

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, March 20, 2024)**

### **Members present**

George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe (Virtually) Courtnei Calhoun and Darion Cooper, Student Board Members

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

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

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

#### **1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda**

There were no comments.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 PM.

### **2. Closed Session**

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

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

#### **3.01 Student Recognition: Hillview Junior High School Honor Band and Choir (Ms. Leber)**

Student Recognition began at 6:28 PM.

Ms. Leber introduced scholars in the Hillview Junior High School Honor Band and Choir and were presented with a certificate of acknowledgement.

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

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

The meeting recalled to open session at 6:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4.02 Land Acknowledgement**

President Moreno shared a land acknowledgement statement.

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

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

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

Motion by De'Shawn Woolridge, second by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Ms. Castro announced that by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstention, the Board approved the request for a year unpaid leave of absence extension for employee 1040.

Motion by De'Shawn Woolridge, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Ms. Castro announced that by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstentions the board approved the reclassification panel's recommendation for Custodian II to upgrade from range 31 to range 32. Motion by De'Shawn Woolridge, second by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Ms. Castro announced the dedicated service retirements of:

Matthew Taylor, Teacher, with special commendation for 9 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

Frances Hebert, Preschool Aide, with special commendation for 19 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

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

None.

## **6. Community Recognition**

### **6.01 Presentation of the Board's Annual Equity Award, Recipient Alexander Finn (Dr. Schulze)**

## **7. Comments**

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

Public Comment: Aaron Lasley commented on his experience as a teacher in the District.

Public Comment: Roy Jones commented about being a Pittsburg Boys Basketball Coach at Pittsburg High School.

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

Dr. Schulze thanked all of those who attended the CAAASA Conference and noted that there was a lot of learning and energy, and added that she was looking forward to a debrief and sharing of information. She provided an update on the search for the PHS Principal and explained that the first round of interviews was the upcoming Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and noted that the panel was composed of PEA, CSEA, Administrators, Students, a Parent, and a member of the Boards' Diversity in Hiring and Retention Committee. She added that providing everything went as planned, she hoped to bring the recommendation to the Board on April 10<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Mr. Whitmire for providing enough notice for the District to recruit.

She shared a reminder that Spring Recess was from April 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, and schools would be closed April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Board Holiday and Cesar Chavez day. She was excited to share that the District was under a State designation for significant disproportionality, which is a designation that happens when Districts have a higher percentage than they should have of students who are being designated in Special Education. She noted that in PUSD's case, the district had a higher number than it should have for African-American scholars being designated

in Special Education in 2 areas, and announced that the District was dropped from both. She noted that it was great news and thanked everyone for their hard work and continued work because the commitment in the District was to eliminate all gaps.

Lastly, she shared that she and Mr. Moreno attended the Battery Project event before the Board Meeting, and added that the District was one of the first to install a battery, which was installed at Highlands Elementary School, and would be added across the District. She explained that the battery would allow the District to collect energy from their own solar and be able to resell the energy to an energy company or use it in case of a power outage. She explained that the District partnered with MCE, an energy company who contributed towards the cost as well. She added that this allowed the District to upgrade its solar panels as well. She thanked Mr. Belasco, Mr. Haria and Mr. Scott for their work.

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

Ms. Calhoun shared that Pittsburg High School held a fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A for each class during the week. She added that events included students working on their Pittchella event taking place in June, the upcoming Cesar Chavez assembly, and class nominations for all classes.

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

Mr. Cooper shared that Black Diamond High School was awarded model continuation status by the California Department of Education. He added that Black Diamond High School would hold their first College and Career Fair the following day and would have many vendors and the community college in attendance.

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

Trustee Briscoe congratulated Black Diamond High School on their achievement and wished everyone a Happy Women's History Month. She highlighted the PHS Girls Wrestling Team for qualifying for the state championship and thank you Coach Alyssa Stewart.

Vice President Woolridge concurred with Mr. Cooper for acknowledging Black Diamond High School for receiving the Model Continuation High School award.

Trustee Sims agreed with Trustee Briscoe and Vice President Woolridge. She thanked everyone who went to the CAAASA Conference and shared that if they see an idea that is working at another district, or another school that they would like to bring to their school, to bring it up.

Trustee Miller congratulated Black Diamond High School on their success. He thanked Superintendent Schulze for the opportunity for employees to go to the CAAASA conference.

President Moreno shared that he was able to attend the District choir concert held every year and noted that a lot of elementary students were part of the event and it was a great event., and thanked Parkside for hosting the event. He announced that on February 17th, the Pittsburg High School Girls Wrestling Team, went to North Coast Section in which 5 of 13 placed and 3 qualified for the State Championship and added that the team as a whole took second place and received a banner. He shared that he wanted to recognize those students who placed at

North Coast Section, Jax Saeed placed first in her division, Cecilia Chapman placed second, Brenaye Stubbs placed third, and Yesenia Moffett placed fifth.

Lastly, he shared that he attended the monthly PEA meeting, and it was a pleasure and honor to be there. He thanked PEA for inviting him and he noted the importance of being heard. He shared that he took notes that he would share with the Superintendent and staff as well.

