information was shared on the LCAP indicators.

The final 2021-2022 EUHSD budget was approved.

The complete agenda packet can be found here: https://www.euhsd.org/current-board-agenda/

Leadership Announcements



The board named several new members to district and site administrative positions, including new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Service, Dr. Martin Casas, two new principals, Cory Gregory and Lou Landaverde, and Human Resources Director Craig Wiblemo, all who were in attendance.

In addition to other personnel actions, five new social workers were approved, including:

- Angelica Curiel, Social Worker at Del Lago Academy/Valley High
- Steven Garcia, Social Worker at Orange Glen High
- Murielle Montreuil, Social Worker at Del Lago Academy
- Yaneli Pinedo, Social Worker at Orange Glen High
- Daisy Suarez, Social Worker at Escondido High

Dr. Martín Casas

Dr. Martín Casas recently completed his fifth year as Principal of San Pasqual High, earning designation as a No Place for Hate campus this past spring. He was recently recognized as the 2019 – 2020 Association of California School Administrators San Diego & Imperial County Principal of the Year. Previously, Dr. Casas worked as an assistant principal, AVID District Director, Social Science teacher, high school soccer coach, and AVID tutor.

He is an Our Voice Academy fellow, School Retool fellow, President of the North County Conference, and an adjunct faculty member at the High Tech High Graduate School of Education. He also cofounded Uniforms for Tijuana, a binational effort that collects uniforms and athletic equipment for Tijuana public schools.

Dr. Casas holds a joint doctorate degree in Educational Learning from the University of California, San Diego and California State University San Marcos, a master's degree in Cross-Cultural Education from National University, and a bachelor's degree in Economics from San Diego State University. He is fluent in English and Spanish.

Cory Gregory

Cory Gregory was appointed principal of San Pasqual High. He is the current principal at Valley High School and has over 22 years' experience in education, 13 of which have been with the Escondido Union High School District. In addition to his two years as principal of Valley High, he's worked as an assistant principal at Del Lago Academy, and was an assistant principal at San Pasqual High for eight years.

At Valley High, Mr. Gregory brought in restorative practices school-wide and oversaw many systemic changes for students and staff. In addition to increasing the graduation rate, he introduced the quarter system to the school and increased the number of credit opportunities for all students. Additionally, he oversaw a branding campaign to increase the pride and value of being a Valley High student and staff member, on and off campus.

Mr. Gregory holds a master's degree in Educational Counseling from National University and a bachelor's degree in History from Cal State University San Marcos. He has his PPS credential in School Counseling and his administrative credential from the University California Irvine.

Lou Landaverde

Lou Landaverde was appointed principal of Valley High. He is the current assistant principal at the school. Mr. Landaverde is an 18-year veteran educator, having worked 13 years as an English Language Development, Migrant Education, Spanish, AVID, Academic Language, and Acquisition teacher. In addition, he served as the WASC and AVID coordinator for Vista High.

Mr. Landaverde joined the district in 2016 as the Academic Dean for San Pasqual High. As assistant principal at Valley High, he took an active role in the implementation of the comprehensive supports and improvement plan and identified opportunities for new initiatives. Mr. Landaverde helped introduce restorative practices to the campus, improved student progress monitoring, oversaw development of interventions to address student attendance, and redesigned Valley High's master schedule.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish from California State University San Marcos, and a master's degree in Education Administration/ Leadership from California State University San Marcos. He is fluent in Spanish.

Craig Wiblemo

Craig Wiblemo will be taking over the position of Director of Human Resources. He previously worked at Vista Unified School District as Executive Director of Student Support Services and has 27 years' experience in education, 18 of which have been as a site-level and district administrator. He serves on the Vista Unified negotiations team and recently had the responsibility for analyzing and interpreting all COVID-19 related safety regulations. Due in part to his leadership, Vista Unified was able to safely reopen schools to full-time, in-person instruction last October.

At Vista Unified, Mr. Wiblemo worked closely with the Board of Education on revising multiple district policies and procedures. He previously served as a Director of Measurement and Monitoring, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher.

Mr. Wiblemo holds a master's degree in Educational Policy and Administration from University of California Los Angeles; a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law; Professional Clear Single Subject Teaching Credentials in Mathematics, Social Science, and Business from California State University Dominguez Hills; and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California Riverside. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1998.

> Future meetings

- Special Meeting:
 - Thursday, June 24, 5:45 p.m. Special meeting to approve a resolution denouncing racism, racial discrimination, and support for equity, safety, and well-being of all students.
- The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3 at 6 p.m.