

Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, March 6, 2024)

Members present

George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe (virtually)

Members absent

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 5:00 PM.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

Public Comment: Celia Medina-Owens, PEA President, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Michell Redfoot, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Arlene Estrada, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Sean Sturgis, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Rosemary Louissant, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Karina Valencia, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Suzette Golden, commented virtually, in support of a teacher.

Public Comment: Dharmendra Lal, commented virtually asking the Board to reconsider his temporary release.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Castro)

3. Student Recognition - 6:15 PM

3.01 Student Recognition: Marina Vista Elementary School's Step Team Members (Ms. Bridges)

The student recognition was postponed to a later date.

4. Recall to Open Session - 6:30 PM

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 the Personnel Actions were approved as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

Ms. Castro reported that there was no action taken regarding the release of temporary employees.

Ms. Castro reported the Board took action to approve a possible release and reassignment for certificated administrator employee ID number 3593

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

5.02 Litigation [as applicable]

None.

6. Comments

6.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: Amalia Grinsteiner, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Makaela Huntsinger, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Pamela Sewell, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

Public Comment: Jessica Maran, commented in regard to negotiations and salary increases.

6.02 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze thanked everyone for attending and for their comments, and encouraged all to look at the budget reduction summary presented at the previous Board meeting for more information. She congratulated Black Diamond High School for being named an official Model Continuation High School by the State and noted that it was one of 20 schools selected across the State for the recognition. She also thanked everyone for their early literacy initiatives across the schools for all of the Read Across America invitations, along with the focus on reading and its importance. Lastly, she reminded all that the ACSA Delta Charter Administrator of the Year recognitions event would be the following evening, and noted that those administrators would be highlighted in upcoming posts.

6.03 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Calhoun)

Ms. Calhoun was not present.

6.04 Student Board Member Comments (Mr. Cooper)

Mr. Cooper was not present.

6.05 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Trustee Briscoe wished everyone a Happy Women's History Month and congratulated Black Diamond High School for being selected as a Model Continuation High School.

Vice President Woolridge congratulated Black Diamond High School and wished everyone a Happy Women's History Month.

Trustee Sims thanked PEA for inviting her to the PEA Breakfast. She congratulated Black Diamond High School and also congratulated Mr. Finn for receiving the Equity Award. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy Women's History Month.

Trustee Miller thanked teachers and staff who commented and expressed themselves. He complimented Black Diamond High School and congratulated them for doing a fantastic job.

President Moreno shared that he also attended the PEA Breakfast where he was able to meet with PEA Leadership and learn more about them. He congratulated Black Diamond High School. He also thanked Willow Cove Elementary and Heights Elementary for inviting him to read to students for Read Across America. He added that he would also read at Parkside Elementary later on in the week and shared that he appreciated all of the invitations. He thanked all who commented and shared that it was important to be able to express yourself.

Vice President Woolridge added that he also wanted to thank PEA for the invitation for the breakfast and added that himself and Mr. Miller attended the WASC at Black Diamond High School as well.

7. Information / Reports / Discussion

7.01 Pittsburg High School Students with P.E. Waivers (Mr. Whitmire)

Dr. Schulze shared that the P.E. Waivers presented were for scholars who have medical exemptions.

7.02 Update Board Policy: 6178-Career Technical Education (Ms. Sasser)

Mr. Molina explained that Board Policy 6178, Career Technical Education, was brought to the Board with updates recommended by CSBA.

8. Consent Items

8.01 Minutes for February 28, 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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.02 Purchase of Chromebooks for the 2024-2025 school year (Mr. Melodias)

Staff recommended the purchase of 1,000 Chromebooks for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.03 Update Board Policies under the 3000 Series (Business) (Mr. Haria)

Staff recommended the Board adopt the updated Board Policies 3260 - Fees and Charges, 3312 - Contracts, and 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance.

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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.04 Adoption of New Board Policy 3250 - Transportation Fees (Mr. Haria)

Staff recommended that the Board adopt Board Policy 3250 - Transportation Fees.

