

Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, January 25, 2023)

Members present

George Miller, Heliodoro Moreno, De'Shawn Woolridge, Taylor Sims, Destiny Briscoe
Lizeth Alvarez and Manuel Patino, 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: Michell Redfoot, teacher, commented in support of a PEA salary increase and fully paid medical benefits.

Public Comment: Reckard commented in support of a PEA salary increase and fully paid medical benefits.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:10 PM.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Castro)

3. Student Recognitions - 6:15 PM

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance at 6:28 PM.

3.02 Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School TUPE Recognition (Ms. Winford)

Danielle Winford recognized the Martin Luther King Jr., Junior High School TUPE program scholars and staff.

The Board and Superintendent thanked scholars and staff for their work in the TUPE program.

4. Recall to Open Session - 6:30 PM

4.01 Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was recalled to Open Session at 6:34 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.02 Agenda Reorganization

None.

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 Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Ms. Castro announced the dedicated service retirements of:

E. Michael Allanic, Teacher, with special commendation for 19 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

Chris Coan, PEA President/Prep Teacher, with special commendation for 27 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

John Kleinjans, Teacher, with special commendation for 18 years of dedicated service to the staff and students of PUSD.

5.02 Litigation [as applicable]

None.

6. Comments

6.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: Sean Sturgis, CSEA President, commented in support of PEA.

Public Comment: Vicente Borja commented in regard to teacher prep periods.

Public Comment: Celia Medina Owens commented in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

Public Comment: Russell Lu commented in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

Public Comment: Jim McAdam thanked the district and employees.

Public Comment: Andrea Smith commented in support of resource teachers and in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

Public Comment: Alexis Verworn in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

Public Comment: Chiere Bryant commented in support of resource teachers.

Virtual Public Comment: Rpatin commented in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

Virtual Public Comment: Angel Calderon commented in support of PEA's request for fully paid medical benefits.

President Sims thanked PEA members

6.02 Student Board Member Comments (Ms. Alvarez)

Ms. Alvarez shared that scholars celebrated winter sports at a rally, the second study call for scholars with tardy minutes was held, a paint night at the end of the week would be held and finally, scholars could pick up their cap and gown during lunch.

6.03 Student Board Member Comments (Mr. Patino)

Mr. Patino shared that the Special Olympics were held at Pittsburg High School and added that Trustee Destiny Briscoe visited Black Diamond High School and gave scholars an inspirational speech.

6.04 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze thanked everyone who attended the meeting for public comment and for conducting public comments in a respectful way. She shared that the Special Olympics were held and it was fun to see secondary schools participate. She added that she had the opportunity to see the band perform in Madrid, Spain and that she was beyond proud seeing that it was the largest performance in the event. Finally, she announced that January was School Board appreciation month and thanked the Board for their service.

6.05 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Trustee Briscoe shared that she visited Black Diamond High School and had a wonderful time speaking to scholars and thanked Mr. Molina for setting up the visit and also thanked Mr. Lucido, Ms. McKinney, Mr. Patino, scholars and staff for showing her the campus.

Trustee Woolridge echoed Dr. Schulze's comments about School Board Appreciation Month stated that he appreciated the discussions and ability to learn different perspectives while on the Board. He shared that the Contra Costa County School Board Association would begin to hold meetings again.

Vice President Moreno shared that he was able to attend two events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day which was the NAACP

MLK Jr. Breakfast at MLK Jr., Junior High School and the march with Souljahs. He thanked PEA for inviting him and Trustee Briscoe to the PEA Site Meeting. He added that he was able to attend the Pitt Unify Special Olympics event and see a couple of rounds of basketball.

President Sims thanked Dr. Schulze for the orchid she received for School Board Appreciation Month.

7. Recognition

7.01 Recognition of Coach Victor Galli (Mr. Strom)

Mr. Strom presented Coach Victor Galli and recognized him for the work he was able to accomplish during his time as a Football Coach.

Steve Ahonen, Trustee Woolridge, Vice President Moreno, Trustee Briscoe, President Sims, and Trustee Miller spoke in appreciation of the work Coach Galli accomplished with the youth and scholars in the community.

Dr. Schulze thanked Coach Galli for all of his work and dedication to the scholars in the District and presented him with two plaques in appreciation.

