



Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, August 29, 2018)

Members present

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

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order at 4:51 p.m.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

The Board heard comments from PEA members, Community members, and Parents regarding class size, salaries, and student safety.

Speakers: Dulce Bernal, Yanet Toledo, Zion Mayo, Ubaldo Diaz, Elza Hess, Luis Lopez, Jill Wery, Jim Vaughan, Michell Redfoot, John Kleinjans, Tammy Carr, Rosemary Louissaint, Varan Garro, and Nerissa Contawe.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Gonzales)

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:29 p.m.

3. Recall to Open Session

3.01 Recall to Open Session at 6:40 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.02 Agenda Reorganization

None.

4. Closed Session Report / Action

4.01 Personnel Action Report (Ms. Gonzales)

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

Motion by George Miller, second by Laura Canciamilla

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Ms. Gonzales announced the following dedicated service retirements:

Leslie Lanphere-Black, School Bus Driver – special commendation for 22 years of service.

Maria Salas, Special Education Aide – special commendation for 12 years of service.

The Board voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Cecilla Valdez as Vice Principal of Marina Vista Elementary School.

Motion by George Miller, second by Laura Canciamilla

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

The Board voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dr. Barry Schimmel as Interim Associate Superintendent.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

4.02 Litigation

None.

5. Comments

5.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Speaker – Jessica Alexander, CSEA President Chapter 44

Ms. Alexander expressed concern regarding the change to what has been past practice - to offer extra duty to staff that has finished their regular work day, in the order of seniority.

Speaker – Messie Blackett, Parent

Ms. Blackett expressed her opinion regarding the district's process of addressing concerns brought to the district office and to site staff. She also had concerns about how tardies are reported, and tutoring services offered at Los Medanos Elementary.

5.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Gonzales)

Alexa Gonzales introduced herself as the new Student Representative and reported on several high school activities including, home games, Spirit Week, Senior Sunset, football games, tennis, water polo, and the Japan Trip leaving the next day.

5.03 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze thanked everyone for coming and shared a special welcome to Alexa. She also thanked the City of Pittsburg for making the visit to Japan possible for herself, Mr. Peyko, SRO Manly, along with five students from Pittsburg High School who stayed with host families in Japan. The students will prepare a presentation for the City, and then present to the PUSD Board. This was an amazing once in a lifetime experience and an honor. The people in Japan could not have been more warm and excepting.

5.04 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Dr. Canciamilla - All of us have been visiting schools and attending various events. All of us were at the new teacher welcome. We were glad to see the enthusiasm of everyone. Also, thank you to fellow board members for the clarification regarding the bond vote at the last board meeting. After the last board meeting, I sent a board cover sheet to show how it would have helped me to better understand some of the board items, since I missed the previous meeting and I would not have to rely on verbally communication. I went on BoardDocs to view the minutes and read some of the background, but the minutes were not there. There is no archive for all that information. Then I also checked the minutes prior to those, and could not find a detailed background or attachments to explain. So, at the end of this meeting I will be asking for follow-up see if there are glitches in the BoardDocs system. There has to be a place for the detailed information and a history to show the community that we are doing our due diligence. Later during this meeting I will suggest some things for consideration - under course approval and selling of bonds.

Mr. Smith – It was great to welcome the new teachers and have the board members attend. I was able to visit Foothill, Willow Cove, and the High School on the first day of school. A special congratulations, to our PUSD employees who were presented an award by the Pittsburg Police Department for their assistance to a Pittsburg police officer. Staff members that were recognized: Ms. Maggie Gonzales, Mr. Reggie Jones, and Mr. Sam Garcia.

6. Information / Reports / Discussion

6.01 Annual Overnight Field Trips to Silver Spur Tuolumne, Ca. - for Heights, Los Medanos, and Parkside Elementary Schools (Site Principals)

Ms. Chen presented the annual overnight field trips to Silver Spur Tuolumne, Ca. Sites are being the item early in order to secure their dates for this annual science trip. The board was pleased to see the item being presented so early in the process.

6.02 Presentation on the Expanded Summer Learning and Evening School Programs (Mr. Molina)

Mr. Molina presented the Expanded Summer Learning and Evening School Programs for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Canciamilla commented on the wonderful format and she looks forward to future summer school items containing the presented data.