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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.05 Update Board Policies: 5113.2-Work Permits, 5116.1-Intradistrict Open, 5117-Interdistrict Attendance, 5132-Dress and Grooming, 5148.3-Preschool/Early Childhood Education (Mr. Molina)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Updated Educational Services Board Policies: 5113.2-Work Permits, 5116.1-Intradistrict Open Enrollment, 5132-Dress and Grooming, 5148.3-Preschool/Early Childhood 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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.06 Update Board Policies: 6163.4-Student Use of Technology, 6170.1-Transitional Kindergarten, 6173-Education for Homeless Children, 6173.1-Education for Foster Youth, 6174-Education for English Learners, 6184-Continuation Education, and 6200 - Adult Education (Mr. Molina)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Educational Services updated Board Policies: 6163.4-Student Use of Technology, 6170.1-Transitional Kindergarten, 6173-Education for Homeless Children, 6173.1-Education for Foster Youth, 6174-Education for English Learners, 6184-Continuation Education, and 6200 - Adult 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

ROLL CALL vote

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

8.07 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

ROLL CALL vote

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

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

9.01 Budget Reductions (Mr. Haria)

President Moreno shared that the budget reduction information and recommendation was shared with the Board during the previous Board meeting and asked if the Board had any questions for staff.

Vice President Woolridge asked to know when the Board would receive information on what the District's plan would be to increase attendance.

Dr. Schulze shared that the information requested would be presented to the Board during an April Board meeting.

It was recommended that the Board approves the recommended budget reductions as presented and discussed.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

9.02 ROLL CALL: Resolution 23-37 - Reduction or Discontinuance of Classified Services (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended approval of the elimination of classified services.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

9.03 ROLL CALL: Resolution 23-38 Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Certificated Particular Kinds of Services for the 2024-2025 School Year (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution 23-38, Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Certificated Particular Kinds of Services for the 2024-2025 School Year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

9.04 Approval of the 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report (Mr. Haria)

Mr. Haria gave a detailed presentation on the Second Interim Financial Report. His presentation included detailed summaries of revenue assumptions, expenditure assumptions, second interim 2024-2024, Multi-Year Projections (MYP), and the budget timeline.

Mr. Haria shared a summary of the revenue assumptions for the 2023-2024 year and noted that there was no change in revenue, even with increased enrollment as the District is funded with average daily

attendance, which was down from pre-COVID from 94.75% to 91.2%. He provided details of the General Fund expenditures, unrestricted fund balance, restricted fund balance, and enrollment projections for the first and second interim. In addition, he shared the MYP revenue assumptions which showed a decline in COLA for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 years when comparing the 2023-2024 CA Enacted Budget and the 2024-2025 Governor's January Budget. In addition, he shared a graph illustrating the salaries and benefit costs in the budget and a snapshot of what the District believes the budget balance would be for the year. He shared details of the MYP expenditure assumptions and pointed out the Step and Column increases, PERS yearly increases, and unemployment. He added that negotiations for 2023-2024 were not factored into the Second Interim. He noted that the District is shown to have continued deficit spending.

Dr. Schulze highlighted the Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Grant was unique to the District and explained that the funds are how the 4 elementary counselors were added. She thanked the County for selecting Pittsburg Unified School District to be an early adopter of this process.

Mr. Haria explained what the District did to balance the Second Interim. Actions taken included the transfer of \$7.8M of unrestricted expenses to restricted expenses in Other Services in 2025-2026. In addition, the 3 items which included LCAP Carryover, ESSER Funds, and Technology Replacement, were part of the budget planning and recommendations supported by the Board at the Board meeting on February 28, 2028. He added that since the Board would vote on those recommendations at the Board meeting, staff incorporated the above 3 recommendations to balance the Second Interim.

Dr. Schulze highlighted that there were a number of positions in one-time funds, and added that the District have shifted funding to continue those positions until at least the 2025-2026 year.

Mr. Haria shared the budget timeline and explained that the next time he presents to the Board, it would be the May Revised budget for 2024-2025.

Staff recommended the Board approve the attached Second Interim Financial Report for 2023-2024 school year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

9.05 Updated Board Policy 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance (Mr. Molina)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Updated Educational Services Board Policies: 5117- Interdistrict Attendance with Option 1: Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

9.06 Revised Job Description: Coordinator of Secondary Teaching and Learning (Ms. Castro)

Ms. Castro shared the revised job description for the Coordinator of Secondary Teaching and Learning position.

Staff recommended the Board approve the updated job description for the Coordinator of Secondary Teaching and Learning.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

10. Communications

10.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

There were no comments.

11. Board Requests

11.01 Information Requests

There were no requests.

11.02 Agenda Requests

Vice President Woolridge asked that an agenda item be added to discuss the Class of 2020.

12. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

12.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - March 20, 2024

Motion by De'Shawn Woolridge, second by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

ROLL CALL vote

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.