



## **Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, April 11, 2018)**

### **Members present**

Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

### **1. Opening Items**

1.01 Call To Order at 5:04 p.m.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda  
There were no comments.

### **2. Closed Session**

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Gonzales)  
Adjourned to closed session at 5:05 p.m.

### **3. Student Recognition - 6:00 PM**

Highlands Elementary School recognized some unique scholars who have made academic and social emotional gains during the school year. The students were presented with certificates of recognition and took photos with the Board and staff.

### **4. Recall to Open Session**

4.01 Recalled to Open Session at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.02 Agenda Reorganization

Two Action items were moved to the front of the agenda: #9.01 (Acceptance of the Audit Report), #9.08 (Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee).

### **5. Closed Session Report / Action**

5.01 Personnel Action Report (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales reported that the Personnel Actions were approved as presented.

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4/0

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Absent: De'Shawn Woolridge (absent at time of the vote)

Special Commendation to the following retirees for dedicated service to the students and staff of Pittsburg Unified School District:

Erasmus Covarrubias, Special Education Aide at Rancho Medanos, JHS – 11 ½ years of service.

Carol Covarrubias, School Clerk II at Willow Cove Elementary – 24 ½ years of service.

Shari Kuzman, Special Education Aide at Highlands Elementary – 25 years of service.

Myung-Soon Park, Pre-School Aide at Highlands Elementary – 14 years of service.

The Board voted to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year, effective April 26, 2018 – for employee #3348.

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4/0

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Absent: De'Shawn Woolridge (absent at time of the vote)

### **5.02 Litigation**

No action taken.

### **6. Comments**

#### **6.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda**

Mrs. Rosario Lube – addressed the Board about the parcel tax and the senior citizen exemption. She said the tax statement does not have an asterisk to indicate that an exemption is available. How would a person know that they could apply for an exemption. She was told that PUSD has done its due diligence and the money that has been

already paid cannot be refunded because the fiscal year has passed. She feels that the money was illegally obtained and should be refunded to all senior citizens.

Mr. Jose Aguilar – President of the Junior Pirates, said that stadium fees being charged for Saturday use is a big concern for them. The cost was \$400 for Saturdays, but is now is \$2610. The Jr. Pirates is a non-profit and cannot afford to pay that much. He stated that the fee is higher than any of the schools districts that he checked with. He would like to have an open dialogue about the fees and work out an arrangement for his team.

#### **6.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Elam)**

- PHS had a multi-cultural assembly just before spring break, all the performances were very good, students had a great time, and heard a powerful female soloist.
- USA Travel Club went to Washington DC and New York; the students visited some historic monuments, saw a Broadway performance and had a great time. We hope to plan another trip for next year.
- This week we had Nation Spirit Week. There was national “name yourself day”, national siblings day, today was national pet day, we had students bring their stuffed animals and many of them were donated to a sophomore student at the end of the day. Tomorrow will be grilled cheese & liquorish day – that will include a liquorish eating contest; and Friday is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> - so leadership has planned some spooky activities for the students.
- Pitt Unity had an away game against Freedom and won!
- The softball team is doing well, but had to cancel some games because of the ongoing rain.
- Some students have complained of feeling sick after eating brunch; we are doing some investigation to figure out what happened.

#### **6.03 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)**

- Welcome back everyone, after our spring break.
- As Ms. Elam mentioned, the multi-cultural event was a wonderful assembly for our students and a great celebration of all cultures.
- I want to thank the PHS student body and leadership team for their input on the Local Control Accountability Plan. And just reminding everyone that we have community meeting and school site meeting so that everyone has an opportunity to give input on the LCAP.
- Thank you to the staff at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and community members for hosting the Walk and Roll event this morning. Our partners from the City of Pittsburg, the Highway Patrol, and Street Smarts were all there with some great safety information, bikes, and helmets for the students.
- We want to invite the public and remind all of our staff that this Saturday we will have a dedication of the Joseph P. Arenivar Baseball Field at Pittsburg High School at 11:45 AM.