6.03 Pittsburg High School Course Descriptions (Ms. Pettric)

Ms. Pettric presented the Mandarin and Law Enforcement Careers Course Descriptions for Pittsburg High School.

Mr. Arenivar had questions about enrollment.

Ms. Pettric clarified there were five full classes, with approximately 30-32 students per class.

Dr. Canciamilla – it's very exciting to have the Law Enforcement Career courses back on the list.

6.04 Black Diamond High School Course Description (Ms. Pettric)

Ms. Pettric presented the Chemistry Course Description for Black Diamond High School. The board was excited to hear that Chemistry was coming back to the list of courses being offered at Black Diamond.

6.05 Renewal - Agreement with Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland for 2018-2019 School Year (Mr. Strom)

Mr. Strom introduced and acknowledged the good work being done by the provider, Scott Pygeorge, and presented the renewal agreement with Children's Hospital & Research Center for the 2018-19 School Year.

Mr. Smith commented them on training the students and thanked Mr. Pygeorge for the work he has seen in the training room and on the field.

Dr. Schulze also thanked him for the great work on and off the field, and the way he interacts with the students.

6.06 Presentation for the 2018 General Obligation Bonds Election of 2014, Series C GO Bonds (Mr. Scott)

Mr. Scott presented General Obligation Bonds Election Series and spoke to the success of PUSD bonds.

Mr. Arenivar asked for clarification regarding the timing in which the community starts to pay the bond tax.

Dr. Canciamilla asked about the amount of bonds the district can have at one time.

Mr. Smith clarified buildings are not funded by the general fund, and our bond rating is not changing but our construction costs are changing.

Mr. Scott agreed, construction cost are going up and we are constantly working to keep our cost down.

Dr. Canciamilla stated that bonds are a way for our community to donate and contribute to the students of our district and give back to the community. She acknowledged the Pittsburg community stepping up and showing it is important to them to have quality facilities to learn and to teach in.

Dr. Canciamilla had a statement she choose not to read at this time due to time constraints: but suggested that the measurement for success is that bond resources will be used effectively and transparently. Construction contracts will be public and will be approved by the Board. Construction will be monitored by district staff and by the Bond Oversight Committee. Financial activities will undergo an external audit. Whenever possible bond debt will be refinanced to provide additional relief to our supportive community. When reporting outcomes: in the spirit of transparency several types of information will be used. As with all bond projects regular reports on construction progress will be made to the Board and to the public at school board meetings. The oversight committee will continue to monitor the projects. External audits will be done and annual reports provided to the Board and the community. (Dr. Canciamilla provided Mr. Scott with a hard copy of the detailed language).

Speaker Card: Mr. Lopez, Community Member – Expressed a concern over the bond issue and suggested community donations.

6.07 Contract with Colbi Technologies, Inc. for Account-Ability and Colbi Docs Software Services (Mr. Scott)

Mr. Scott spoke to the efficiency of this new system showing where, and how district money is spent.

6.08 Proposal for fencing at Harbor property from Morgan's Outdoor Living, Inc. (Mr. Belasco)

Mr. Scott presented the proposal from Morgan's Outdoor Living. Mr. Smith - expressed a concern about the fencing being cut.

6.09 Agreement between Speech Pathology Group, Inc. and Pittsburg Unified School District (Dr. Catalde)

Dr. Tracy Catalde presented this item. The presentation included supporting data to the need of a substitute Behavior Specialist.

6.10 Memorandum of Understanding renewal with PEA and PUSD - Mentor Teacher Support (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales reported the successful exchange with PEA and PUSD for the Mentor Teacher Support MOU. And provided supporting data.

6.11 Memorandum of Understanding renewal with PEA and PUSD - EdTech Teacher Support Provider (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales thanked staff for providing the supporting data for the renewal with PEA and PUSD - EdTech Teacher Support Providers. The data provided a glimpse of the work and shows that staff members are receiving the benefit of this support.

6.12 Memorandum of Understanding renewal with PEA - Resource Specialists (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales reported the positive exchange between PEA and PUSD regarding this MOU. Staff identified the need for additional compensation as detailed in the attachment.

