



Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, August 9, 2017)

Members present

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

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.02 Public Comment On Closed Session Agenda – There were no comments.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Gonzales)

Adjourned to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

3. Recall to Open Session

3.01 Recalled to open session at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.02 Agenda Reorganization – None

4. Closed Session Report

4.01 Personnel Action Report (Ms. Gonzales)

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

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The Board took action to approve the appointment of Shundra Johnson to the position of Coordinator of Student Data Systems

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by Joseph Arenivar

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The Board took action to approve the appointment of Yvonne Nelson to the position of Principal at Foothill Elementary School.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by Joseph Arenivar

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Ms. Gonzales highlighted 1 retirement - special commendation to Ana Galvan, Child Nutrition Assistant II at Marina Vista, for 17 years of dedicated services to the students and staff of PUSD.

4.02 Litigation

Superintendent Schulze - The Board in Closed Session voted 5/0 to ratify a final settlement agreement in Case No. 13-cv-03854 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in the amount of \$440,000.

5. Comments

5.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

There were not comments.

5.02 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze - welcome back to everyone, the first day of school is only 1 week away and we've had lots of excitement in getting ready for the start. We had the All Admin Institute last Tuesday with a super hero theme, a number of breakout sessions, we reviewed our data, had discussions on equity, and a student panel discussion. We want to thank our own Debbie Brown for pulling together the details and making it an extra special day for the staff. This week we welcome back our teachers and the remainder of staff with a series of professional development and instructional strategies and the new curriculum adoption for English Language Arts. And we have the new teacher orientation this

Friday at the Little Theater. Thank you to everyone across all departments for working to make sure we have the best school opening ever!

5.03 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Mr. Arenivar - this will be a great year because we are opening the new addition at PHS, it will be interesting to see how students do with crossing the street to the new campus.

Mr. Smith - attended the Shimonoseki delegation along with Mr. Arenivar. The Japan student toured a couple of our schools including Rancho Medanos to see some of the programs; they also toured the Police station. When they described part of their school day - they mentioned that students clean the schools in their county.

It was good to call and welcome some of our new hire teachers, they seemed to appreciate the call. I stopped by the PHS registration and was pleased to see how things have progressed with payment processing and getting books. It seemed to be going very well.

Mr. Miller – very glad to see that the hiring process is going well for getting teachers in the classrooms.

Dr. Canciamilla – was back from Hawaii and brought the sign she uses when attending the board meeting remotely, a surf board sign that says "Gone to Board Meeting". Most of the schools in Hawaii are considered a county, but they don't have opportunities to talk with their board members in a casual setting like the grocery store. They were surprised to hear how we do things in the U.S.

Mr. Woolridge – not quite finished calling the new teachers. He thanked staff for answering the phones throughout the district when people call in. It may seem small but it means a lot to the public to hear a live voice on the phone and receive the attention they're seeking.

6. Information / Reports / Discussion

6.01 Construction and Facilities Planning Update (Mr. Holtlander)

Mr. Holtlander: W/C multipurpose building - concrete should be poured this week, the exterior building is mainly completed. Views of the upcoming seating wall areas which will be installed soon. Views of the new, a divider curtain for the gym will be finished this week. The new roof is near completion. PHS new classroom building is getting a finished look with landscaping and trees, views of the finished parking area, parking lots will be reopened next week. Picture of the new food Kiosk which will have both hot and cold food choices. Views of the new quad areas with plenty of seating walls.

6.02 Presentation from the Committee for Martin Luther King, Jr., Junior High School (Ms. Stevenson)

Ms. Stevenson presented a handout and introduced the names of the committee members: Odessa LaFrancois, Evette Evers-Threatt, Frances Green, Angela Stevens-Stevenson. This project was originally approved by the board in April, 2014 at a cost of \$95,000. Ms. Stevenson reported that the committee reviewed potential images that could be developed as a statue of Dr. King. The committee also discussed various types of materials to be used, the size and composition of the potential statue. The preference is to have something that faces the surrounding hills and would be positioned inside the courtyard. The general censes is to go back to the company that was part of the original conception that was discussed 6 years ago when the school was being built. The statue could be something similar to the image currently positioned at Morehouse College - with a faceplate affixed to a cement block. The vendor would initially construct a 3D model for review and approval of the details.

Dr. Canciamilla - liked the pose with an open hand, it seems welcoming.

Mr. Arenivar – did not like the open mouth image.

Woolridge - did not like the pointing finger.

Mr. Smith – would like to see a timeline for the initial down payment, delivery of the small sample statue, etc.

Dr. Schulze - the board previously approved the dollar amount for this project and recommended that a committee be developed to bring back a design recommended. Placement of the statue was also determined by the Board to be in the courtyard area of the school. This stage of the project is for the committee to bring fourth their design choice, the next step is Board approval of the design, and then we can present updates as the project continues.

