



Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, October 11, 2017)

Members present:

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

Members absent:

George Miller

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order at 5:03 p.m.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

Jessica Alexander regarding a CSEA member - there was an ongoing investigation and she wanted to make sure that everyone was questioned. Received a call from someone who wants to be interviewed regarding the incident. Apparently some employees came to the District Office and was not sure who to speak with.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Gonzales)

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

3. Student Recognition - 6:00 PM

3.01 Student Recognition - Stoneman Elementary Peacemaker Students (Mr. Dunn)

Mr. Dunn presented certificates to the third, fourth, and fifth grade students who are designated to serve the school this year as Peacemakers. Students were visibly excited about their commitment to maintaining peace on the campus, as they received a hearty hand shake and congratulations from Board President Woolridge.

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 Laura Canciamilla, second by Duane Smith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Ms. Gonzales recognized the service of an employee who recently passed away. Yolanda Orozco, Child Nutrition Manager 1 at Heights Elementary School with special recognition for 13 years of dedicated services to the students and staff of Pittsburg Unified School district.

5.02 Litigation – None.

6. Comments

6.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Jessica Alexander thanked the Board for the announcement regarding no school tomorrow. CSEA has a yearly para conference, the upcoming event will be held February 20-22, in Ontario, California. She distributed conference flyers the Board and noted that it includes information regarding intruder drills and training, and that the state will cover the cost of training.

6.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Elam)

- Things are quiet at school right now.
- Leadership is trying to train students on how to be aware of all the events that are happening on campus. We are planning to use a YouTube channel to help communicate events.
- Clubs carnival was scheduled for tomorrow, but will be postponed due to the planned school closure.

6.03 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze - our thoughts are with the people in the Napa, Sonoma, and Solano County areas as they continued to be devastated with the ongoing fires. As announced earlier - due to the poor air quality resulting from the fires we will be closing all school facilities tomorrow. Parents will be notified via auto-dialer, the email notification system, and our local media. This is in the best interest of our students and staff. We will consider the air quality on a daily basis and continue to notify everyone as needed. We understand that a sudden decision like this can have an impact on our families as they plan for child care, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We will continue notify everyone as soon as we have updates.

Monday, October 16 is our staff development day so there is no school for students. Our teachers and classified staff will be participating in a day of learning. Next Thursday is the Great California Shake Out, we will be practicing our earthquake safety drills throughout the district.

6.04 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Dr. Canciamilla – I was privileged to attend the Teacher of the Year Dinner with a number of our staff supporting Michael Haase-Whitaker from Highlands, it was a nice event. On Saturday, October 7 the Board and Superintendent met in a retreat setting as we do each year to reflect on how we are working with each other on behalf of our students. We worked with the two facilitators who helped us select our Superintendent a few years ago, it was a productive day. This weekend was also the Pittsburg Entertainment and Arts Hall of Fame ceremony at the Creative Arts Building where several of our teachers, former teachers, classified staff, and administrators were inducted into the hall of fame. Another great day of Pittsburg pride! Yesterday I visited Black Diamond High School and watched the Los Medanos Counselor who was there working with them on career exploration.

Mr. Smith – I attended the Million Father March at MLK Jr, Junior High, it was a good turnout with fathers and their scholars; banners were held high while the fathers chanted "fathers care". Also attended the State of the College District event along with Mr. Miller at Los Medanos College. Visited PHS, it was good to walk around during the lunch period and see activities happening. The CRA's and Administrators were covering various areas and things seemed to be going well. While at PHS I spent time in one of the Special Ed classes, good to see the learning that was happening there. The Board retreat workshop we good, we had honest discussions and I'm looking forward to making future progress. Our board is fortunate and works cohesively together; we thank the Superintendent for her continued work and thank staff for providing the lunch. Also attended the Hall of Fame ceremony, it was a good community event.

Mr. Woolridge - the Board retreat give us time to get to know each other better and build on each other's strengths. We appreciate staff for supporting us so that we can do what we do effectively.

7. Information / Reports / Discussion

7.01 Construction and Facilities Planning Update (Mr. Holtslander)

External views of the multipurpose room at Willow Cove, things looks great with most of the debris now cleared away. Grass and landscaping will be installed in a few weeks. Views of the finished floors, window blinds will be installed in a few weeks. PHS - views of the formwork and concrete being poured for the baseball scoreboard. Concrete pedestals have been installed for the electric vehicle charging stations.

7.02 California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) State Conference in Reno, NV February 28 - March 3, 2018 (Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Leber, Mr. Peyko)

Mr. Peyko – the CADA conference is about building school spirit - so we would like to take our Activities Director and possibly the Leadership Teachers along with the Principals. The 3 junior high schools traditionally attend this conference. The high school has gone in past years, but did not plan to attend this year.

Mr. Smith – initially looking at the board item it was unclear why this was a desired conference to attend. Mr. Peyko's opening comments helped to explain that it's about building school spirit. I would be good to have that information in the agenda background.

7.03 Out of State Travel - Field Trip to Washington, DC on April 1 - April 6, 2018 (Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Peyko)

Mr. Peyko – this trip takes place during spring break, it is a very structured bus tour of the Washington DC area. We have taken the trip in past years and it provides great information for our students.

7.04 Idle-Free Motorized Vehicles - Resolution 17-11 (Mr. Belasco)

Mr. Belasco - the district has long been of advocate of student wellness and in support of the previous actions for idle free. This resolution makes a statement that the district is in support of the idle free program that has been ongoing for the past 2 years.

Mr. Woolridge – a comment for the Board: it might be a good time to consider a "green policy" or board goal that is relative to this item.

Mr. Smith - the adopted date needs to be corrected on the resolution since we have not yet passed this item. Mr.

