

Board Meeting Agenda (Wednesday, August 21, 2019)

Members present

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

Members Absent

Laura Canciamilla

1. Opening Items - 5:00 PM

1.01 Call To Order

1.02 Public Comment On Closed Session Agenda

None.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Tamondong-Bradley)

3. Recall to Open Session - 6:30 PM

3.01 Recall to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Agenda Reorganization

None.

4. Closed Session Report / Action

4.01 Personnel Action Report, [Labor Negotiations - as applicable] (Ms. Tamondong-Bradley)

Ms. Tamondong-Bradley reported the Personnel Actions were approved as presented.

Motion by George Miller, Second by Joseph Arenivar

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Yea: Duane Smith, George Miller, Joseph Arenivar

Ms. Tamondong-Bradley announced the dedicated service retirement of Chuck Howlett, Teacher, with special commendation for 20 years of dedicated service.

4.02 Litigation [as applicable]

No Action Taken.

5. Comments

5.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: Chris Coan, PEA President, addressed the Board and District staff regarding PEA members working without a contract during negotiations. She expressed her support towards obtaining a raise for her members and asked the Board to consider the rising cost of living in the area.

5.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Gonzales)

School started and the first week of school was nice. Before school started, we had a staff bonding event at Pittsburg High School, which was really cool and was the first time we did that. A lot of teachers participated, which was nice for our leadership program.

The first day of school went smoothly for most people, student's schedules were changed recently to even out classes but overall, everything is going well.

We had our scrimmage on Friday and people were able to see the lights for the first time. I'm just curious about who controls the lights because I had band practice last night and it was pitch black and I would like to know how to turn the lights on.

Another thing that I bought up last time is about the cameras. I received the Friday Letter and it said that the camera project did not include the upstairs P-Wing but during the Board meeting, they said that the P-Wing was included, so I am confused about that. I still want clarification about that, I went to check out the P-Wing and there still weren't any cameras upstairs. Besides that, everything is going smoothly.

5.03 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Welcome and good evening everyone, I am excited to be back at school. We had a great opening of school and it was fun to get out to all of the different school sites. We were able to go around to every single school site and just appreciate the work that everyone does to make sure that first day is extra shiny and special. I was to give a shout out to our maintenance and operations staff for how beautiful our schools look as well because that sets the tone when the kids come in the door.

All of our fantastic teachers, it's really fun to see new teachers in place and our admins. I was to give a special shout out to the secondary schools, to the counselors because this year we had some additional scheduling parameters for our counselors to do to make sure our classes were balanced at the Junior Highs and the High Schools and I am sure they are still making changes. Doing a master schedule is incredibly complicated, especially at the high school level and with the size that we have. I am so impressed with the work our counselors did getting that first go around, the tweaks and additional work, and I want to thank them.

I want to thank the Highlands staff and community. We will be opening on Monday, August 26th. I want to thank the teachers and staff for their patience and communication. I want to thank our team, our maintenance staff and our custodians, everyone is pitching in, and working extra to make sure the school is beautiful. On Friday, teachers will have their teacher work day in their classrooms and we'll be in the school on the weekend doing the final waxing of the floors and sweep of the whole perimeter of the school. We will have a special opening of the school on Monday. We will then get the revised calendar to the Highlands community as soon as it is completed where we add in those additional days.

Finally, I want to welcome our Adult Ed. School, our Adult Ed. staff will return tomorrow and we will welcome them back. They will start their Adult Ed. classes next week.

5.04 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Mr. Miller – On the first day of school, I went to visit five schools with Mr. Smith. The schools looked good, the teachers were happy and the kids were happy. I want to thank everybody that participated on getting the schools started this year.

Mr. Arenivar – I want to thank the District workers for being here tonight, it looks like a great crowd and thank you for coming. You know what we will talk about so this should be a nice meeting.

Mr. Smith – We were able to attend the New Teacher Orientation, which was good, Mr. Miller and Mr. Arenivar were there as well, and it was good to welcome the new teachers to Pittsburg.

