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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees kicks off the 2016-17 school year tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St.

In addition to entertaining a resolution in support of Proposition 55—the November ballot initiative that would extend 2012’s Prop 30, the public-education lifeline—trustees will hear a budget presentation from VC Ron Little. Little will argue for adopting the final 2016-17 PCCD budget, which the district only made available for public review on Friday.

The board will mull eight different management appointments, seven of them interim, continuing a spree of recent hires that has dramatically increased the size of the Peralta administration. Also on the table: the colleges’ follow-up reports to the ACCJC, the accrediting body whose verdict Peralta awaits in January.

Further, trustees will consider paying \$45K to Clague Executive, Leadership and Technology, a consultant, to evaluate the work of Ferrilli, another consultant. Ferrilli won more than half a million dollars’ worth of district contracts last year.

In other news:

\*CoA hosts a PFT chapter meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Room D 208. Agenda items include negotiations updates and a discussion of deteriorating working conditions at the colleges. Come for lively conversation, vital info, and lunch.

\*CFT’s Emily Gordon, the state union’s Research Director, will give a workshop on the PCCD budget, Th., Sept. 22, 3-5 p.m., at the PFT offices (500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B, Oakland). Faculty interested in learning to read the district budget—and in seeing where Peralta’s priorities lie—are encouraged to attend. RSVP at [union@pft1603.org](mailto:union@pft1603.org) or (510) 763-8820.

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