6.13 Summary of Graduation Rates for 2017 School Year (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze presented the Cohort Graduation Rates for 2017 (2016-17 school year). The state had a significant dip in graduation rates because the federal government said the state was not aligned with the Every Student Succeeds Act and the state had to resubmit our data. The biggest changes that have been implemented are students who transfer to an adult education or community college program before the end of their fourth year. This used to be removed from the Cohort in prior years because that was considered a successful transition. Now, in 2016-17 those students remained in the Cohort, increasing the denominator and also, decreasing the four year rate calculation compared to what would have been. This impacts us the most with our adult students with disabilities who attend the adult school. You will notice a dip in our students with disabilities graduation rate as this is where the impact is realized the most.

7. Consent Items

7.01 Minutes of August 8, 2018 (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends Board approval of the August 8, 2018 board meeting minutes.

7.02 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CalState TEACH - Student Teacher (Ms. Gonzales)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CalState TEACH and Pittsburg Unified School District.

7.03 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda in accordance with the Recommended Action of each item.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

8.01 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-17, Notice of Completion for the Pittsburg High School Gymnasium Buildings Lighting Retrofit Project (Mr. Scott)

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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.02 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-18, Notice of Completion for the Willow Cove Elementary School New Construction and Modernization Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-18 accepting the Notice of Completion for W. A. Thomas Co., Inc. for the completion of the Willow Cove Elementary School New Construction and Modernization Project

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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.03 Change Order No. 1 for Project Built, Inc. for the rebuild work at Foothill Elementary School (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Change Order No. 1 from Project Built, Inc. for the rebuilding of Foothill Elementary School, due to the fire of July 6, 2018.

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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.04 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-20 Notice of Completion for Project Built, Inc., for the Foothill Elementary School Remediation and Restoration Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-20 accepting the Notice of Completion for Project Built, Inc., for the completion of the Foothill Elementary School Remediation and Restoration Project.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Yea: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.05 Change Order No. 1 for Project Built, Inc. for the rebuild work at Rancho Medanos Jr. High School (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Change Order No. 1 from Project Built, Inc. for the rebuilding of Rancho Medanos Jr. High School, due to animal intrusion into the roof and ceilings of classrooms and offices.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Yea: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.06 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-21 Notice of Completion for Project Built, Inc., for the Rancho Medanos Jr. High School Remediation and Rebuild Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-21 accepting the Notice of Completion for Project Built, Inc., for the completion of the Rancho Medanos Jr. High School Remediation and Restoration Project.

Motion by Alexa Gonzales (Student) / confirmed by George Miller, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Yea: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.07 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-22 Notice of Completion for Jon K. Tanaka Corp. dba Restoration Management Company, for the Rancho Medanos Jr. High School Remediation and Rebuild Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-22 accepting the Notice of Completion for Jon K. Tanaka Corp dba Restoration Management Company, for the completion of the Rancho Medanos Jr. High School Remediation and Restoration 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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.08 Resolution Number 18-23 Notice of Completion for Restoration Management Company, for the Foothill Elementary School Remediation & Restoration Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-23 accepting the Notice of Completion for Jon K. Tanaka Corp DBA: Restoration Management Company, for the completion of the Foothill Elementary School Remediation & Restoration 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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.09 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 18-24 Authorization to Go To Bid for the Highlands Elementary School Windows Replacement Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution Number 18-24 authorizing the Director of Facilities and Information Technology to go out to bid for the Highlands Elementary School Window In-Kind Replacement 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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.10 Renewal - Contract with Pawar Transportation - Transporting Special Ed Students for the 2018-19 School Year (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract with Pawar Transportation to transport student(s) to and from school for 2018-2019 school year.

Dr. Canciamilla – thank you for putting satisfaction rates in the background.

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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.11 Denial of Claim 190003 - Damage to Vehicle (Ms. Marturano)

Staff recommends that the Board deny claim number 190003.

Dr. Canciamilla explained that this is a process of the Board to deny the claim so that it can be forwarded to our insurance company for review.

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: Alexa Gonzales, Student Board Member

8.12 Renewal - MOU with the Contra Costa County Office of Education for Students at the Golden Gate Charter School (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends that the Board take action on the current and proposed MOU with the CCCOE for the Golden Gate Community School.

