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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees meets tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. Among the agenda items PFT is following:

Trustees will consider final approval of BP 6250, which includes a doubling of district reserves, to 10%, from the figure called for by the state; a \$50K increase in Peralta's contract with Sloan Sakai Yeung and Wang, LLP, bringing the total paid to the outside law firm since Jan. 2018 to \$200K; \$31.5K for a study-abroad program in China, worthy but ill-timed given ongoing trouble in the district; and a month-to-month extension of the deal with KONE, Inc., to maintain college elevators.

The board will also take up the five-year integrated financial plan, "a living document" that incorporates changes suggested at trustees' April 9 meeting. Page 62 of the doc includes "frozen" positions, now apparently thawed and ready to fill, the admin jobs prematurely deiced despite unfilled lines left by faculty retirements, and \$8 million in proposed cuts. PFT is compelled to point out that the criteria used for making cuts haven't been clarified and that, yet again, any deliberative process would start too late to make a difference.

As part of her report to trustees, Interim Chancellor Fran White will announce that the district is serving just 16,238 full-time equivalent students (FTES), more than a thousand below its target. The chancellor's evaluation, it probably goes without saying, appears again on the agenda.

In other news:

\*Laney faculty shouldn't miss the next PFT chapter meeting, Wed., April 24, 12-1 p.m., in Room A-191B. Discussion will include ways to get involved with the union, contract talks, and the Laney membership drive. RSVP to union@pft1603.org if you'd like lunch.

\*Folks approaching retirement are invited to attend a presentation about PCCD benefits, Medicare, and other important retirement-related topics. Hosted by Debby Weintraub, president of the Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO), and PRO VP Bruce Jacobs, the meeting's set for Wed., April 24, 5-7 p.m., at the PFT offices. RSVP to union@pft1603.org.

\*Voting is underway for seats on PFT's Executive Council. Ballots are due at the union offices by Wed., May 8, at 4 p.m.

\*Part-time faculty are encouraged to attend PFT's unemployment insurance (EDD) workshop, Fri., May 10, 12-2 p.m., at the union offices. The session covers eligibility, the application process, and the legal framework for participating.

In solidarity,

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