

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, November 8, 2023)**

### **Members present**

George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe  
Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **Members absent**

Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

### **1. Opening Items - 5:00 PM**

#### **1.01 Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.

### **2. Closed Session**

#### **2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Castro)**

### **3. Student Recognition - 6:15 PM**

#### **3.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance at 6:15 PM.

#### **3.02 Student Recognition: Black Diamond Leadership (Mr. Lucido, Ms. McKinney-Webster, Ms. Green)**

Mr. Lucido presented the Black Diamond High School Leadership class scholars led by Ms. Green. He shared that scholars were in charge of the yearbook, and worked on student motivation among other things. He explained that Black Diamond High School's Leadership Class created unity among students and staff, and shared that it has brought pride to the school.

Ms. Green shared activities the class participates in and shared that she was proud of her scholars.

Students spoke to the Board and shared their experience while being in the Leadership class.

President Sims thanked Mr. Lucido for changing the stigma around Black Diamond High School and for having a leadership class in his school. She thanked all students for stepping into their own and wished them the best and success in their future.

Vice President Moreno shared that he was in Leadership as well and noted that it was a great experience that created lifetime friendships. He congratulated scholars for working hard and for being themselves and shared that he was proud of them for their work.

Trustee Dr. Woolridge thanked students for what they do in leadership. He added that he was in Leadership himself and learned a lot of skills that helped him in the world.

Trustee Briscoe shared that she was proud of all of the scholars. She added that she liked seeing the love the students showed one another and uplift each other.

Trustee Miller shared his pride for Black Diamond High School.

#### **4. Recall to Open Session - 6:30 PM**

##### **4.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was recalled to open session at 6:33PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **4.02 Agenda Reorganization**

None.

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

##### **5.01 Personnel Action Report, [Labor Negotiations - as applicable] (Ms. Castro)**

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

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Ms. Castro announced the dedicated service retirements of:

William Gruenholz, Teacher, with special commendation for 19 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

Julie St. Andre, School Bus Driver, with special commendation for 6 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

##### **5.02 Litigation [as applicable]**

None.

#### **6. Comments**

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

Public Comment: Miguel Alvarado, parent and DELAC President, commented in Spanish using the District's translator to share concerns he had for Pittsburg High School students.

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

Dr. Schulze was not present.

##### **6.03 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Calhoun)**

Ms. Calhoun was not present.

##### **6.04 Student Board Member Comments (Mr. Cooper)**

Mr. Cooper shared that scholars completed their iReady second quarter testing for English Language Arts and Math. He added that the school also completed their Model Continuation School validation visit from the California Continuation Education Association. Lastly, he shared that the Leadership class began working on their yearbook and community building activities.

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

Trustee Briscoe shared that her past 2 weeks were an eventful time for her. She shared that she visited Beth Traub's AP Computer Science class and was able to test the video games students created via coding. She thanked the class for inviting her. She added that she also attended the

Rosie the Riveter Luncheon with Dr. Woolridge as well as the Black Diamond High School continuation validation visit. Lastly, she wished all a Happy Native American Heritage Month and explained that there are over 20 Native American tribes in California, and noted that Pittsburg was home of the tribe of the May Miwok and described the many contributions Native Americans have accomplished.

Trustee Dr. Woolridge wished everyone a Happy Native American Heritage Month.

Vice President Moreno – “Let's go Pitt football”.

Trustee Miller had nothing to report.

President Sims thanked Foothill Elementary and Willow Cove Elementary for inviting her to their Trunk or Treat events as well as Stoneman Elementary for inviting her to their pumpkin decorating contest. She added that she also attended Height’s costume parade. She gave a shout out to the football facilities, Mr. Strom and CRAs for their work at the Big Little Game and added that the CRAs did an amazing job keeping everything controlled. Lastly, she wished all who celebrated a birthday in November, a Happy Birthday.

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

### **7.01 Renewal Agreement between Rancho Medanos JHS and Mindful Life Project (Ms. Fortney)**

Mr. Molina shared the request for renewal of agreement between Rancho Medanos JHS and Mindful Life Project.