Discussion:

Dr. Schulze – The Board originally denied the MOU. You may recall that when the County Board of Education approved the Charter the language clearly stated that the CCCOE was responsible for all charges for Special Education services – for students attending the Golden Gate Charter School. PUSD has students attending this school who receive special education services. We received a bill for these services, but the Charter received the full ADA. In conversation with the County Deputy Superintendent it was mentioned that their office had authority to charge for Special Ed services outside of what their board had approved. They also sent a legal opinion from DWK, and they have stated that we still have an MOU with them. PUSD currently has 7 students on expulsion who attend this school; 2 which recently moved into our district and are included in this number. To relocate them at this time of year would be challenging because we would have to contract with other districts and provide transportation.

Mr. Arenivar – The County is saying that they are collecting ADA on these students, but they want our district to pay for the special education needs of the students, is that correct?

Dr. Schulze – That is correct. When the students return to our district we would then assume all costs for them and then receive the ADA.

Mr. Woolridge – I acquired a copy of a letter from county board – showing that there was an item on their agenda to discuss the possibility of having a separate attorney other than DWK, or having someone represent their Board. Because the petitioners attorney cannot also be the boards attorney. Similar to this issue with the GG Charter.

Dr. Schulze – Mr. Mims and I spoke after he attended the county meeting where this item was discussed and I listened to their recorded meeting. The item was tabled after a lengthy discussion on the topic.

Mr. Woolridge – I know that the county board is going to continue to look at this and have ongoing discussions on the topic; also discussing the possibility of a separate attorney, the financial stability of the charter, etc.

Dr. Canciamilla – I am hearing two issues with this item. One being the needs for our students to be served and have resources for the remainder of the school year. Secondly - what will we do for next year?

Dr. Schulze – You are correct. Because the charter was approved in 2017 and the charter language clearly stated that the CCCOE was responsible for paying. We received a bill in the spring of 2018 and began to question the issue. But we have students attending the school and in order for them to continue to stay there, the County Superintendent is asking that we take action on the item.

Mr. Woolridge – Procedurally, since each board member originally voted in favor of the item - any board member can make a motion to rescind the previous board action. The voted action was to deny the MOU.

Mr. Smith – I am not comfortable approving this item without a definitive answer or legal counsel; and I want to make sure the DWK opinion is valid.

Dr. Canciamilla – Do we move forward with this and do our due diligence next year? Right now we need to protect our students. What would be the impact if we do nothing?

Dr. Schulze – The impact could be that the County request disenrollment of these students. We would have to find placement for them and transportation to neighboring districts because students on expulsion cannot attend district facility schools. The impact falls onto our students. The larger discussion could be on how we are viewing this, the immediate impact on our students while we attempt to resolve the issue, and considering that this is for our students with disabilities.

Mr. Arenivar – Are the students getting any services there, what kind of services and do we have any control over the services since we are paying for it?

Dr. Schulze – We have always thought very highly of the program at Golden Gate. Dr. ReJois Frazier-Myers and Valerie Bell visit there often. Their staff is great with our students and we have always made it clear that this is not a reflection of the work of the staff.

Dr. Schulze – The County’s perspective is that this is happening for only those students whom the district is placing at Golden Gate Charter and the district is responsible for payment. Though I do not in concept support the language in the document, my recommendation would be to move forward with the MOU.

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla to rescind the previous board action of August 29, 2018; second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4/1

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

Nay: Joseph Arenivar

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla to approve the MOU with Contra Costa County Office of Ed for Students at Golden Gate Charter School – for the remainder of the 2018-19 School Year and explore other options; seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4/1

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

Nay: Joseph Arenivar

9. Communications

9.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

Mr. Lopez, Community Member – I want to let you know that I will be coming to the board meetings and will be involved with everything that has to do with the City. This is my first school board meeting and I trust you. He addressed the Superintendent - “I believe in you, and I support you in your comments on the last item. You all seem to know what you are doing. You will see me often”.

10. Board Requests

10.01 Information Requests:

None.

10.02 Agenda Requests:

Dr. Canciamilla -

1. Thank you to everybody for their reports tonight, they were helpful. I would request a future agenda item to get an update on the Sped audit from Stetson and where we are on the recommendations.
2. An update report on the vision 2027 project - following the format used tonight.

3. Information item on the next agenda in regard to BoardDocs and the public access to past board minutes.

11. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

11.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - September 12, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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(Board adopted 9/12/18)