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Portola Valley School District Governing Board of Trustees Appoints Aimee Armsby and Bob Bauer to Fill Vacant Seats

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At its meeting on November 17th, the Portola Valley Governing Board of Trustees appointed Aimee Armsby and Bob Bauer to fill two Board seat vacancies created by the recent resignations of Brooke Day and Jeff Klugman, respectively. Both Ms. Armsby and Dr. Bauer will serve on the Board until the November, 2022 election.

Ms. Armsby is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the DePaul University College of Law. She dedicated much of her career as an attorney to the County of San Mateo's Office of County Counsel, where her duties included advising governing boards on legal matters. She has extensive experience in government administration with demonstrated expertise in public administrative and regulatory compliance work. Her true love is her family, which includes four PVSD graduates.

Over many years, Ms. Armsby has served the Portola Valley School District schools in a myriad of ways, including most recently as Portola Valley Schools Foundation Co-President for three years. She also volunteered on the PV PTO, PVSD Strategic Planning Committee, Corte Madera School Site Council, acted as a "Home Room" parent, and volunteered in the classroom on countless occasions. In addition to her PVSD-related roles, Ms. Armsby currently serves on the Portola Valley Housing Element Subcommittee, Alpine Hills Swimming & Tennis Club Nominating Committee and Woodside High School Foundation (where her two daughters currently attend school). Ms. Armsby is known as a team builder, a collaborative worker and an excellent listener. She brings great experience with and knowledge of the regulatory compliance needs of public schools, and will bring additional depth to the PVSD Governing Board of Trustees.

About her appointment, Ms. Armsby stated, "My family has benefited so much from the Portola Valley schools and our vibrant school community, and I'm honored to be selected to fill one of the Board vacancies. I've spent much of my professional career in public service, and have served in various roles as a parent volunteer in the District, and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to this remarkable district in a new way. I look forward to joining the excellent team leading the District, rolling up my sleeves and getting to work!"

Dr. Bauer graduated first in his class at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering, going on to receive a M.S. and PhD from Stanford University. Dr. Bauer is a retired technology executive and physicist, who dedicated most of his career to bringing world-class technology and work practice into productive use that measurably improves organizational performance and individual well-being. His true love is the welfare of the Portola Valley community's children - a passion that started with his four kids, whose entire primary education was in the PVSD.

This is not Bob's first tenure as a PVSD Trustee, and the District is grateful he decided to come out of retirement to join the Board. He served on the PVSD Governing Board from 1979 through 1987, holding the role of Board President twice. During his previous terms as a Trustee, Bob dealt with key issues including the inception of the local parcel tax, District property sales, labor group contract negotiations, settlement of the Voluntary Transfer Program litigation and the budgetary implications of the passage of Proposition 13. Dr. Bauer brings a unique perspective and invaluable institutional knowledge of PVSD as a former Board Trustee.

About his appointment, Dr. Bauer stated, "I am humbled to have been chosen to rejoin the Board for the coming 12 months. The pandemic has created problems for education in Portola Valley that are the most challenging since my post-Prop 13 service in the 1980s. It is an honor and privilege to collaborate with our outstanding Trustees and Superintendent in addressing the ever-changing constraints this has produced. Additionally, I plan to actively engage with our community (both parents and non-parents) to foster constructive dialogue that has made this District such a model of educational excellence."

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