6.03 Out of state Travel - George Provol to attend the EMSI (Economic Modeling Specialists International) Conference on Sept 18-20, 2017 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Ms. Nicodemus)

Mr. Molina - the Adult Education Consortium has purchased EMSI licenses for use in each of the Adult Ed participating schools. Although the cost of the program is not a direct cost to the PUSD Adult Ed program, training staff to use the EMSI program is a responsibility of our local program. This program uses data to help facilitate students through the process of where the jobs are happening in this region, what job opportunities exist, and what resources are available to students in making career choices.

Dr. Canciamilla – we hope that Adult Ed will share their information with Black Diamond and Pittsburg High School

career tech programs so that they can collaborate. Mr. Molina - Sherene Sasser, our Work Force Liaison, is already having conversations with each of the high schools on this topic.

6.04 Out of State Travel - Vicky Krywokulsky to attend 95 Percent Group Regional Product Training - October 3-5, 2017 - Harrisburg, PA (Ms. Watson)

Ms. Watson - this is a remedial reading program that is being used by many of our elementary schools. We have an opportunity to take the program that is being used and expand it for special education students in our resource programs. A number of our elementary schools are moving in this direction because it coordinates well with the Dibbles programs. This is a great way to start intermingling the programs. The cost is significantly less for us to send an employee to be trained than to have a trainer come in-house to do training. Ultimately our trained employee can then train other staff.

Dr. Canciamilla – asked Ms. Watson if she had identified a need during her research - that initiated this request. Ms. Watson – there has not been a strong curriculum in Special Ed area other than the Read 180 program, but staff has acquired various methods throughout their years of teaching. We visited with the principals and staff and discussed the needs for curriculum.

Dr. Canciamilla – would like to have some of this verbal information added to the background about how the decision was reached – they identified the need, reviewed the resources and options, and are planning to pair with a resource that is currently being used by the district; and what you hope to accomplish.

6.05 MOU with Contra Costa County Office of Education for One-to-One Instructional Assistants for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Ms. Watson - we have some students who currently attend the county programs. It is the districts responsibility to provide services for those who require additional services (i.e., one-to-one assistance).

6.06 Contract with Abraham Gunter Jr. at Pittsburg High School for 2017-18 School Year (Mr. Whitmire)

Mr. Whitmire - our school site council increased the contract so include... this is part of our continual services for mentoring and small group counseling, and 1 on 1 counseling. Last year they began in February - this year we will have more data to share with the board.

Dr. Canciamilla - requested a cheat sheet showing the respective agencies that provide services and the student populations that receive the services.

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

Mr. Ahonen - we would like to reestablish defibrillators in the school sites and district facilities. The previously used units are stored in the Site Support Services Center, but that equipment is now out-of-date. Mr. Palacios - we need to have staff at each site that is trained on how to use the equipment in case of an emergency. Mr. Ahonen would like to initially train approximately 60 individuals. Then add additional trainees when needed.

Mr. Miller – what happens during the day if there is a person needing help, could the district be sued for not having defibrillators on campus? Dr. Schulze - in general anyone could potentially sue the district for any issue.

Dr. Canciamilla - will there be a plan for deployment and training on the units? Mr. Ahonen – we are developing a roll-out plan and will share that information with the board.

Mr. Woolridge – the plan should include some information on coverage during the day, having someone trained that is there during the various hours of the day and night that can administer the help if needed.

Mr. Smith – I don't believe that the defibrillators are required, but if we have them installed we need to have staff trained to use them. We need to find out why the units were originally removed so we don't make the same mistake, but my assumption is that we did not have people trained to use them.

Mr. Woolridge - Ms. Bradley had conversations with the former Superintendent and may be able to shed some light on the history of what and why.

7. Consent Items

7.01 Minutes - June 29, 2017 (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends Board approval of the June 29, 2017 board minutes.

7.02 Minutes - July 26, 2017 (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends Board approval of the July 26, 2017 board minutes.

7.03 Disposal of Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends Board approval to dispose of obsolete and/or surplus equipment that is no longer functional.

7.04 Overnight Field Trip to Centennial High School - PHS Cheer Team August 25-26, 2017 (Mr. Strom)

Resolution: Staff recommends Board approval on the overnight Field Trip for the PHS Cheer Team to travel to Centennial High School in Corona, California.

7.05 Out of State Travel - 14th Annual Education Summit - Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents - October 11-14, 2017- Houston, TX (Mr. Palacios)

Staff recommends Board approval on the out of state travel for Superintendent Janet Schulze, Deputy Superintendent Enrique Palacios, and Assistant Superintendent Norma Gonzales to attend the 14th Annual Education Summit.

7.06 Out of Country Cultural Exchange Program - City of Pittsburg & Shimonoseki, Japan, Sister City Program - Aug 29-Sept 4, 2017 (Mr. Palacios)

Staff recommends Board approval on the out of country Cultural Exchange Program - City of Pittsburg & Shimonoseki, Japan, Sister City Program for 5 students and 2 staff members.

