

## **PUHSD – BOARD BYLAWS**

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 9000 (Board Bylaws)**

**(Pending Board Adoption October 18, 2017)**

#### **Background:**

##### **BB 9121 - President** (BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reorganize and revise the duties of the board president for consistency with information provided in CSBA's Board President's Workshop, and to add an optional component on providing training for the president to enhance his/her leadership skills.

##### **BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections** (BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (SB 415, 2015) which, effective January 1, 2018, requires a district to move the date of its board election to be concurrent with a statewide election whenever holding an election on a non-concurrent date has resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined. Bylaw encourages districts to review recent voter turnout and, if necessary, adopt a plan before the January 1, 2018 deadline in order to delay consolidation until November 8, 2022. Bylaw also reflects **NEW LAWS** which require public hearings before and after drawing maps of proposed trustee areas (AB 350, 2016), authorize districts to permit board candidates to submit candidate statements for electronic distribution (AB 2010, 2016), allow districts to establish a dedicated fund to make public funds available to persons seeking elective office under specified conditions (SB 1107, 2016), and require prospective plaintiffs who allege that the election method violates the California Voting Rights Act to notify the district before filing a complaint (AB 350, 2016).

##### **BB 9230 - Orientation** (BB revised)

Bylaw updated to delete section on "Board Candidate Orientation" and move that material to BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections. Bylaw also clarifies that an orientation meeting must be conducted in open session if a majority of the members of the board will be discussing district business, provides examples of topics and materials to be addressed in the orientation, and provides information about CSBA trainings for new and first-term board members.

##### **BB 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation** (BB revised)

Bylaw updated for consistency with CSBA's online board self-evaluation tool and facilitator services. Bylaw also links board self-evaluation to the identification of strategies for strengthening board performance, including board trainings.