#### **6.04 Board Member Comments (Trustees)**

Dr. Canciamilla – I attended the March 28<sup>th</sup> curriculum subcommittee meeting and heard information from Ed Services about the work that is being done to prepare for the LCAP community meetings and the Board workshop. We also had a discussion on board policy language. We were fortunate to have some teachers present at the meeting and we talked about the master schedules. On April 6<sup>th</sup> I represented the school board at the Contra Costa County School Boards Association meeting, and was placed on their nominating committee. On April 9<sup>th</sup> we had a special board meeting regarding our enrollment and the impact that it will have on facilities. I also met with Ms. Walker at the College and Career Center about our scholarship programs. This morning I sat in a meeting about ongoing planning with our counselors for creating a comprehensive districtwide counseling plan. I also represent the board on the CSBA Delegate Assembly, which is a statewide organization. The Delegate Assembly meeting will held in Sacramento on May 19 and 20.

Mr. Miller – I attended the facilities committee meeting with Mr. Belasco and Mr. Palacios. As a reminder - the community is invited to attend these committee meetings and the information is posted on our website. I also attended the board workshop on Monday regarding our enrollment. We encourage all community members to come and attend the workshops. I attended the Walk/Ride to school event at MLK today and received some cool flashing safety tools.

Mr. Smith - attended the Black Diamond men's basketball championship game and our team won! Congratulations to the team and the Coash. I attended the Pittsburg High School US History presentations. I also went to the Walk and Ride event today, and want to thank the Garden Supervisor, Michelle Decoy, who made some green smoothies for the students. The City of Pittsburg provided some safety lights, bike helmets, neon arm badges, and Street Wise was there with some safety tips. It was a very good event.

### **7. Information / Reports / Discussion**

#### **7.01 Secondary Counselors Plan Update (Mr. Molina)**

Mr. Molina introduced the Secondary Counselors who presented a comprehensive overview of the work that is being done to help ensure success for our students. This morning staff members had a workshop with a Hatching Results consultant as we continue the ongoing work with Hatching. We are nearing the end of year 2 in the 3 year process with Hatching. The counselors are now seeing some results from the work that has been done with Hatching. We

are not there yet, but we can see the progress.

The counselors' presentation described where they started, where they are now, and where they are headed. Each counselor was previously doing their work independent of one another. After attending a conference and discovering the benefits of working together, they began the process of creating a seamless comprehensive program throughout the district. Counselors are very happy that the district hired Hatching Results to work with their team and to implement the ASCA National Model. The Counselors have developed a Student Transition Plan to assist students moving from elementary grade level, to junior high, and on to high school. A look at the overall growth shows more students are taking the SAT/ACTs on campus. Next steps: Staff will continue to work with Hatching Results, complete the Comprehensive School Counseling Plan, continue improvement of curriculum, develop a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade transitional plan, provide representation at the National ASCA and State CASC conferences, continue to expand professional development opportunities, and continue to advocate for elementary school counselors.

The Board was extremely complementary of the presentation and the level of information provided.

Dr. Canciamilla – Counselors are the ones who know our students best, and can provide the type of support that each student needs. It's great that you have a 6 year plan. Pittsburg has historically always supported counseling and I appreciate the willingness to be data driven, and results driven.

Ms. Elam appreciated the 8th grade transition plan, but a lot of the high school students would like to have a deeper relationship with their counselor - and it would be good to make students feel welcome by finding a way to reach out to them.

Mr. Woolridge – I learned through experiences with my younger brother that it should not matter who your counselor is, because everyone should get the same information and not seek to get the "best" counselor.

Ms. Aragon – I tell my own child that school counseling is changing. Things are being done differently, better, and we are working hard to get good information to all the students. Working with Hatching is driving the change and helping to develop methods on how we can be more available to the students, and get the same information out to all of them.