Mr. Miller and I, in working with the City, went to visit BioZone, which is one of the facilities doing CBD extractions for seizures and other reasons. We went to visit to learn more because we have heard concerns from parents so we went to see and get more information on that facility and see what exactly they are doing in there.

Like Mr. Miller mentioned, we visited five schools on the first day. A lot of parents aren't registering their kids on time and are waiting for the first day of school and I know that probably caused additional work in the very beginning but it seems like everyone got through and it was all fine once the students were all registered. The only concern that I saw at the schools was a Hillview which was some missing tiles and some cracked tiles so I don't know what we do about that but I would like for someone to follow up to make that school a little bit better.

I would also like to thank Pittsburg PD, who were out on force on the first day of school, issuing over one hundred tickets. I believe this will help parents give that extra thought, I saw parents on their phones while driving through

crosswalks when students are there and not stopping. I thank the police department for the work that they are doing on keeping our schools safe. Every once in a while, we have issues with students getting hit and whether it's the students or drivers fault, this has got to happen in the beginning of school to call attending to the problem. Hopefully we will have a safe year, this year.

Towards the end of last year, I tried to focus more on Special Ed. so moving forwards, my focus will be on learning more about Special Ed. this school year.

6. Information / Reports / Discussion

6.01 Out of State Travel Conference International Literacy Association 2019 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana October 10-13 2019 (Mrs. Stevens-Stevenson)

Mrs. Stevens-Stevenson shared that her and her staff are planning on attending the ILA conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. She explained that the conference will offer culturally relevant learning which will assist in the many scholars that come without reading comprehension skills which writing goes along with. The conference will also have information about the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports which help with Social, cultural and climate. She started that staff and administrators want to help scholars read and gain interest in reading.

Mr. Arenivar asked about the funding for this trip.

Mrs. Stevens-Stevenson shared that the trip is funded through school funds and not the District.

Mr. Smith asked that Ms. Stevens-Stevenson share the information of the conference with other school sites who could also benefit by the information.

Mrs. Stevens-Stevenson responded that she would share the information about the upcoming conference during the next Secondary Principal's Meeting.

Mr. Miller asked how the information is shared with teachers.

Mrs. Stevens-Stevenson stated that the information will be shared through the leadership teams and departments in the school which will be the first Wednesday of each month during meetings.

6.02 Out of State Travel - Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools Youth Ambassadors Conference - Washington, DC October 19-23, 2019 (Ms. Watson & Ms. Mattson)

Dr. Schulze announced that she recently learned two scholars were chosen as Youth Ambassadors for the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools for the following two years. One Special Education student and one General Education student were selected to participate in the program which consists of a total of 24 students from the nation. The students will travel to represent inclusive practices. She shared that this is a huge honor and speaks on the quality of the program in the District. She commended Maureen Mattson for her incredible work.

Dr. Schulze shared that the conference will be a training session for the members selected for the program and will be wholly funded through the Special Olympics.

Mr. Smith asked if there will be any cost to the District.

Dr. Schulze stated that the only possible cost to the District would be the substitute cost during Maureen Mattson's absence.

Dr. Schulze expressed her excitement and shared that this is a huge honor for the District as only 24 youth were selected throughout the county and two of those selected are from Pittsburg.

6.03 Presentation - Expanded Summer Learning and Evening School Programs (Mr. Molina)

Mr. Molina presented the Educational Services staff and shared that the department would present on the Expanded Summer Learning and Evening School program offered during the summer session of 2019.

Ms. Guardado, Coordinator of English Learners and Dual Language Instruction, and Mrs. Velasco, Coordinator of Elementary Education, shared an overview on how successful the program was over the summer and provided information on the specific programs and enrollment. The program provided credit recovery and learning enrichment for scholars. The program offered STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) approach through the courses offered in the Junior High and Elementary levels.

The program offered College and Career awareness and also provided field trips to college campuses. The program focused on equity for Special Education, ESL and foster students. The Goal for the program was to provide access to credit recovery and STEAM curriculum.

The program's success was measured through student enrollment, attendance, pre and post assessments. Also through Writing, course completion, feedback from teachers and surveys.

A total of 12,800 credits were recovered through summer session.

Mrs. Velasco stated that a quarter of District students were served through the summer program.

Ms. Pettric, Coordinator of Secondary Education, shared data on the High School summer programs and shared detailed information on which courses were offered such as enrichment courses and credit recovery courses.

The Board asked questions regarding attendance, enrollment and course completion.

Staff answered the Board's questions regarding the Summer Learning and Evening School program.

Mr. Lucido presented on the Summer Math Institute offered to Junior High students held at Hillview Junior High School. He stated that this year was a historical summer for the program because of the program reaching a twenty-year milestone in affiliation with Los Medanos College. He stated that out of Two-hundred twenty-four students enrolled, two-hundred and twelve students completed the program.

Dr. Schulze asked Mr. Lucido how many of the twenty years he has been involved in the institute.

Mr. Lucido shared that he has worked with the Summer Math Institute since 1999.

Mrs. Velasco and Ms. Guardado shared information on the increase of student attendance due to the shortened summer schedule, second offering of DI for Elementary students and dual emersion program.

Ms. Guardado thanked Maria Gomez, Translator, for translating the courses.

Staff shared their presentation with the Board, staff and community members and answered questions related to their presentation.

6.04 Presentation - Review of the 2019 CAASPP Results (Mr. Rocap)

Mr. Rocap presented a slideshow of the 2019 CAASPP results for the District. He explained in detail the results and provided data on the State level accountability indicators for LEA and Math. Information provided was presented and broken down by gender, grade level and ethnicity. He explained the changes made by the State compared to previous years, such as the Distance from Met indicator.

Mr. Rocap explained that the results would be available on the CAASPP website the following day for the general public.

The Board discussed the results and asked questions regarding District priorities to assist the student groups indicated to require more support.

Mr. Woolridge asked for clarification on why Black Diamond High School was not included in the data provided.

Mr. Rocap answered that the data from Black Diamond High School is not included in the State reporting but is provided separately. He shared that although the CAASPP results are not included, the State now included Black Diamond High School in the District Dashboard.

Mr. Woolridge asked the Board be provided with the data.

Ms. Gonzales expressed concern regarding student preparedness as not all students are on the same level when taking the math exam. She stated that she herself is in Calculus and her classmates are in Algebra classes and believes it might not be fair when all students receive the same exam.

Ms. Gonzales asked why the Science results were not included in the data.

Mr. Rocap answered that the Science CAASPP exam is in the baseline stage and is new. He shared that the data would be included in future years once there is data available to compare.

Mr. Smith asked that the Board be provided additional data on which math classes Latino students are currently taking in their Junior year. He shared that the Latino community is the largest and would like to see if there is an impact on percentage scores on assessments when they are provided more individual support that will prepare them when taking the exam.

Ms. Gonzales asked that staff reinforce the importance of the exams because she noticed that due to the exams being administered at the end of the year, it is easy for students to not take it serious.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Rocap for the data presented.

6.05 Memorandum of Understanding between First Baptist Head Start and Pittsburg Unified School District for 2019-2020 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Ms. Watson shared the MOU for the Head Start collaboration with the District and First Baptist Church. She said that she and Ms. Ha started a partnership with Alameda County Head Start in their previous District which allowed Special Education students attend in every Head Start classroom.

Mr. Watson shared that she is proud to announce that sixteen (16) students will be placed in the Head Start program. She thanked Mr. Miller for his support for the Head Start program.

Mr. Smith asked if there was a ratio of Special Education students in the classroom.

Ms. Ha answered that the ratio is one (1) teacher and one (1) aide per twenty-four (24) students in a classroom. There will be no more than three (3) students with special needs in each class. She shared that students with disabilities are proven to benefit by the social interaction of the program and also gives typical students a chance to interact with students with special needs and are taught empathy and compassion through their experience.

Ms. Watson shared that students will be able to start Kindergarten with students they have interacted with in the Head Start program. She shared that students are shown to have a better exit rate out of Special Education programs in the future if they received early intervention.

Mr. Arenivar shared that early education is important and it is great that students with special needs are given the opportunity as well.

Mr. Ha added that this will be at no additional cost to the additional program.

Ms. Watson added that the program will result in cost savings as those sixteen students will be enrolled in the State program and will utilize an existing teacher already hired in the District to support the program.

Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Watson and Ms. Ha for their work.

7. Consent Items

7.01 Minutes for August 7, 2019 - (Dr. Schulze)

Resolution: Approval of the August 7, 2019 board minutes.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.02 Notes from the Facilities Sub Committee Meeting for August 8, 2019 (Mr. Scott)

Resolution: Approval of the Facilities Sub Committee Meeting Notes.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.03 Renewal - Western Governors University - Student Teaching Letter of Agreement (Ms. Tamondong-Bradley)

Resolution: Staff recommends the Board approve the renewal for the Student Teaching Letter of Agreement between Western Governors University and Pittsburg Unified School District.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.04 Renewal - Memorandum of Understanding Between the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County and One Stop/America's Job Center of California Partners for the 2019-2020 School Year (Mr. Molina)

Resolution: Staff recommends the Board approve the renewal MOU between The Workforce Development Board and One Stop/America's Job Center of California Partners for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.05 Purchase of Materials and Installation for Roof Access for Willow Cove Elementary School (Mr. Scott)

Resolution: Staff recommends the Board approve the quote from CH Bull Co. for the procurement of roofing safety materials and their installation at Willow Cove Elementary.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.06 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

8.01 Renewal - California State University, East Bay Student Teaching Experience Agreement (Ms. Tamondong-Bradley)

Staff recommends the Board approve the renewal for the Student Teaching Letter of Agreement between Western Governors University and Pittsburg Unified School District.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.02 Renewal - Contract with Contra Costa County Mental Health (CCCMH) for the 2019-2020 School Year (Ms. Watson)

Staff recommends the Board approve the renewal of the contract with Contra Costa County Mental Health for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Joseph Arenivar, second by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.03 Update Board Policy (BP) 3350 - Travel Expenses (Mr. Haria)

Staff recommends the Board accept the update language on Board Policy (BP) 3350 - Travel Expenses. (Options to choose from)

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Dr. Schulze shared that the Board Policy was brought back for Action as it was previously approved through Consent without a selection of option.

Mr. Arenivar asked why the Superintendent is listed as the person to approve travel expenses and stated that he believes it should be the Board instead.

Dr. Schulze responded that the information is provided by CSBA.

The Board discussed the options at length and asked for clarification on the two options.

Mr. Woolridge motioned to approve Option 2 with added language.

Dr. Schulze explained that Option 1 asks for District staff to provide receipts for meals and Option 2 would not require receipts for meals and would be subject to the maximum allowed reimbursement established by the District as a per diem amount. She stated that the language could not be changed as it is provided by CSBA but shared that the Board can add language if they would like.

8.04 Acceptance of Donation of 230 backpacks filled with school supplies from John Muir Community Health (Mr. Molina)

Mr. Molina thanked the Yours Humanly Nonprofit organization for connecting the District with John Muir Community Health on receiving this donation.

Staff recommends the Board accept the 230 donated backpacks filled with school supplies by John Muir Community Health estimated at \$6,900.00.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. Communications

None.

10. Board Requests

10.01 Information Requests

Ms. Gonzales asked she be provided an update on when the cameras will be added on the upstairs P Wing at Pittsburg High School.

10.02 Agenda Requests

None.

11. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

11.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - Sept 11, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.