8. Information / Reports / Discussion

8.01 Superintendent's Update (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze shared her Board and Community Update presentation. She explained that COVID remains to have an impact in the PUSD community and added that testing would continue to be provided for the community and will continue to hold vaccination clinics in partnership with La Clinica as well. She shared that the District held its first After School Program Showcase in an effort to build awareness and increase enrollment in all of the programs. Summer School planning started and the District would once again be able to offer Summer School programs at all levels. The LCAP Community Input season would begin in February starting with site administrators and all administrators and would move to community input in March and April.

Dr. Schulze shared that work around discipline would continue as part of the District's equity work. The continued work would consist of Self-identified issues with consistency in defining, collecting, and documenting interventions and consequences (not suspensions), and Discipline matrix/KChart. She added that Willful defiance is an Equity Issue and noted that Educational Code did not allow Willful Defiance for K-8 and PUSD extended that through 9-12 and explained that it would not apply to teacher's classroom suspension per Ed. Code. She noted that optional professional development sessions would be available for educators and that the Board would hear more information during the CCEIS plan presentation.

8.02 Out of State Travel - Historical Black Colleges and Universities College Tour for Pittsburg High School Students on April 8 - 16, 2023 (Ms. Walker, Ms. Moseley)

Ms. Walker and Ms. Moseley presented the request for out of state travel for scholars to visit Historical Black Colleges and Universities College Tour. They stated that the trip would be held during Spring Break. A total of 25 scholars and 6 chaperones would attend.

Trustee Woolridge shared that he wanted to support sponsoring a scholar with the cost of the trip.

President Sims stated that she would commit to sponsor half of one scholar's cost.

Trustee Briscoe said she would as well.

8.03 Payment for PUSD Staff Chaperones for Out of State Historical Black Colleges and Universities College Tour (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze shared the request to pay for District staff chaperones for the out of state Historical Black Colleges and Universities College Tour field trip. She noted that the Educational Code allows the District to fund out-of-state District events and added that the District assisted the Madrid PHS Marching Showband trip. She added that the following item would be the same for the Washington, DC, trip.

8.04 Payment for the PUSD chaperones attending the Jr High Washington D.C trips. (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze shared that the request to pay for District staff to attend the Junior High Washington D.C. field trips is similar to the previous agenda item. She noted that funds cannot be used for scholar's costs.

8.05 Discussion of Data Requests in Preparation for the Board's Data Dive Workshop on February 13, 2023 (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze shared that there would be a Data Workshop on February 13, 2023 and asked the Board if they had specific data they would like to see during that time. She noted that Fall Semester data on discipline, grade and graduation rates for 2022 would be shared.

Trustee Woolridge asked to see teacher retention data by ethnicity as well as English Learner Reclassification data.

Vice President Moreno shared that he would also like to see EL data as well and asked if that would be shared in a separate presentation.

Dr. Schulze shared that a presentation on English Learners was agendaized for a future Board meeting and which is when that data would be shared. She added that she would see if that data is available for the workshop.

Vice President Moreno asked for clarification around the K Chart and discretion administrator's have.

Trustee Briscoe agreed with Vice President Moreno. She added that she would like to see how the K Chart is being implemented and requested data on Restorative Justice.

8.06 Presentation - January 2023 Update - Governor's 2023-24 Budget Proposal (Mr. Haria)

Mr. Haria shared a detailed presentation on the Governor's January 2023-2024 Budget proposal.

He shared detailed information about the State Budget and Economy, 2023-24 LCFF Overview, 2023-24 LCFF Funding Factors, SSC Financial Projection Dartboard, CalSTRS Employer Contribution Rates, CalPERS Employer Contribution Rates, Minimum Wage Increases and Future Forecast, Proposed Funding Reduction to the Arts, Music, and Instructional Material Block Grant, Universal Transitional Kindergarten Implementation, Proposition 28, Federal Funding, and Special Education Federal Funding.

Trustee Briscoe thanked Mr. Haria for the presentation and shared that she is excited to see what the arts funding would look like.

Vice President Moreno shared that he wanted to point out that any additional funding from Federal Funding is great, but would be nowhere near what was promised years ago.

Lizeth Alvarez, Student Board Member, left the meeting at 9:35 PM.