#### **7.02 Contra Costa Security Highway Project - ShotSpotter (Mr. Palacios)**

Mr. Palacios – This is part of our ongoing efforts to continue our partnership with the City of Pittsburg and the Police Department. The ShotSpotter software will detect the location of where shots are fired within our City. This is a sound technology that is used to help identify the general area of where shots fired. There is no cost to the school district for this project except the minimal usage of electricity, and the system would help to improve the safety and security of the schools as well as the community. The equipment would be installed at Pittsburg High School, Martin Luther King Jr, Junior High, and the District Office.

#### **7.03 Out of State Conference: School Discipline Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 10-13, 2018 (Ms. Stevenson)**

Mr. Molina – Last year Rancho Medanos staff attended this conference. They found it to be valuable and their discipline data has decreased as a trend over the past years. This year Martin Luther King, Jr, Junior High staff would like to attend. The school site general fund will cover the cost for 2 staff members to attend.

Dr. Canciamilla – In keeping with the 4 identified questions that we should address; look for ways in which this aligns with our current vision and best practices, is it data driven? Also have the attendees report back and share the information with other staff members and the Board.

#### **7.04 World Class Cheerleading Coaches Conference in Burbank, CA on May 18-20, 2018 (Mr. Strom)**

Mr. Molina - The cheer coaches would like to attend this development opportunity in Burbank, California. Funds have been set aside for professional development in the athletic budget to cover the costs.

Mr. Smith – This particular item is being done early enough, but can we change the Application to Attend form so that it requires 6-8 weeks advance notice, instead of 2 weeks? This would allow ample time for board submission and may possibly be why we are seeing some items come for approval at the last minute.

Dr. Schulze – We could bring an item back to the board as a whole, to take action on changing the submission requirement on the form. It may also require a change to the board policy, and the administrative regulation that correspond to the form. We would need time to make the change and roll out the new forms to the sties.

#### **7.05 Summer Program - MOU with Invent Now for the Camp Invention Science Enrichment (Mr. Molina)**

Mr. Molina - This will be the 4th year that we will use the Invent Now curriculum as a core component of our summer program. We are making a change to offer (1) 4-week program, instead of having (2) 2-week programs. We will be more strategic with the program this year and go deeper into literacy and mathematics. In the past this curriculum has come with many of the materials, but not all. This year all of the modules are self-sustaining and come with all that is needed for the curriculum.

Dr. Canciamilla - Will we have enough teachers and enough space if all of the anticipated students attend?

Mr. Molina – Yes. This topic has been discussed with Mr. Palacios and Ms. Gonzales, and we will expand to accommodate all our students if they attend.

#### **7.06 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Contra Costa County Office of Education Teacher Induction Program (Ms. Chen)**

Ms. Chen was available to expand on this item if needed. The Board was familiar with the annual CCCOE MOU and had not question or comments.

#### **7.07 Board Policy 6158 - Independent Study (Ms. Chen)**

Ms. Chen - The next two board policies were recently discussed in the Curriculum subcommittee meeting. During the meeting we also discussed adding some additional language. The attached policies were drafted in the same manner as we have done in the past – showing PUSD current wording and CSBA recommended wording. Additionally, we are providing the Board with a handout showing the new language that was discussed at the Curriculum meeting.

Mr. Woolridge had questions regarding the process for including this new language.

Dr. Schulze explained that the policies being presented tonight (#6158 and #6171) are open for the board to make modifications if they choose to, and it will be placed on the next agenda for action. If the board chooses to make a recommendation for some additional standard language to become universal across all relevant the policies, it would need to come back to the agenda for discussion and subsequent action.

Dr. Canciamilla explained that when CSBA does their sample policies, they sometimes include evaluation wording and in some cases they do not. They recommend that districts personalize the policies with district-preferred language to fit the need of that district. Having the PUSD wording at the beginning of the policy informs the reader of our guiding principles right up front. And the language may not be the same for each policy.

Mr. Arenivar - The section that is crossed out, regarding students graduating from the Independent Learning Program and being able to receive a diploma from their home school; that language should remain part of the policy and students should be allowed to receive a diploma from Pittsburg High or Black Diamond High School. Also, there is language regarding a time limit for completing assignments, I want to verify that it is the teacher who makes the decision to extend the time limit based on a family emergencies, etc. Dr. Schulze replied yes, it is a determination made by the teacher.