Vice President Moreno stated that the one-page impact report was great and was what he would like to continue to see on other renewal contracts.

Ms. Fortney shared that the Mindful Life program is targeted for middle school instruction. She noted that it would provide Tier 1 to all scholars and additional Tier 2 and 3 support as well as provide mindfulness to teachers.

### **7.02 Contract with EMC Research, Inc. for the 2024 Bond Measure Voter Survey (Mr. Haria)**

Mr. Haria explained that through the selection process, 4 companies were interviewed and EMC Research, Inc. was selected for the 2024 Bond Measure Voter Survey. He noted that in addition to providing a good quality voter survey, they would provide personnel available to conduct the survey.

### **7.03 Contract with The Genesis Group and Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) for Teacher Services during the 2023-2024 School Year (Ms. Thomas)**

Ms. Thomas presented the contract between The Genesis Group and Pittsburg Unified School District for teacher services for the 2023-2024 school year. She noted that the District has considered a contract with a new program for a Special Education Teacher who is ready to begin work.

### **7.04 MOT Department Presentation Update on the Performance of the Solar Portfolio (Mr. Belasco)**

Mr. Burdick from TerraVerde Energy shared a detailed presentation on the performance of the solar panels and system in the District. He explained that his team is an extension of District staff who ensure the solar energy systems perform well and are independent consultants hired by the District to explain risks, performance, and to identify replacement needs. He Explained that TerraVerde monitors the systems and ensures warranties are maintained.

Staff Shared details of the FY 22-23 Solar Performance and noted that the Pittsburg Youth Development Center building and Highlands Elementary experienced inverter issues the previous year and noted that staff worked to secure service providers to resolve issues. A snapshot of energy usage per site was presented.

Staff explained the District's solar portfolio and noted that the District delivered \$1,925,900 in net savings for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

VP Moreno shared that it was a great presentation and was good to see that the District saved money. He stated that it was great to see that the funds are being used in the best way and thanked staff for helping manage the solar systems in the District. He added that he was on the facilities committee, and was excited to see the batteries that are intended to be installed and thanked staff for the work that they do and for assisting the District.

Mr. Haria explained that it would be important to note that the cost savings were 2 million dollars. He added that if solar panel inverters go down, the energy costs would go up for the District and explained that within the next 2- to 3 years, the inverters would need to be replaced and those costs are not budgeted for. He added that it was important to continue to make those investments, because over the MYP, it would be 6 million dollars in utilities if the District does not make the 1-million-dollar investment. He emphasized that the District is committed to making green investments but those investments need to be able to be sustained.

## **8. Consent Items**

### **8.01 Minutes for October 25, 2023 (Dr. Schulze)**

Approval of the October 25, 2023 board minutes.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **8.02 Disposal of Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the disposal and/or surplus equipment that is no longer functional for use.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.03 Renewal Contract between HTA Consulting and PUSD After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year (Ms. Tran)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract renewal between HTA Consulting and PUSD After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.04 Approve proposal from Pro Sport Floors for Gym Floor repair and resurfacing at Pittsburg High School (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal from Pro Sport Floors for gym floor repair and resurfacing at Pittsburg High School.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.05 Contract between Soliant Health, LLC and Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year (Ms. Thomas)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract Soliant Health, LLC and Pittsburg Unified School District for Special Education Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.06 Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PUSD Child Nutrition Department and Success Through Self (STS) Academy for meal services (Ms. Nava)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the MOU between PUSD Child Nutrition Services and Success Through Self (STS) Academy for daily meal services (supper and snack) from July 1st 2023 to June 30th 2028.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **8.07 Approval to Purchase 2 Electric Transit Vans for the Transportation Department (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended the Board to approve the purchase of 2 Electric Transit vans for the transportation department.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **8.08 Update Board Policies under the 3000 Series (Business) (Mr. Haria)**