8.07 Overnight Field Trip Request - Danzantes Unidos Festival Fresno, CA March 31 - April 2, 2023 (Mr. Whitmire)

Ms. Rodriguez shared the request for an overnight field trip for scholars to attend the Danzantes Unidos Festival in Fresno, California on March 31, 2023, through April 2, 2023.

Scholars and their families spoke to the Board in regard to their request and provided information about their Folklorico group at Pittsburg High School.

Vice President Moreno and Trustee Woolridge asked if there would be a way for the District to assist with any of the costs.

Trustee Briscoe thanked the Folklorico group for sharing their passion.

Mr. Miller shared that he sees them in the community and is impressed with their dances.

President Sims thanked everyone for coming and speaking.

8.08 Increase - Contract between PAWAR Transportation and Pittsburg Unified School District for Transporting Special Ed Students for the 2022-2023 school year (Mr. Belasco)

Mr. Belasco shared the request for an increase in the contract between PAWAR Transportation and the District for transporting Special Education students for the 2022-2023 school year.

8.09 Out of State Travel to attend The Inaugural Clean Energy Schools Symposium in Washington DC on March 26, 2023 - March 28, 2023 (Mr. Belasco)

Mr. Belasco shared the request for out of state travel to attend The Inaugural Clean Energy Schools Symposium in Washington, DC.

Dr. Schulze shared that she and Mr. Belasco did an interview for a case study for this organization.

Mr. Belasco shared that he was invited for an inaugural trip with conference fee, hotel, flight and meal expenses paid.

8.10 Sales Agreement to purchase two vehicles for the White Fleet (Maintenance trucks) in the Maintenance Department from Hengehold Truck Sales (Mr. Belasco)

Mr. Belasco shared the sales agreement to purchase two vehicles for the district's white fleet from Hengehold Truck Sales. He stated that the district would continue to work to replace the aging vehicle fleet and would purchase two vehicles that are not brand new but would provide a more green emission and would replace a vehicle that is over 30 years old.

Trustee Briscoe asked if the old vehicles are still operable and asked to know what would be done to dispose of them.

Mr. Belasco stated that staff would do a safety check on the vehicles and would be sold as surplus for auction. He added that the request to sell the vehicles would come to the Board for approval.

9. Consent Items

9.01 Minutes for January 11, 2023 (Dr. Schulze)

Approval of the January 11, 2023 Board minutes.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Lizeth Alvarez and Manuel Patino, Student Board Members

9.02 New Job Description - School Based Therapist (Ms. Castro, Ms. Thomas and Dr. Catalde)

Staff recommended the Board approve the job description for School Based Therapist.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Lizeth Alvarez and Manuel Patino, Student Board Members

9.03 Approval OF THE 2021-2022 Annual Developer Fee Report (Mr. Haria)

Staff recommended the Board approve the 2021-2022 Annual Developer Fee Report.

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Yea: Lizeth Alvarez and Manuel Patino, Student Board Members

9.04 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Approval of Easement Rights with PG & E at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School and Los Medanos Elementary School (Mr. Belasco)

This agenda item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

9.05 PROCEDURAL: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Lizeth Alvarez and Manuel Patino, Student Board Members

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

10.01 Presentation: 2022 Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervention Program (CCEIS) (Mr. Molina and Dr. Catalde)

Staff recommended that the Board approve the 2022 Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Action Plan.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Destiny Briscoe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member.

Mr. Molina, Dr. Catalde and Ms. Clark shared a detailed presentation on the District's CCEIS Plan.

Mr. Molina shared a reminder that in April 2021, Dr. Schulze provided the Board and community an update because the District was found significantly disproportionate and added that data was provided on root causes. He shared a summary of the timeline of the CCEIS plan. He noted that the District has been moved from being significantly disproportionate from 2 areas and are still significantly disproportionate in Emotional Disturbance, which is why the plan has been brought to the Board for review and approval.

Staff shared detailed information on Phase One Activities, Phase Two Activities, Phase Three Activities, CCEIS meetings, Measurable Outcome #1 with activities, Measurable Outcome #2 with activities, Measurable Outcome #3 with activities, Measurable Outcome #4 with activities, Budget included in the CCEIS 2022 Action Plan and next steps.