Belasco – staff will make the correction before it comes back for approval.

7.05 Contract with Mountain Valley Child and Family Services, Inc. and PUSD for the 2017-2018 School Year (Mrs. Watson)

Watson - this is for residential placement of a student in a non-public facility for young boys who need this specific type of placement.

Dr. Canciamilla - when it come for action can we see where we are on the numbers?

Mr. Woolridge – would also like to know how many students have returned?

7.06 Review of the 2017 CAASPP Results (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze - the CAASP is the California Assessment of Academic Student Performance and Progress. We will review the overall data for this year in English, Language Arts, and Math. We will also review our 3 year trend data, review the data by student groups, and how we compare with the state and county.

General Highlights

- Students are assessed in grades 3-8 and 11; in PUSD 5,792 students were assessed in total
- Generally more students are at or exceeding proficiency in ELA than in Math, at all grade levels, and across student groups (with the exception of 3rd grade where math proficiency is slightly higher)
- Opportunity gaps – our African American students (9% gap in ELA and 8% gap in Math); students who are English Language Learners (26% in ELA and 27% gap in Math); and students with disabilities (29% gap in both ELA and Math) are all lower than the overall student proficiency.

Comparison Highlights

- For “All Students” we stayed somewhat level in both ELA and Math from 2016 to 2017, maintaining the gain from 2015 (down 1% in ELA and 2% in Math)
- Our growth trend mirrors that of the State and County (maintaining a slight growth from 2015 and staying about level from 2016)
- Our scores are below those of the County and the State for most student groups in 2017, with the exception of our Asian American students who outperform Asian Americans statewide in ELA by 11%.

Dr. Canciamilla asked that the presentation be put on the web and the detailed slides be sent to the Board in a Friday letter.

7.07 Quarterly Williams Report (July 2017- September 2017) (Mr. Molina)

Mr. Molina – there were no Williams complaints filed with the district for instructional materials, facilities or teacher vacancies during the July through September, 2017 timeframe.

8. Consent Items

8.01 Minutes - (Dr. Schulze)

Staff recommends Board approval of the September 27, 2017 board minutes.

8.02 PHS Cross Country: Mt. SAC Invitational in Walnut, CA. October 20-22, 2017 (Mr. Strom)

Staff recommends approval of the cross country overnight trip to the Mt. SAC Invitational in Walnut, CA on October 20-22, 2017.

8.03 Out of State Travel - Diane Klaczynski to attend the Midwest & Orchestra Clinic December 20-23, 2017 in Chicago, IL. (Ms. Leber)

Staff recommends Board approval on the out of state travel for Diane Klaczynski, Band & Choir teacher at Hillview Jr. High, to attend the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, IL - December 20-23, 2017.

8.04 Out of State Travel for Attendance at Blue Bird Chassis and Body Training on October 16-18, 2017; and Roush Training October 31 - November 3, 2017 (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommends that the Board approve two (2) out of state conferences for Edward Meindersee, Lead Mechanic - to Atlanta, Georgia (October 16 - 18, 2017) and to Detroit, Michigan (October 31 - November 3, 2017).

8.05 Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (Ms. Gonzales)

Staff recommends Board approval of the Agreement with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to allow student interns who have met subject matter competency to teach full-time on an Intern Credential in a general education classroom for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Smith – this is the first time we are seeing this item, why did it go directly to the consent agenda?

Mr. Woolridge explained that he moved the item during agenda review because it was familiar and similar to what the board has approved in the past.

8.06 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Duane Smith, 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 Additional Services - Agreement with Mt. Diablo Unified School District (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs) and PUSD 2017-18 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends Board approval for the additional Letter of Agreement with Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Letters of Agreement to service a special education student with deaf and hard of hearing needs recently enrolled in Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.02 Change Order No. 4 with Charles Pankow Builders - Pittsburg High School New Classroom Building Project (Mr. Holtslander)

Staff recommends Board approval on Change Order No. 4 for Charles Pankow Builders for the Pittsburg High School New Classroom Building Project.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.03 Change Order No. 1 with W. A. Thomas, Inc. - Willow Cove Elementary HVAC and Roof Project (Mr. Holtslander)

Staff recommends Board approval on Change Order No. 1 for W. A. Thomas, Inc., for the Willow Cove Elementary HVAC and Roof Project.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.04 Denial of Claim of Damage 180007 - Demand for Damages (Mr. Palacios)

Staff is recommending that the Board deny claim number 180007.

Dr. Canciamilla explained that this is a procedural process of denying the claim so that it can be sent to the insurance company to make a determination.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar to deny claim, second by Duane Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.05 Denial of Claim of Damage 180009 - Demand for Damages (Mr. Palacios)

Staff is recommending that the Board deny claim number 180009.

Motion by Duane Smith to deny the claim, second by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.06 Acceptance of donation from Ellie & Rick Angrisani to Highlands Elementary (Ms. Blackburn)

Staff recommends that the Board accept the donation of classroom and office supplies for Highlands Elementary School.

Motion by Duane Smith, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Communications

10.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

Jessica Alexander – it was announced earlier that the district will be closed tomorrow, but the Child Nutrition staff received a separate notice that they are to go to work tomorrow. She asked for clarification. Dr. Schulze explained that the closure applies to all staff and an additional email was sent to notify everyone.

11. Board Requests

11.01 Information Requests:

Mr. Arenivar - report on the handicap rails at Pirate Stadium.

Dr. Canciamilla - additional slides that were prepared for the CAASP presentation.

11.02 Agenda Requests:

Dr. Canciamilla - follow-up on the CAASP and the LCAP plan, an analysis with the new data.

12. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

12.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - October 25, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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(Board adopted: 10/25/17)