## **8. Information / Reports / Discussion**

### **8.01 Presentation: Acknowledgement of Donations Made to Pittsburg Scholars (Ms. Sanders)**

Ms. Sanders shared a presentation acknowledging donations made to scholars. She shared a brief description of her role and the definitions of what is considered foster and unhoused youth.

Ms. Sanders shared images and thanked organizations and individuals who donate throughout the year to support scholars and families in need. She shared the importance of the positive impact that is made on families when they receive donations such as clothing, backpacks, hygiene items, and food.

Public Comment: Aaron Lasley commented that a lot was being done for foster and unhoused students. He shared concerns about an unhoused student placed in his class, and asked for supports. He shared concern about the lack of data.

Trustee Woolridge shared appreciation for the presentation and the services provided. He added that although in public education, districts are not where they would like to be, it is important to not only look at test scores, but also the whole child.

Trustee Briscoe commended Ms. Sanders for her work and for supporting unhoused and foster youth. She thanked her for everything that she does and thanked the organizations for enhancing students' lives.

Trustee Miller shared appreciation for Ms. Sanders' work.

President Moreno thanked Ms. Sanders for her work. He shared that it brought a smile to his heart seeing families receive Christmas presents. He shared that in terms of the comment about the Board not caring about data, he wanted to note that data has been important to the Board and have several Data Workshops where the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Schulze thanked Ms. Sanders and told her that the work that she does is invaluable, and she does it with love and grace. She shared that the District was very fortunate to have Ms. Sanders. In addition, she shared concern about the comment made.

Trustee Sims thanked Ms. Sanders for her work and noted that Ms. Sanders deals with a very vulnerable population and could only imagine how hard it must be for her each day. She thanked Ms. Sanders and her team for their work.

### **8.02 Presentation: English Language Learners Update (Ms. Guardado)**

Ms. Guardado shared a detailed presentation on the English Learner and Dual Language Immersion program in the District. She explained that the learning targets included naming positive trends of reducing the number of LTELs district wide, explaining the positive impact being made due to the services being provided to ELs, naming the 6 major focus areas of the work being accomplished this school year, and explaining how the Title III funds are used to support and address the needs of ELs.

Ms. Guardado shared the PUSD Equity Statement, principles, terminology, EL Data, language levels for PUSD, proficiency rates, focus of the year's work, teacher testimonials, Title III funds, supplemental services, parent support & involvement, and continuing work.

Public Comment: Aaron Lasley, commented in regard to the data presented and the need for teacher support.

Trustee Sims thanked Ms. Guardado for all of her work.

Vice President Woolridge asked for clarification and shared concern in regard to rollout and training on curriculum adoption.

Ms. Guardado explained that staff have scheduled visits with principals at Dual Immersion sites.

Trustee Briscoe shared thanked Ms. Guardado and noted that she has seen increases in student learning.

President Moreno shared excitement for the newcomer summer academy for students. He thanked Ms. Guardado.

Student Board Member Cooper left at 7:57 p.m.

### **8.03 School Site Safety Plans (Ms. Bush)**

Ms. Bush shared a presentation on the District's School Site Safety Plans. She noted that the plans included 11 sections and explained that the Assessment of School Crime was one section that changes each year. The presentation included information on each section and key highlights for each.

Trustee Sims thanked Ms. Bush for the presentation.

President Moreno asked if each plan had a discipline section.

Ms. Bush answered that all plans did include a discipline section and noted that all plans were updated and attached before the meeting.

President Moreno asked for clarification in regard to Willful Defiance being removed in previous years.

Ms. Bush shared that the plans were updated as well to remove the Willful Defiance information.

President Moreno asked the Board to select which School Site Safety Plans they wanted to choose to review before they returned for action.

The Board discussed which schools they wanted to select and agreed to split the plans to review before the next Board meeting.

President Moreno thanked Ms. Bush for the presentation.

#### **8.04 Discussion on Supports for the Class of 2020 (Dr. Woolridge)**

This agenda item was removed from the agenda.

#### **8.05 Course Description: Baile Folklorico (Dr. Farr)**

Dr. Farr presented the course description for Baile Folklorico and explained that this would be an opportunity for students to earn credit and create culture.

President Moreno shared that he loved that the course would be A-G compliant. He asked if the teacher would have a credential for the course.

Dr. Farr shared that the teacher would need a dance or CTE Credential.

#### **8.06 Course Description: Latinx Literature (Dr. Farr)**

Dr. Farr shared the course description for Latinx Literature and noted that it was an expansion of the ethnic studies work in the District. He added that staff are happy with the development of the course and the for the opportunity.

President Moreno shared excitement for the course, books, and films listed in the course description.

Trustee Briscoe shared that she loved the fact that the course would also bring a legal aspect to it and includes key court cases.

### **9. Consent Items**

#### **9.01 Minutes for March 6, 2024 (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 Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

### **9.02 Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting Notes (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the February 20, 2024 Facilities Sub-Committee meeting notes.