Procedural: 7.07 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motion by Duane Smith, second by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

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

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

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.02 Renewal - Memorandum of Understanding with Poly Atamai Project for Pittsburg High School for 2017-18 School Year (Mr. Whitmire)

Staff recommends Board approval on the contract with Poly Atamai Project for Pittsburg High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.03 Out of State Travel - Elza Hess to attend the LESLLA (Literacy Education and Second Language Learning for Adults) Symposium in Portland, Oregon (Ms. Nicodemus)

Staff recommends Board approval on the out of state conference, Literacy Education and Second Language Learning for Adults in Portland, Oregon for Elza Hess, Adult Education Teacher on August 12-14, 2017.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.04 Contract with Alpha Vista Services, Inc. and PUSD for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Dr. Canciamilla - when the contracts have this large dollar amount it would be good to get some feedback on how they are doing at some point.

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with Alpha Vista Services, Inc. and PUSD 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

8.05 Renewal - Contract with Contra Costa County Mental Health (CCCMH) for the 2017-2018 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with Contra Costa County Mental Health and Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2017-2018 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

8.06 Renewal - Contract with The Speech Pathology Group, Inc. (SPG) for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval on the contract with The Speech Pathology Group, Inc. for the 2017-2018 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

8.07 Contract with Victor Treatment Centers for 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract to place one PUSD student in residential care at Victor Treatment Centers.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.08 Contract with Wellspring Educational Services for 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval of Wellspring Educational Services, a non-public school, to service one special education student for the 2017-2018 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

8.09 Contract with Haynes Family of Programs - S.T.A.R. Academy for the 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends the Board approve the contract with Leroy Haynes Center for Children (S.T.A.R. Academy) for the 2017-2018 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

8.10 Denial of Torts Claim Number 170057 - Demand for Unlimited Damages (Mr. Palacios)

Mr. Palacios – this is a standard process, the district must deny the Tort Claim so that the process for litigation can begin.

Staff is recommending that the Board deny claim number 170057 from Monta Vaca (parent) of student.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.11 Purchase of Office Furniture for the Pittsburg High School New Classroom Building Project (Mr. Holtslander)

Staff recommends Board approval on the purchase of office furniture from Southwest School and Office Supply, using the piggyback contract with Rialto Unified School District, for the offices in the new classroom building at the North Campus of Pittsburg High School.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.12 RECONVENE AS THE PITTSBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCING AUTHORITY: Authorization to Issue Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000.00 (Resolution 17-04) (Mr. Palacios)

7:59 PM - Mr. Woolridge closed the Pittsburg Unified School District Board meeting and convened as the Pittsburg Unified School Financing Authority. Dave Olsen, from Public Financing Management (PFM), reminded the Board that he presented the details for each of the COPs at the July 26th meeting. The District wishes to refund some existing COPs and borrow new money in order to purchase some buses. This board resolution and the following 2 resolutions are required to effect that financing. The PUSD Financing Authority is comprised of 7 members: the 5 Board Members, the Superintendent, and the Deputy Superintendent.

Staff recommends that the Board authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000 to refinance COP 2010 and fund the purchase of clean energy buses and renewable energy systems.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Enrique Palacios.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar, Janet Schulze, Enrique Palacios.

8:01 P.M. - Closed the PUSD Financing Authority Meeting.

8.13 Reconvene as the Pittsburg Unified School District FINANCING CORPORATION: Authorization to Issue Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000.00 (Resolution 17-05) (Mr. Palacios)

8:01 PM - Mr. Woolridge closed the Pittsburg Unified School District Financing Authority meeting and convened as the Pittsburg Unified School Financing Corporation. The Financing Corporation is also comprised of 7 members: the 5 Board Members, the Superintendent, and the Deputy Superintendent.

Staff recommends that the Board authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000 to refinance COP 2010 and fund the purchase of clean energy buses and renewable energy systems.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, De'Shawn Woolridge, Laura Canciamilla, Joseph Arenivar, Janet Schulze, Enrique Palacios.

8:02 P.M. - Closed the PUSD Financing Corporation Meeting.

8.14 Reconvene as the Pittsburg Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION: Authorization to Issue Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000.00 (Resolution 17-06) (Mr. Palacios)

8:02PM - Mr. Woolridge closed the Pittsburg Unified School District Financing Corporation meeting and re-convened as the Pittsburg Unified School Board of Education.

Staff recommends that the Board authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$20,000,000 to refinance COP 2010 and fund the purchase of clean energy buses and renewable energy systems.

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. Communications

9.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

There were not comments.

10. Board Requests

10.01 Information Requests

Mr. Arenivar – comment: when we have agenda items with guest speakers we should move them up.

Mr. Smith – a timeline for the MLK, Jr. statue.

Mr. Miller – timeline also.

Dr. Canciamilla - when can we anticipate the A/P results? Will be requesting that the results and the survey go on the agenda as a future item.

Mr. Woolridge - an ethnic comparison of teacher to student. Dr. Schulze - that is scheduled for a September board meeting. Mr. Woolridge – would like to schedule the Board-Superintendent retreat for a later date - after the teacher information is received so it can be discussed at the retreat.

10.02 Agenda Requests – None.

11. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

11.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - August 23, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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(Board adopted: 8/23/17)