The Board consensus was to add the new language to the 2 policies presented tonight, and bring back a board item to add standard language for all relevant policies.

#### **7.08 Board Policy 6171 Title 1 Programs (Ms. Chen)**

Ms. Chen explained that this policy is also part of the districts ongoing process for updating Board Policies. Mr. Woolridge made suggestions on changing/adding some wording regarding academic support. He will some wording to staff.

#### **7.09 Board Policy 4161.9 - 4261.9 - 4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program (Ms. Gonzales)**

Ms. Gonzales - There is currently a provision in our collective bargaining agreements that address the catastrophic leave. We are recommending CSBA language with minor revisions.

#### **7.10 Naming Parts of the Creative Arts Building (Mr. Palacios)**

Mr. Palacios - on May 5th the community and the Pittsburg Community Theater (PCT) group will celebrate the life of Ms. Betty Brown who worked tirelessly with the Pittsburg Community Theater. The PCT group would like to mount a plaque in the little theater in recognition of Ms. Brown and to name the theater after her. Staff did a search to find Board action regarding this matter, and learned that the board took action to create a wall of honor in the Creative Arts building in lieu of naming sections of the building. The district has been asked to determine the next steps on completing this project, and we are seeking direction from the Board on how you wish to proceed.

Dr. Canciamilla summarized some of the history regarding the 2009 board action. At one time there was movement or an interest in naming the entire Creative Arts Building after a community member. The Board felt that it would be a huge step and that creating a wall of honor was a solution that could accommodate numerous names of recognition. The Board agreed to assign a task force to look into the process. Additionally, this was a period of transition for the Superintendent who was here at that time, and the Board task force did not move forward. The Pittsburg Community Theater group is having a memorial event to honor Betty Brown and they have plaques that they wish to have placed in the CAB and presented to Ms. Brown's family at the upcoming event.

Speaker: Michael Wilson, the Technical Director for Pittsburg Community Theater and a member of the PCT Board. He spoke on behalf of Betty Brown's family and PCT. Betty Brown passed away in January and she served this community for over 50 years. She was a former PUSD Teacher, she worked with the Adult Education program, and was the founder of the Pittsburg Community Theater. There is no question that Ms. Brown should be honored and I

hope that the school board will be able to make a decision and give her this honor in time for the May 5<sup>th</sup> memorial services.

Speaker: Nancy Parent, spoke as a community member, she is also a member of the Pittsburg Hall of Fame Advisory Committee and a former Director of the Pittsburg Arts and Cultural Foundation which was founded by the Pittsburg City Council to supports the Arts. The Pittsburg Community Theater is the resident theater group for the California Theater, which is owned by the Foundation. The PCT group is a major user of the downtown theater. I have always supported the arts and there is no question that PCT is one of the shining lights of the arts community and that Mrs. Brown held it all together for those many years. It's too bad that the district was not able to honor her before she died. This Board should act as soon as possible to be able to announce on May 5th that you are recognizing the time and commitment that Betty Brown dedicated to the schools and the community.

Mr. Arenivar – I am willing to go ahead and approve the item, and I think it would be an honor to put the plaque in the small theater.

Dr. Schulze explained - process wise, we have the 2009 Board action to honor individuals with a naming wall to include biographical plaques, and to have an ad hoc committee determine where the wall of honor would be. This did not include naming any piece or part of the building. This is the decision that is currently in place because no action has taken place since the 2009 voted action. No other action is needed to execute the 2009 decision, except to appoint the 2 ad hoc committee members to move forward with the original decision of determining where to wall of honor will be. Tonight the Board could update the committee members and move forward with that action. If the Board desires to do something different, they would have to negate the original Board action by a vote, and make a motion to go in another direction.

Mr. Woolridge – Since this is an information item at this time, I just want to make sure that we do the process correctly. I know that we have had other items on the agenda and had much discussion about not taking action on it because it was not posted for action, and the public was not aware that we would be voting. I want to make sure we are doing the process correctly.

Dr. Schulze explained that there is a process by which a member of the Board can motion to take action on an information item.

Dr. Canciamilla - The reason that a wall of honor was suggested is because we have many famous and honorable people, but only a few places to name. We were concerned about missing someone and not recognizing some valued person. I would support voting on the two plaques; one for Betty Brown and one for Orrin Cross if the Board agreed that they are both worthy, as I agree that they both are. It would have been good to have the justification and individual background on a visual slide along with the board policy regarding naming facilities, as was done with naming the baseball field.

Mr. Miller – I disagree that this is one of those areas where we would be taking action without all the information. In this case most of the work has already been done and we just need to go ahead with approval of the plaques.

Dr. Schulze clarified that the current plaques would have to be redone, as they indicate naming the stages.

Mr. Arenivar – I think that we should negate the original board action of 2009, and find a place where the two plaques can hang in honor of these two individuals.

Motioned by Mr. Smith, to re-appoint Trustee Canciamilla to the ad hoc naming committee, and to appoint Trustee Arenivar to the naming ad hoc committee (as 1 original member is no longer a trustee on the board); seconded by Mr. Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

Dr. Schulze suggested that the ad hoc committee meet at the Creative Arts Building in order to expedite the viewing process.

Mr. Palacios – The Board posting requires a 72 hour notice so we should post right away. I volunteer to serve with the committee in order to facilitate a quick orderly process through the business department.

Dr. Canciamilla assured everyone that the ad hoc committee would schedule a meeting at the CAB right away so that the Board would have a swift recommendation for next steps.

#### **7.11 Renewal Contract with Christy White, a Professional Accountancy Corporation for the Annual Audit Services (Mr. Palacios)**

Mr. Palacios - We are asking for a renewal of the 3-year contract that is currently in place with this audit firm. The County Office of Ed closely monitors the audit performance to make sure we are being responsible in selecting and rotating firms. Attached is a letter from the County regarding the annual audit contract.

## **8. Consent Items**

### **8.01 Minutes - (Dr. Schulze)**

Staff recommends Board approval of the March 21, 2018 board minutes.

### **8.02 Overnight Field Trip - Skills USA California 51st Annual State Leadership and Skills Conference in Ontario, CA on April 19-22, 2018 (Mr. Whitmire)**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the annual Skills USA overnight field trip to Ontario, CA on April 19-22, 2018. Mr. Simionas will be taking six students from his web design class that have qualified for state competition.

### **8.03 Disposal of Obsolete vehicles (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the disposal of old buses.

Speaker: Ms. Alexander, President of CSEA chapter 44 – Read a letter she received from a bus driver and said she was concerned about the buses being taken out of service. This morning a driver noted that the propane buses had no fuel. Apparently the buses are fueled every other day. The driver had to scramble and find an older diesel fuel bus to use, which had no radio and no camera. Also - the steps are very steep, the seats move left-to-right but not up/down. The pedals are difficult to reach causing the driver to stretch their body. I employ the Board to go see the buses, see the problems, and reconsider disposing of the old buses.

Mr. Woolridge - What is the policy if the electric buses are not fueled at the time a need arises?

Mr. Belasco - The process of installing the electric tanks onsite has unfortunately been delayed in processing through the City, County and Fire department review of our sites. These problems will ultimately be resolved with the installation of the new tanks, and we have a tentative approval for the end of April. The vehicle disposal process takes approx. 6-8 weeks and the propane tanks will be installed before then.

Dr. Canciamilla - I would prefer to wait on the disposal process until things are set in place the replacement tanks are installed so that a backup system is in place. Mr. Woolridge and Mr. Smith agreed.

Motioned by Canciamilla to remove item 8.03 from the consent agenda and to resolve the fueling problem before bringing the item back to the board for approval, second by Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

### **8.04 Superintendent's Quarterly Expense Report (Dr. Schulze)**

Staff recommends review of the Superintendent's Quarterly Expense Report for January through March, 2018.

