



Special Board Meeting (Wednesday, April 25, 2018)

Members present

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

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order at 5:01 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 5:02 p.m.

3. Recall to Open Session

3.01 Recalled to Open Session at 5:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.02 Report of Closed Session

Ms. Gonzales reported the following Board actions:

The Board voted to remove employee #5529 from the Personnel Actions.

Motion by Laura Canciamilla, second by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

The Board voted to approve the Personnel Actions as amended.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

The Board voted to deny the resignation of employee #5529.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by Laura Canciamilla.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Special Commendation to the following retirees for dedicated service to the students and staff of Pittsburg Unified School District:

- Sandra Carmichael, Principal Secretary at Stoneman Elementary – 33 years of service.
- Kathleen Criswell, School Bus Aide for Transportation Department and Child Nutrition Assistant I at Pittsburg High School – 15 ½ years of service.
- Priscilla Tanlioco, Special Education Aide at Los Medanos Elementary – 12 ½ years of service.
- Priscilla Johnson, Pre-School Aide at Highlands Elementary – 33 ½ years of service

5. Comments

5.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Jose Aguilar – President of the Junior Pirates, expressed concern about the facility fees that are being charged for use of the field. He is looking to get some help with lowering the cost. Would like to see if he can get on the board agenda and possibly bring the children to a meeting. Who can I talk to about this matter and get help with the fees? Staff will contact Mr. Aguilar about attending a meeting.

Willie Mims - representing the East County NAACP and the Black Political Association. At the last board meeting he attended there was an employee hearing. There were numerous witnesses who came on behalf of the employee, but the process was flawed from the beginning and the employee was never allowed to explain their side of the story. I am somewhat disappointed, but not surprised that the Board did not support the employee and overturn the suspension. In regards to the LCAP review for tonight's agenda, your suspension rate is higher than the states rate, you need to address that issue.

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

4.01 Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to modify the Board action of April 29, 2009 and April 11, 2018 (Dr. Canciamilla)

Dr. Canciamilla – Joe Arenivar and I met as the Ad Hoc sub-committee and had a meeting at the Creative Arts Building on Monday April 16, 2018. We appreciate Mr. Palacios for doing a thorough background search and pulling information from the 2009 board meeting. (Shen then provided some context and background on the original board action of 2009): At the time of the 2009 board action, the superintendent had announced her plans to retire, and we did not have key people in Maintenance or in Business Services to help guide the Board thought the process. The current ad hoc committee process has confirmed the value in having staff provide support with the appropriate Education codes, and criteria needed to help make these decisions. After 2009 our district adopted the CSBA board policy program and now all the required Ed codes have become part of our policies. Over the years we have become more diligent in regards to placing our own individual criteria into the policies to guide us. I believe that's why it was so easy for the Board to name the baseball field when the project came for approval. We had the Ed Code, we had a process that was relevant to naming facilities, and staff presented a narrative of the procedure they went through to follow each of the criteria. In the 2009 scenario I think we were scrambling to pull things together without information from staff to give us guidance at that time. So at the time we tried to put everything together in a safety net in order to do things right, but it resulted in us not doing the right thing. At this point, if we utilize the same criteria that we did in recently approving the baseball field, we can move forward with confidence.

The ad hoc committee is recommending that we modify the Board decision of 2009 to allow for exceptions in naming parts of the Creative Arts Building.

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla to modify the decision of April 29, 2009 to allow for exceptions in naming parts of the Creative Arts Building, seconded by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.02 Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for naming the Stage in the Little Theater after Ms. Betty Brown (Dr. Canciamilla)

Dr. Canciamilla – I wish that we had the biographical background and the board policy to show on the visual screen. Again I recall when we recently voted to name the baseball field after Joseph P. Arenivar, staff provided the information on the screen which made it easier to view all the details. In lieu of the screen, I will read Ms. Brown's background.

