



Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, September 13, 2017)

Members present

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

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to order at 5:01 p.m.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

Jessica Alexander, President of CSEA, spoke on behalf of a member who complied with the requirements to return to work, but has not been allowed to return. With each requirement another requirement is being asked. She would like the employee to be allowed to return to their job.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Gonzales)

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

3. Student Recognition - 6:00 PM

3.01 Summer Math Institute (SMI) Update and Recognition (Mr. Lucido)

Vice President Canciamilla introduced Phil Lucido, Vice Principal of Hillview Jr. High School and Coordinator of the Summer Math Institute. The SMI program has been successfully held at Los Medanos College for the past 18 years. Mr. Lucido proudly introduced Jerome Hill, a former PHS graduate who helped with the SMI program last summer, and two students who successfully completed the program. A certificate of recognition was presented to each of them, and a framed recognition will be given to Bob Kratochvil, President of Los Medanos College – who was unable to attend the meeting.

4. Recall to Open Session

4.01 Recalled to open session at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.02 Agenda Reorganization – None.

5. Closed Session Report

5.01 Personnel Action Report (Ms. Gonzales)

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

Motioned by Duane Smith, second by George Miller

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

The Board approved the alignment/increase of the cell phone stipends to \$100/month for existing recipients of this stipend, for CAPS and PASA members. The amount will apply to the months worked per year.

Motioned by Duane Smith, second by George Miller

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

5.02 Litigation - None.

6. Comments

6.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

No comments from the public.

6.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Elam)

- Yesterday there was a youth college fair, lots of students received scholarships and got accepted to college right on the spot. Dr. Schulze - approximately 95 PUSD students attended the event.
- This week is spirit week, leadership is trying to get more students involved as a build up to the big home game for football.

- Last year some of the Board members mentioned that they would contribute to the High School trip to DC and possibly help sponsor some of the students; this is follow-up to see if that is still the plan. The trip is planned for spring break.

6.03 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

- Dr. Schulze – at the end of August we also had our first Supersac meeting of the school year. This is the Superintendent’s student advisory council at Pittsburg High School – and we have some new 9th grade students that have join the team.
- I’ve been going to each of the school sites to welcome back all our staff, I have two more schools to visit. It’s been really good chatting with our teachers and reviewing some of the main activities that are in our LCAP, also looking at the data changes from the state. I want to thank the schools for all their efforts and achievements in getting us off to a smooth start this year.
- Congratulations to Mr. Palacios and his team! We received notification yesterday that Pittsburg Unified is a finalist for the Golden Bell Award through the California School Boards Association for achievements in our Garden to Curriculum Program. This was a submission to CSBA from Mr. Palacios, Mr. Belasco, Ms. Nava, and our Garden Coordinator, Michelle DeCoy. This is a huge honor and a competitive award to achieve. The group will be recognized at the Annual CSBA Conference in late November. In the meantime the state will come and do a verification visit and we look forward to having them see our garden program.

Dr. Canciamilla added that she is a Delegate for CSBA, and they asked for Delegates to serve on the verification panel – but obviously she was not asked to do the verification at Pittsburg.

6.04 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Mr. Smith - visited MLK Jr. Junior High when they had their 4th quarter awards assembly for the students who did well during last quarter of school. There were 6 students with perfect attendance, 40 students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and 17 students received the Principal’s award for a 4.0 GPA. It was great to see the achievements that these students had made. He noticed that the water fountain he requested has been installed and was getting lots of use on the hot day of the assembly. Mr. Smith thanked staff for getting that done. Visited Willow Cove Elementary - the new construction is coming along well and the workmanship looks great.

Mr. Miler – The Summer Math Institute should be given high praise, it’s truly a great program. We thank our Superintendent again for supporting that program.