### **8.05 Board of Trustees - Quarterly Expense Report (Dr. Schulze)**

Staff recommends review of the conference and travel expenses for the Board of Trustees, January through March, 2018.

### **8.06 PROCEDURAL: Motion to approve the consent agenda in accordance with the Recommended Action of each item – excluding item #8.03.**

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Kelsey Elam - student / confirmed by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

## **9. Action Items (Most action items have previously come before the Board as information and discussed at a previous meeting).**

### **9.01 Acceptance of Audit Reports from Christy White, a Professional Accountancy Corporation for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year-Measures E, J, L, and N (Ms. Mims)**

Pat Mims introduced Heather Daud from Christy White Corporation, and Fernando Sandoval President of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee to do the joint presentation. Mr. Sandoval explained that the responsibility of the committee is to review the processes that are being executed, to monitor how the bond monies being spent to support the funding of our schools, and to ensure that the actions approved by the voters are being properly carried out. Ms. Daud highlighted some of the main points in the audit report. A key component is to make sure an oversight committee actually exists, that they are having meetings, and reviewing the information. Another important component is an audit of the financial statement and making sure that the district is accounting for each of the measures separately in the bond fund. The audit opinion is based on the numbers in the bond fund. The district received an unmodified opinion for each of the financials, and the report states that the information was presented fairly in all material respects, with the generally accepted accounting principles. This is the best opinion that can be received.

Staff recommends that the Board accepts the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Audit Reports for Measures E, J, L, and N.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

**9.02 Contract (additional services) between Community Options for Families & Youth, Inc. (COFY) and PUSD for the 2017-2018 School Year (Ms. Watson)**

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with Community Options for Families & Youth, Inc. (COFY) for additional services - for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

**9.03 Pittsburg High School Course Descriptions (Ms. Pettric)**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the School Course Descriptions for Pittsburg High School.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by Kelsey Elam – student / confirmed by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

Nay: Joseph Arenivar

**9.04 Change Order #1 with NetXperts, Inc. for the Hillview Jr. High School Bell and PA System Replacement Project (Mr. Melodias)**

Staff recommends that the Board approve Change Order #1 with NetXperts, Inc. for the Hillview Bell and PA System Project.

Motion by George Miller, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

**9.05 Educational Specifications for the Parkside Elementary School New Construction Project (Mr. Holtlander)**

Staff recommends the Board approve the Educational Specifications for Parkside Elementary School New Construction Project.

Dr. Canciamilla - When the 1st reading of an item was several years ago it appear to be too long to simply list as a "second reading". It takes a lot of research to go back and find the item and verify that we are connecting the dots. At some point we should have a discussion on how far back the item can go before it's required to come for information/discussion again - as a first reading.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

**9.06 Approve Bid for the Pittsburg High School Gymnasium Buildings Lighting Retrofit Project (Mr. Holtlander)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the low bid from Pacific Metro Electric, Inc. for the Pittsburg High School Gymnasium Buildings Lighting Retrofit Project.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

**9.07 Approve Bid for the Foothill Elementary School and Highlands Elementary School Play Structure Replacement Project (Mr. Holtlander)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the low bid from Community Playgrounds. Inc. for the Foothill Elementary School and Highlands Elementary School Play Structure Replacement Project.

Motion by George Miller, second by Kelsey Elam – student / confirmed by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

**9.08 Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid Programs (Dr. Canciamilla)**

The Board will determine the composition of a new Ad Hoc Committee to explore Scholarships and Financial Aid Programs.

Dr. Canciamilla – The community has been very generous in supporting our students throughout the years with donations. We realize that there are a lot of things that are not working in-sink and students would like greater access to all the various scholarships requirements availability. We are planning to develop an ad hoc task force that could possibly be similar to a committee we had a few years ago on developing diversity. The ad hoc committee will review the needs, establish a goal, streamline the scholarship process, talk to students and staff to get input from everyone. Then bring back a recommendation to the Board so that we have a strong process in place for the scholarship season in 2019.