Betty Brown:

- Worked in the district from 1960 for more than 50 years from Central Jr. High School to Pittsburg High School to Adult Education teacher as well as counselor.
- Touched the lives of hundreds of girls and boys, and women and men, sharing her love of theatre, inspiring them to share her vision and enjoyment of theatre.
- Was involved in more than 100 plays in the Creative Arts Building, primarily in the Little Theatre, as a director, producer or actor as PCT presented four shows per season, including a children's theatre production that included free performances for students from the district's elementary schools as well as discounted tickets for seniors at Stoneman Village and Presidio Village.
- Started Pittsburg Community Theatre as an Adult Education class - from September 1973-April 1978.
- Led the process to help PCT become incorporated as a nonprofit in April 1979 after Proposition 13 forced the elimination of the Adult Education class.
- Created the PCT model of donating equipment to upgrade the Creative Arts Building from Little Theatre curtains and an improved sound system to the lighting in the lobby of the Creative Arts Building as well as creating a yearly scholarship for PHS seniors.
- Has been the recipient of two Shellie Awards, Contra Costa County's equivalent of a Broadway Tony Awards.

Dr. Canciamilla made reference to Board Policy 7310 (Naming of Facilities), and noted that the Board is actively following this process.

Board Policy #7310:

"Upon request, the Board shall consider naming buildings, part of buildings or athletic fields:

1. *After the geographical area.*
2. *After a figure, prominent in the history of the world, nation, state, or community.*
3. *In honor of a student, staff member, community member, or person who has made a significant contribution to the school system and to the community.*

4. *After a person who has been instrumental in the betterment of the nation, state, or local community.*
5. *To reflect the cultural diversity of the school district or the community.*

The Board shall make the final decision regarding the Naming of Other Facilities. Unlike the naming of a new school, no naming committee shall be established”.

Dr. Canciamilla - Betty Brown meets several of the criteria stated above. The Board is following the policy process, the Ed Code requirements, and our own individual community criteria.

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla to name the stage in the Little Theater in honor of Betty Brown, per the ad hoc committee recommendation; seconded by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.03 Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for naming the Stage in the Creative Arts Building after Mr. Orrin Cross (Dr. Canciamilla)

Dr. Canciamilla read the list of accomplishments for Mr. Cross.

Orrin Cross

- Taught music and theatre arts for 25 years at Pittsburg High from 1973-98 and stayed an extra six months as a consultant for his replacement.
- Holds two masters degrees in music and was accepted to be a French horn player by Boston Pops.
- Revived the band which had less than 20 members upon his arrival, creating the Pride of Pittsburg Marching Show Band and music program that continues to grow and flourish today.
- Led band to participate in a variety of college football bowl games, including the Rose Parade and 17 straight King Walnut Awards - at one point followed by another streak as the most entertaining band at Walnut Creek's Walnut Festival Parade.
- Created several jazz bands, a concert band and woodwind ensemble that consistently earned high ratings and honors at various festivals.
- Mentored Rob Dehlinger and Jenny Martinez, both of whom have succeeded him as PHS Band Director, as well as a number of professional musicians.
- Helped coordinate the band's appearance in the 2009 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York with Ms. Martinez.
- Staged and directed the musical 'Hair,' which sold out the Creative Arts Building in 1974. It was the first non-professional production of the musical. For nine years HE did musicals in conjunction with LMC in the Creative Arts Building, including Peter Pan where Peter flew over the stage.
- Taught stagecraft classes in addition to acting classes and also saw several students move on to related careers in theatre and the movie industry.

Dr. Canciamilla – Additionally I want to note that Mr. Cross taught both band and drama, and these are two of the four most demanding areas to teach that require a lot of extra hours. He did this for many years and did it extremely well. (The two other areas requiring lots of extra hours being athletics and music). Mr. Arenivar mentioned that Mr. Cross also officiated the football games. Dr. Canciamilla noted - there are plaques for Betty Brown and Orrin Cross that were created when the Creative Arts Building was remodeled, and they will be mounted on both of the stages.

Motioned by Laura Canciamilla to name the large stage in the Creative Arts Building in honor of Orrin Cross, per the ad hoc committee recommendation; seconded by Joseph Arenivar.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

5.01 A Board (LCAP) workshop will be held immediately following this meeting.

An Enrollment Workshop will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018. The next Regular Board Meeting is May 9, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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(Board Adopted: 05/09/18)