Dr. Canciamilla – the past couple of weeks have been very busy. It was great to have a visit from her brother and take him to visit some of the school sites, he was very appreciative and impressed with our facilities. This year I plan to visit more of the elementary schools, meet with administration and talk with staff. Visited Highlands, toured the school, and talked with some of the teachers, visited Heights and talked with the teachers and the Principal there, visited Black Diamond and was very appreciative of the teachers’ creatively accommodating the heat with their students. Visited Hillview spoke with the administrators and got a tour from one of the Special Ed teachers. Went to PHS when the Isola delegation was visiting and there was a presentation on possible student exchange, went back to PHS the next day for a visit with Mr. Whitmire.

7. Information / Reports / Discussion

7.01 PUBLIC HEARING Regarding Resolution 17-03 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials (Mr. Molina)

The Board opened to a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Molina – once a year we are required to write a resolution stating that we have enough instructional materials in the classrooms and provide an opportunity for the public to give comments on this matter. The resolution includes a graph that identifies all of the publishers that we contracted with in each subject area. There were no additional comments, the hearing concluded at 6:48 p.m.

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

Mr. Molina – introduced the Evening School Administrators: Jennifer Clark and Veronica McLennan. He presented the overall enrollment and course completion numbers for the Evening School program. The information was broken down by grade and gender, ethnicity, and duplicated course count. He presented an overall summary of the Summer Math Institute (210 6th-7th graders attended); K-8 Early Back Program (540 K-5th graders attended and 200 incoming 6th graders); K-8 Camp Invention (710 K-6th graders, 100 7th-8th graders, and 100 ESY student attended).

Dr. Canciamilla – for freshman students having 2 or more F’s possibly we need to find out from the teachers and students – what were the barriers? Possibly having the larger class sizes last year during the day may have overloaded the staff that worked evening school, and we should look into the issue. Also – hearing that some of the students found it difficult to work on computers and that method of credit recovery may not be effective for all students.

7.03 Construction and Facilities Planning Update (Mr. Holtslander)

Mr. Holtslander presented front angle views of the new Willow Cove multi-purpose building; the contractor is completing some finish work on the grading and concrete areas; view of the interior space with unfinished flooring. A portrait view of the new roof on the existing buildings. Pittsburg High School - views of the new science building, the new science and chemistry lab areas.

Dr. Canciamilla - asked about delays in getting the building finished. Mr. Palacios explained that getting workers in the currently high construction industry has attributed to the delay as well as the weather. The current estimate for completion is mid-October.

7.04 PEA President requesting a format change to the Board Agenda (Ms. Carr)

Tammy Carr, PEA President, said she attended an amazing training over the summer sponsored by CTA. She took a legal tract that reviewed case studies and a number of different areas. One being that she could ask the Board about having the PEA session placed earlier on the agenda so that the general public could hear the comments. It would build community and help PEA to bridge a gap between students and staff. "It's hard to get up early and be fresh in the morning when the comments are at the very end of the board agenda".

Board Comments:

Mr. Smith – explained that the public comments section is available to make any remarks, it just requires a speaker card.

Mr. Woolridge – further explained that the time allotted at the beginning of the meeting is to accommodate any speaker but is limited to 30 minutes total in order to proceed with the required business.

Ms. Carr said she was under the impression that this time was not to be used for union comments.

There was further clarification about speaking before closed session, or leaving a speaker card for public reading.

7.05 Out of state travel - 8 staff members to attend the CASE 27th Annual Fall Conference on November 2-4, 2017 in Reno, NV. (Ms. Leber)

Ms. Leber - Hillview has been active in connecting with community providers regarding social-emotional programs, and trying to get some structure in place. Eight staff members will attend this professional development conference to gain knowledge and work with other staff on the concepts. (CASE – Council for Administrators of Special Education).

Ms. Carr – said she mentioned this last school year when staff was planning another conference, only a subset of people were able to go to these conferences. I wish there could be more people to attend because sometimes the training does not translate back to others thoroughly. Also wondering how the individuals are selected to attend.