Mr. Woolridge – How will you decide who the specific members will be on the ad hoc committee?

Dr. Canciamilla – Each of the organizations will decide who serves on the committee. I used the same format that was created for the Diversity Committee to determine who should be involved, and we are hoping to make an announcement on Scholarship night that we plan to poll various groups for their input.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

#### **9.09 Acceptance of \$5,000.00 Scholarship Award Donation from the Stephenson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund (Mr. Palacios)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept a donation from the Stephenson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Motion by Duane Smith, second Kelsey Elam – student / confirmed by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

#### **9.10 Acceptance of \$1,500.00 Scholarship Donation from CAPS - for three students from Pittsburg High School (Mr. Glass)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the scholarship donations from CAPS to three students from Pittsburg High School.

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

#### **9.11 Acceptance of Donations from Pacific Metro Electric, Mt. Diablo Recycling, and KW Engineering, Inc. for the Sustainability Showcase (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommends that the Board of Education accepts donations from Pacific Metro Electric (\$2,000.00), Mt. Diablo Recycling (\$150.00) and KW Engineering (\$500.00) for the Sustainability Showcase.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

#### **9.12 Acceptance of Donation from YourCause, LLC Trustee for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Ms. Blackburn)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the donation from YourCause, LLC Trustee for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Motion by George Miller, second Kelsey Elam – student / confirmed by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

#### **9.13 Acceptance of Donation from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery to PUSD (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the donation from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery estimated value of \$31,210.00.

Motion by Duane Smith, second Kelsey Elam – student / confirmed by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar

Yea: Kelsey Elam – Student Board Member

### **10. Communications**

#### **10.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives**

Victoria Adams, President of the East County NAACP – She was made aware of depictions that have appeared on milk cartons that are offensive to persons of color. The carton depicts a gorilla with some facts about gorillas. There are people who are offended by what this says and what it suggests. The milk cartons come from a company in Utah, the brand is called Moo-Mates. She suggested that the Board review this issue.



Mr. Palacios – We have been made aware of this problem. This company is not one that we have contracted with. The Child Nutrition department ordered "shelf stabled" milk in order to be ready for students upon their return from spring break. Due to spring closures and the timing - we could not get our usual order from the local dairy. The product has been pulled and we are now delivering our regular product. The milk was purchased because we were in need of a product that would not spoil, so we tried this company. We were unaware of the packaging until it was distributed. The company has been contacted about this particular product. (Ms. Adams was appreciative of the information and thanked Mr. Palacios for taking swift action on this matter).

Victoria Adams announced the upcoming NAACP Gala, which will be held at the Lone Tree Golf Club, on Saturday, April 28 at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker is William (Bill) Lucy. He walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and fought for the rights of others, he worked with various unions and is well known on the civil rights circuit. Tickets are on sale now.

Ms. Alexander continued reading from a letter she received with comments from a bus driver. She suggests that when buying new buses a seasoned bus driver should be invited to go along, someone who knows how a bus works. She also stated that the driving distance is an issue because the buses are frequently out of gas.

## **11. Board Requests**

### **11.01 Information Requests**

Mr. Smith - information about the new buses, step dimensions, what is the plan if the propane bus runs out of fuel and is out of the city.

Mr. Woolridge – asked for follow-up on his previous request about room 19 at Black Diamond HS. Mr. Molina - yes, we have provided a number of the items needed and are in the process of completing the list.

Dr. Canciamilla - follow-up on the Pittsburg Jr. Pirates facility issue, some background information to help the board understand.

### **11.02 Agenda Requests**

Mr. Smith - the Application to Attend form needs to be updated, and possibly the policy that corresponds with it.

Mr. Woolridge – would like to see a draft policy with standard language that could be added to all relevant policies – as mentioned during the earlier discussion.

## **12. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment**

12.01 Board Workshops will be held on April 25 and April 30, 2018. The next Regular Board Meeting is May 9, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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*(Pending Board Adoption: 05/09/18)*