Trustee Briscoe thanked staff for taking the time to engage with African American families and asked if the District has ensured that African American families are involved in the LCAP process.

Dr. Schulze shared that through the LCAP feedback process, the African American Families Group was formed.

Lizeth Alvarez, Student Board Member, left the meeting at 9:35 PM.

10.02 Community Member Appointment to the Board Advisory Committee on Recruitment and Retention of a Diverse Workforce (President Sims)

President Sims shared that Trustee Miller would make an appointment for a committee member to sit in the Board Advisory Committee on Recruitment and Retention of a Diverse Workforce.

Trustee Miller nominated Tasharie Ameral.

Trustee Woolridge asked to know how the After School Program representative would be selected.

Dr. Schulze stated that the Board could discuss the process of selecting the After School Program representative at the following Board meeting.

Motion to approve Trustee George Miller's appointment of Tasharie Ameral to serve on the committee.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.03 ROLL CALL: Board Resolution Calendar (Dr. Woolridge)

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed Resolution Calendar and attached Resolutions for the 2023 calendar year.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.04 2022-2023 CSEA Sunshine Proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) to Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Contract Reopener Proposal for 2022-2023 to the successor collective bargaining agreement from California School Employees Association (CSEA) to Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD).

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.05 Variable Term Waiver (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Variable Term Waivers (VTW) for Marissa Pienaar.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.06 Out of state Conference to Washington, DC for Los Medanos Elementary (Mrs. Estrada, Ms. Saelee)

Staff recommended the Board approve the out of state Conference to the Global Education Symposium at Washington, DC. (Mrs. Estrada)

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.07 Acceptance of bid from Comfort Air, Inc. for Los Medanos Elementary School HVAC project. (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommended that the Board accept the bid from Comfort Air, Inc., for the Los Medanos Elementary School HVAC tenant improvement project.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.08 Renewal - Approve proposal between Softchoice and Pittsburg Unified School District for Microsoft Product Software Licenses for 2022-2023 school year (Mr. Melodias)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Softchoice proposal for the annual renewal of licenses for all Microsoft products, as specified in Quote Q-1275783.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.09 Reject the bids for the PUSD Independent Studies Program Facilities Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board to reject the bids received for the PUSD Independent Studies Program Facilities Project and permit the Facilities Department to rebid the project immediately.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.10 Amendment No. 2 for Chacon Architecture for the Pittsburg High School New Softball Field Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Chacon Architecture contract for the PHS New Softball Field Project.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.11 Add Services for ISI Inspection Services for the Los Medanos ES Portable Replacement Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the add services request from ISI Inspection Services for the Los Medanos ES Portable Replacement Project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.12 Add Services CS & Associates for the Los Medanos ES Portable Replacement Project, Increment 2 (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the add services request from CS & Associates for the Los Medanos ES Portable Replacement Project, Increment 2.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by George Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.13 Amendment No. 2 - Consolidated Safety Services Purchase Order for the Los Medanos Elementary School Portable Replacement Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve Amendment No. 2 to Consolidated Safety Services Purchase Order for additional DSA Inspection Services for the Los Medanos Elementary School portable replacement project.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.14 Acceptance of Donation from Tim Manly & Sandra Evers-Manly to Martin Luther King, Jr., Junior High School (Ms. Winford)

Staff recommended the Board accept the donation from Tim Manly & Sandra Evers-Manly to Martin Luther King, Jr., Junior High School in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by De'Shawn Woolridge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

10.15 Acceptance of Donation from Shutterfly, Lifetouch, LLC to Parkside Elementary School (Mr. Varner)

Staff recommended the Board accept the donation from Shutterfly, Lifetouch, LLC. to Parkside Elementary School in the amount of \$511.29.

Motioned by De'Shawn Woolridge, seconded by Heliodoro Moreno.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Yea: Manuel Patino, Student Board Member

11. Communications

11.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

There were no comments.

12. Board Requests

12.01 Information Requests

Trustee Woolridge requested information on AB 130 and an alternative option in lieu of CSET.

Vice President Moreno requested information on the district policy around articulate placement cards at the elementary school level.

12.02 Agenda Requests

There were no requests.

13. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

13.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - February 8, 2023

The Meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM

Motioned by Taylor Sims, Seconded by Heliodoro Moreno

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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