Dr. Schulze – commended Ms. Leber for doing the research and recommending this conference for staff. This is in alignment with the work that we are doing with Stetson & Associates, the group we have contracted with for our Special Ed training. Frances Stetson is actually the keynote speakers at this conference. This training will enhance the work that is already going on at Hillview and is in alignment with our goal of having General Ed teachers gain a better understanding of their role in working with students with disabilities. All of our schools have 2 additional days to work with Stetson this year and can plan them accordingly after this conference.

Mr. Arenivar - this is a good way to get General Ed staff familiar and trained on how to deal with Special Ed students.

Dr. Canciamilla - it's a good idea to get as many trained as possible to develop a common language, and it's always good to send the scouts initially for training to see if it's truly worth bringing a trainer back for additional professional development.

7.06 Contract with San Joaquin County Office of Education and PUSD for LEA Medi-Cal Billing Services for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Ms. Watson - we currently have a contract with a company who does our Medi-Cal billing services. This is the function of reviewing and managing the billing and reimbursements. We have not had the best financial results with that service and we wish to open contract with another company. Mr. Woolridge asked why we would reach so far for this service instead of going with someone more local. Mr. Palacios – San Joaquin County Office of Ed has a well-established program in the area of Medi-Cal billing. They offer this service to schools districts and they provide competitive rates.

Dr. Canciamilla – in keeping with the desire to see criteria is systems, and as we create contracts we should keep with those who have expertise in their area, as a board we should be looking as projects come to us, so that we are looking for systematic criteria to make sure we get the most return on our investment. It seems that for some reason that did not happen here, because there was not that kind of expectation in the proposal when it came to the board.

7.07 Out of State Travel to attend the FNCE 2017: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (Ms. Nava)

Mr. Palacios - this is a request from the Director of Child Nutrition, Angela Nava, to sharpen her skills in this area. This a good opportunity to stay informed on her expertise, as she is the dietician for the school district.

7.08 Partnership Agreement with Los Medanos College to provide internship opportunities in the PUSD Horticultural Program (Ms. Nava)

Mr. Palacios - we are currently partnering with DVC for similar internships, this is a somewhat more exciting opportunity because some of the interns are working with students who aspire to become teachers. This program

could potentially open a pipeline for future teachers to PUSD, and it provides a valuable opportunity and at no cost to our district.

7.09 Work Force Housing Development on PUSD's property located on 1025 Black Diamond Street, Pittsburg, California (Mr. Palacios)

Mr. Palacios – this is in reference to the old Riverside High School property located downtown. That property received a lot of rain damaged many years ago which resulted in the relocation and new build of Black Diamond High School. We made some attempts to market the property but most developers are looking for larger parcels. The District may now have an opportunity to consider building workforce housing for school district employees and possibly other public employees in Pittsburg - depending on how we put together the program. We have developed a team of individuals who have worked with the district on past projects and have experience in the areas needed to establish this program.

Dominic Dutra, Principal DCG
David Olson, Financial Advisor, PFM
Connell Lindh, Political Advisor
Mariana Alvarez-Parga, MADI Architects
Angelia Nava, Director, PUSD
James Traber, Attorney, FFF

7.10 Discussion on the Arts, Music, and Athletics Parcel Tax (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze - in our ongoing planning for the Arts, Music, and Athletics Parcel Tax we are establishing a committee to develop an Arts Master Plan. As we discussed at the last board meeting this is an opportunity for the Board to submit names of those they wish to serve on the committee.

Mr. Arenivar – None.

Dr. Canciamilla - Chuck Dybdal

Mr. Miller - Jim Craft

Mr. Woolridge - Nicole Thrower

Mr. Smith - will email his suggestion to staff. Stephanie Blades name was later emailed.

Mr. Palacios – noted that the attached revenue page is a projection of anticipated revenue. It will be adjusted each year based on what funds are actually received.

7.11 Memorandum of Understanding with Oakley Union Elementary School District - Sharing of the Adapted Physical Education (APE) Teacher for the 2017-18 school year. (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales - this is a renewal in the sense that we have an existing agreement with Oakley district. Our intent is to continue the agreement for one more year, as we have now hired a teacher in this capacity. This will allow the district to conduct training, maintain a seamless transition, and notify Oakley in ample time to adjust their staffing as appropriate.

7.12 Resolution Number 17-07 Teacher Consents (Ms. Gonzales)

Ms. Gonzales - this is an annual formality to get Board approval for teachers who have sufficient course work to take on additional classes outside of their credential area.

7.13 Resolution Number 17-08, Civic Learning (Mr. Woolridge)

Mr. Woolridge – this resolution is written to promote civic engagement and learning in our classrooms. It states that the Superintendent and the District will promote civic engagement in our schools through student government, and provide resources and learning opportunities.

8. Consent Items

8.01 Minutes - (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends approval of the August 23, 2017 board minutes.

8.02 Disposal of Obsolete Vehicle and Lawn Mower (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the disposal of a maintenance vehicle and a lawn mower.

8.03 (Amended) Contract with Antioch Unified School District - Transporting Students 2017-18 School Year (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the amended contract with Antioch Unified School District to transport additional student(s) to and from the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, CA.

Procedural: 8.04 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

9.01 ROLL CALL: Resolution Number 17-10, Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month (Mr. Woolridge)

Board President Woolridge is recommending adoption of Resolution number 17-10 in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, 2017.

Mr. Arenivar stated that his father was born in Mexico and considers himself a Spanish person not a Mexican. In honoring his father, he will abstain from voting on this item.

Dr. Canciamilla - this is a request for action on the first reading, assuming that is because September 15th is already upon us? Mr. Woolridge – that is correct. After having a recent conversation with a parent he realized that the date was quickly approaching and wanted to get this item on the agenda right away.

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Joseph Arenivar

9.02 Board Policy 5141.52 Suicide Prevention / Recognition of Yellow Ribbon Week (Mr. Woolridge)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the updated policy BP 5141.52 (Suicide Prevention), and acknowledge our commitment to Yellow Ribbon Week

Motioned by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. Woolridge shared that he is very passionate about Yellow Ribbon Week, he is a suicide survivor and has known others who survived. This item was particularly important for him to ask fellow Board members to recognize the significance of Yellow Ribbon Week and adopt a policy acknowledging the importance thereof. Mr. Woolridge would like to add wording to state that the district will recognize Yellow Ribbon Week on an annual basis.

Discussion:

Dr. Canciamilla – this is a board policy, is it also a resolution? There is no date information in the background - when is Yellow Ribbon Week?

Dr. Schulze – for 2017 this week is Yellow Ribbon Week, September 10-16.

Dr. Canciamilla – it would be helpful to have the date in the background so it's clear about the timing and the need to take action right away. Also why it's a policy and not a resolution like the previous item, just for the sake of consistency.

Dr. Schulze – the updated CSBA policy is attached with changes, and we would add a sentences to state that PUSD will recognize Yellow Ribbon Week every year, if the Board chooses to approve the motion that is on the floor.

Mr. Woolridge – a resolution is usually person specific, depending on the Board President or Board Member at the time. A policy is a standard and will not require someone to rewrite it each year.

Dr. Canciamilla – usually the board policy would have two readings, it's understood that there is a sense of urgency due to the date, but none of that explanation is in the background. It would have been good for the public to understand the how and why we do business in this manner.

Mr. Woolridge acknowledged the points that were made and apologized for a sense of urgency on this item. Staff was preparing to submit the policy revision and it was a good opportunity to add the recognition week.

Motion amended by Laura Canciamilla – to add language to Board Policy 5141.52 that the district will have a yearly recognition of Yellow Ribbon Week. Second by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.03 AED Defibrillators and Training for 2017-2018 School Year (Mr. Ahonen)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the purchase of defibrillators and training for PUSD.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.04 Renewal - Agreement with Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland for 2017-2018 School year (Mr. Strom)

Staff recommends Board approval for the renewal agreement with the Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland for the Athletic Trainer.

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

9.05 Additional Services - Contract for Special Education students enrolled in Non-Public, Non-Sectarian schools (E.C. 56365) for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval to place one additional student at Seneca, a Non-Public School, for the 2017-18 School Year and approval of Seneca's increased rates for the 2017-18 School Year.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.06 Acceptance of In-Kind services from a grant to the Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) from the Kaiser Family Foundation, Southern CA (Dr. Catalde)

Staff recommends that the Board accept the In-Kind services to Hillview Jr. High School, funded by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation of Southern California to the Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP).

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second Kelsey Elam – Student, confirmed by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.07 Acceptance of In-Kind services funded by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation of Northern California to Lincoln Families (Dr. Catalde)

Staff recommends that the Board accept the In-Kind services to Hillview Jr. High funded by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation of Northern California to Lincoln Families.

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

9.08 Acceptance of In-Kind services funded by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation of Northern California to STAND Against Domestic Violence (STAND) for Pittsburg High School (Dr. Catalde)

Staff recommends that the Board accept the In-Kind services funded by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation of Northern California to STAND Against Domestic Violence (STAND) for Pittsburg High School.

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

9.09 Acceptance from International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development Awards Bowler's Ed Grant to Foothill Elementary School (Mr. Chen)

Staff recommends the Board accept the donation from International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development Awards Bowler's Ed Grant to Foothill Elementary School.

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

9.10 Donations to Maintenance & Operations Dept. for the Staff Appreciation BBQ from various vendors and employees (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the M&O Staff Appreciation BBQ donations from the various vendors and employees for the Maintenance and Operations Department.

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

9.11 Donation of Backpacks from Faithful Gospel Church (Dr. Frazier-Myers)

Staff recommends Board acceptance of a Backpack donation from Faithful Gospel Church in Pittsburg.

Motion by Kelsey Elam – Student, confirmed by Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.12 Donation of Backpacks from Maya Cinemas (Dr. Frazier-Myers)

Staff recommends Board acceptance of donated backpacks from Maya Cinemas in Pittsburg, CA.

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

10. Communications

10.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

Ms. Alexander, CSEA President, noticed on the Personnel Actions List that a Child Nutrition Assistant-1 moved up to a Child Nutrition Manager-1 and was wondering how that happens. Would love to get that information in an email.

Totally in support of moving the union comments to the front of the agenda as mentioned earlier by Ms. Carr. She acknowledged to Mr. Palacios that the workforce housing is a great idea. I understand that we are contracting out for 2 students to go to Fremont; and knowing that we have a serious lack of bus drivers I would hate to see our district contract out for day-to-day services. It's expensive to get finger printed, tested, etc. It would seem beneficial to have paid training for bus drivers since we are in dire need and it's costly for the person wanting to become a driver. I'm am hoping we can hire and not contract out for drivers.

Ms. Carr, PEA President, PEA had a social event for all 1st and 2nd year Certificated staff. This Thursday we will have an event for the secondary staff, there will be raffles, food, and lots of fun; a later event will be planned for the elementary staff as well. Regarding Willow Cove construction - staff at the site are complaining of nails in their tires. I was previously informed by Superintendent Schulze that they now have a machine doing metal detection on the grounds and hoping this will help alleviate the problem. Also staff is doing some extra efforts in trying to control the traffic at the site. Already heard from one of the Board members who will be attending the PEA breakfast in February, hoping to hear from all the members.

11. Board Requests

11.01 Information Requests:

Mr. Arenivar – would like to get the Pirate on the auditorium painted, it is dull and needs a fresh look. This is the one that is seen from Harbor Street.

Dr. Canciamilla – would like to suggest that we add another column on the board request sheet - to indicate whether it's an information or agenda requests. A number of items previously requested are not reflected on the list: the master schedule analysis, talked about videoing the board meeting, the issue of uncollected scholarships - what happens when students don't pick funds.

Mr. Woolridge – would like to get the SARB recognition calendared again for this year.

11.02 Agenda Requests:

None.

12. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

12.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - September 27, 2017
The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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(Board adopted: 9/27/17)