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

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

### **9.03 Pittsburg High School Students with P.E. Waivers (Mr. Whitmire)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the P.E. Waivers for Student 76305 (Freshman), 61071 (Freshman), and 80275 (Junior).

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

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

### **9.04 Update Board Policy: 6178-Career Technical Education (Ms. Sasser)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Educational Services updated Board Policy 6178-Career Technical Education.

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

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

### **9.05 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

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

**10.01 Letter in Support of SB 1380: Delaying the Establishment of Charter Schools when Districts are at risk of Fiscal Insolvency (Dr. Schulze)**

Dr. Schulze shared the Letter in Support of Support of SB 1380: Delaying the Establishment of Charter Schools when Districts are at risk of Fiscal Insolvency. She shared that support letters are typically brought to the Legislative Subcommittee but due to the deadline, it was brought to the Board directly. She noted that this bill would give school districts who are at risk of fiscal insolvency, a delay of five years before a new charter school could come in that district. She added that in Napa Valley, they had to close a school due to enrollment and a charter was able to come in and defer enrollment in the public school.

It was recommended that the Board approve the letter of support for SB 1380: Delaying the Establishment of Charter Schools when Districts are at risk of Fiscal Insolvency.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.02 Renewal - Agreement with the Department of General Services, Office of Administrative Hearings (Ms. Castro)**

Ms. Castro shared the renewal agreement and noted that it was an agreement with the Office of Administrative Hearings and would be renewed every five years.

Staff recommended the Board approve the Agreement with the Department of General Services.

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: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.03 CDE Transportation Service Plan (Mr. Belasco)**

Mr. Belasco shared the CDE Transportation Service Plan and added that the plan was a requirement from California Department of Education. He added that it was a three-year plan and would be brought back if any changes were needed.

Staff recommended the Board approve the CDE Transportation Service Plan.

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.04 Renewal Memorandum of Understanding between PAEC and Legacy Acute Care (Dr. Lockwood)**

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

Motion by De'Shawn Woolridge, second by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.05 Acceptance of Contractors for California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) Contracts 2024 (Mr. Scott)**

Mr. Scott presented the Acceptance of Contractors for California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) Contracts 2024.

President Moreno mentioned that in the past, he asked that new contractors be highlighted.

Dr. Schulze shared that the new contractors could be shared with the Board.

Staff recommended the Board accept the list of contractors that have submitted a registration application.

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.06 Acceptance of Pre-Qualified Contractors for Calendar Year 2024 (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board accept the list of General, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing contractors that have submitted pre-qualification packages and have been qualified by the Facilities Department to do work for Pittsburg Unified School District for 2024.

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.07 Approve Services from Citadel Roofing & Solar for multiple sites (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Services Contract from Citadel Roofing & Solar for multiple sites for preventative maintenance work.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.08 Approve Contract with Sandstone Environmental Engineering, Inc. for the PAEC Restrooms Portable Building Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract with Sandstone Environmental Engineering, Inc. for the PAEC Restrooms Portable Building Project.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.09 Approve Contract with BuildCorp, Inc. for the Stoneman Elementary School Fire Alarm System Upgrade Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract with BuildCorp, Inc. for the Stoneman Elementary School Fire Alarm System Upgrade Project.

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.10 Authorization to bid the Highlands ES - TK Restroom Project (Mr. Scott)**

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Facilities Department to go out to bid the Highlands ES - TK Restroom Project.

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.11 Authorization to bid HVAC Units replacement project at Los Medanos Elementary School (Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended the Board approve authorization to bid HVAC Units replacement project at Los Medanos Elementary School.

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.12 Authorization to bid HVAC Units replacement project at District Administration offices.  
(Mr. Belasco)**

Staff recommended the Board approve authorization to bid HVAC Units replacement project at the District Administration Offices.

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.13 Acceptance of Grant: CALHOPE 3.0 Grant from the Contra Costa County Office of Education (Dr. Catalde)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the CALHOPE 3.0 Grant.

Motioned by Taylor Sims, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**10.14 Donation to Stoneman Scholar Clubs from Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC for the Community Gift Program**

Staff recommended the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$6,000 from the LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL SECURITY, LLC COMMUNITY GIFT PROGRAM to Stoneman Elementary

Motioned by George Miller, seconded by Taylor Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Courtnei Calhoun, Student Board Member

**11. Communications**

**11.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives**

There were no comments.

**12. Board Requests**

**12.01 Information Requests**

Trustee Sims asked to receive ADA percentages by school site and by ethnicity. She added that she wanted to also receive information on what is being done to increase attendance.

Dr. Schulze shared that the Board would receive some of that information during the data workshop the following Monday.

You will see some of that in the workshop on Monday.

President Moreno shared that he looked forward to the workshop and added that he would like to see discipline data and incidents, and how those are categorized.

### **12.02 Agenda Requests**

There were no agenda requests.

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

### **13.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - April 10, 2024**

President Moreno shared that Data workshop would be held the upcoming Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and invited all to join.

President Moreno announced that the Board would adjourn back into Closed Session: 9:38 p.m. with no reportable items to report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37PM