Staff recommended the Board accept the updated language on Board Policy (BP) 3460, 3515, 3515.3, and 3540.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **8.09 Update Board Policies under the 7000 Series (Mr. Haria)**

Staff recommended the Board accept the updated language on Board Policy (BP) 7150 and 7310.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.10 Overnight Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Cross Country to Mt. SAC Invitational - Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California on October 20, 2023 - October 21, 2023 (Mr. Strom)**

Staff recommended the Board retroactively approve the Overnight Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Cross Country to Mt. SAC Invitational - Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California on October 20, 2023 - October 21, 2023.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.11 Overnight Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Cross Country Team to CIF State Cross Country Meet in Fresno, CA on November 24, 2023 - November 26, 2023 (Mr. Strom)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Overnight Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Cross Country Team to CIF State Cross Country Meet in Fresno, CA on November 24, 2023 - November 26, 2023

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.12 Overnight Field Trip: PHS Boys & Girls Wrestling - Sierra Nevada Classic Wrestling Tournament in Reno, Nevada on December 27, 2023 - December 30, 2023 (Mr. Strom)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the overnight field trip for the PHS Boys & Girls Wrestling to attend the Sierra Nevada Classic Wrestling Tournament in Reno, Nevada.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.13 Addendum A to the Memorandum of Understanding between CCCOE Teacher Induction Program and PUSD (Ms. Castro)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Addendum A to the MOU between Pittsburg Unified School District and CCCOE regarding the Teacher Induction Program (Elaine DiStefano).

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.14 Renewal Contract between RFY Dance & Academic Academy and PUSD After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year (Ms. Tran)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract renewal between RFY Dance & Academic Academy and PUSD After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**8.15 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, 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 ROLL CALL: Resolution # 23-28 Continued Funding Signatures for 2024-2025 SY (Dr. Farr)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution Number 23-28 for 2024-2025 Continued Funding Signatures.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.02 Revised Extra Duty Stipend Salary Schedule (Ms. Castro)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the adjusted pay schedule for the Extra Duty Stipend Salary Schedule for Girls Flag Football.

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0



Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe  
Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.03 ROLL CALL: Resolution No. 23-23 Notice of Completion for Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the District Admin. Offices Building Reroofing Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 23-23, Notice of Completion for Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the District Admin. Offices Building Reroofing Project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.04 ROLL CALL: Resolution No. 23-25 Notice of Completion for BuildCorp, Inc. for the Child Nutrition Greenhouse Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 23-25, Notice of Completion for BuildCorp, Inc. for the Child Nutrition Greenhouse Project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.05 ROLL CALL: Resolution No. 23-14 Notice of Completion for BuildCorp, Inc. for the PHS Softball Field Project, Fencing Scope (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 23-14, Notice of Completion for BuildCorp, Inc. for the PHS Softball Field Project, Fencing Scope.

Motion by Heliodoro Moreno, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.06 Approve Moore Twining Associates, Inc.'s Proposal for Construction Inspection and Materials Testing Services for the Hillview JHS Replacement Campus Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Moore Twining Associates, Inc. proposal for the construction inspection and materials testing services for the Hillview JHS Replacement Campus Project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

**9.07 Approve Moore Twining Associates, Inc. Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering & Observation Services for the Hillview JHS Replacement Campus Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Moore Twining Associates, Inc. proposal for the geotechnical engineering and observation services for the Hillview JHS Replacement Campus Project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

### **9.08 Acceptance of Grant from Philanthropic Ventures Foundation to Highlands Elementary School (Ms. Blackburn)**

Staff recommended the Board accept the \$488.00 Grant from Philanthropic Ventures Foundation to Highlands Elementary School.

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

Yea: Darion Cooper, Student Board Member

## **10. Communications**

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

There were no comments.

## **11. Board Requests**

### **11.01 Information Requests**

President Sims requested that staff reach out to Mr. Sturgis to discuss his requests.

### **11.02 Agenda Requests**

There were no agenda requests.

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

### **12.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - December 13, 2023**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Heliodoro Moreno, Seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM