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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 or (510) 763-8820.

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