

Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, August 9, 2023)

Members present

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

1. Opening Items - 5:00 PM

1.01 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM.

1.02 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

Public Comment: Russell Lu, PEA Bargaining Chair, introduced himself to the Board as PEA Bargaining Chair.

Public Comment: Celia Medina-Owens, PEA President, introduced the PEA Bargaining team and members of the Executive Team.

2. Closed Session

2.01 Closed Session Agenda (Ms. Castro)

3. Recall to Open Session - 6:30 PM

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was recalled to order at 6:31PM 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. Castro)

Ms. Castro reported the Personnel Actions were approved as presented.

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

Ms. Castro reported that by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstentions, the Board approved the .4% Leave of Absence for the 2023-2024 school year, for Employee #3081.

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by Destiny Briscoe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

Ms. Castro reported that by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstentions, the Board approved the .2% Leave of Absence for the 2023-2024 school year, for Employee #5574.

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

Ms. Castro reported that by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstentions, the Board denied the Unpaid Leave of Absence from July 31, 2023 through September 15, 2023 for Employee #7572.

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

4.02 Litigation [as applicable]

None.

5. Comments

5.01 Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: Sean Sturgis, CSEA President, commented in support of an employee's request to be assigned to her original school site after returning as a 39-Month rehire.

Public Comment: Cheryl Coniglio, commented in regard to a request pertaining to her site assignment.

5.02 Superintendent Comments (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze welcomed everyone back to school and shared that it was the most successful opening she has had in the District. She added that amazing teachers were in place and ready as well as almost full staffing across the District. She thanked everyone and the community. She shared that she, Dr. Farr and Mr. Molina had the chance to visit each site during the first day of school.

5.03 Board Member Comments (Trustees)

Trustee Briscoe welcomed students, teachers, and staff back to school and wished everyone a good year.

Trustee Dr. Woolridge had nothing to report.

Vice President Moreno welcomed everyone back to the new school year and shared that he looked forward to a successful school year.

Trustee Miller welcomed everyone back to school and shared that he visited schools and shared pictures of his visits on his Facebook. He stated that he looked forward to a successful school year.

President Sims welcomed everyone back to school. She thanked Dr. Schulze and staff who put together the New Teacher Orientation and shared that she attended Dr. Schulze's Student Fishbowl, where scholars talked about their experiences with new teachers. She added that she attended the MOT End-of-Summer BBQ, and thanked Mr. Belasco for organizing the event. Additionally, she shared that she attended the Stoneman Elementary Ice Cream Social where many parents and families were in attendance. She stated that it was nice to meet teachers and thanked staff for the event. Lastly, she wished staff who celebrated a Birthday during August, a Happy Birthday.

6. Information / Reports / Discussion

6.01 Making Waves Education Foundation Update and Partnership with PUSD for the 2023-2024 School Year (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze announced that Dr. Ash and Ms. Siapno from Making Waves Foundation would share an update presentation.

Dr. Ash and Mr. Siapno shared a detailed presentation on the history of the Making Waves Education Foundation and PUSD partnership, successes to date, and program model changes for the 2024 year.

Dr. Ash explained that the founders made a \$2 million commitment through the Making Waves Education Foundation to provide funding for scholarships, college access programming, and college coaching to students at Pittsburg High School.

Dr. Ash listed scholar's named 2023 PHS Wave Makers and the universities they attend. Additionally, he shared Wave-Maker feedback and quoted scholar's statements.

Mr. Siapno shared program model changes and announced that they have created a free text messaging service for college and career planning for scholars to use.

The Board and Superintendent thanked Dr. Ash, Mr. Siapno, and Making Waves for their partnership and commitment to PUSD.

6.02 Discussion of the 2023-2024 School Year Board Meetings and Topics (Dr. Schulze)

Dr. Schulze presented information about upcoming Board meeting dates that conflicted with staff absences, Board attendance at conferences, and holidays. She suggested the Board discuss how they wanted to proceed with the Board meeting dates and added that she would like for them to also discuss scheduling data and facilities workshops.

The Board discussed the Board meeting dates and agreed to reschedule the March 13, 2024 Board meeting to March 6, 2024. Additionally, they agreed to schedule a fall data workshop for November 27, 2024.

Dr. Schulze noted the changes and added that the Board would have to continue the discussion to schedule a Spring Data Workshop as well as a Facilities Workshop. She explained that she would create a Google Doc with dates for the Board to select their availability.

6.03 Revised Job Description for PEA (Ms. Castro)

Ms. Castro shared the revised job description and explained that the revisions were made in collaboration with PEA. She added that changes were in red and cross outs on needed to be eliminated.

6.04 Consolidated Funding Application (Dr. Farr)

Dr. Farr explained that the Consolidated Application is required to be submitted each year to the California Department of Education to request funding for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV funds. He added that he was currently working on the application and would present it to the Board when the agenda item returns for action at the following Board meeting.

Vice President Moreno asked if historically, the District has received all funding for all four.

Dr. Schulze answered that the District has been approved for all four.

6.05 Proposal between Borrelli and Associates and Pittsburg Unified School District for Engineering Services for the Stoneman Elementary School Fire Alarm Upgrade Project (Mr. Scott)

Mr. Scott shared the proposal between Borrelli and Associated and the District for engineering services for the Stoneman Elementary School Fire Alarm Upgrade Project.

7. Consent Items

7.01 Minutes for July 26, 2023 (Dr. Schulze)

Approval of the July 26, 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

7.02 Renewal Agreement between The Regents of the University of California Destination College Advising Corps and Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year (Mr. Whitmore)

Staff recommended the Board approve contract renewal between The Regents of the University of California and Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year

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

7.03 Out of State Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Varsity Football Pre-Season Matchup Game in Honolulu, Oahu, HI on August 28, 2024 - September 1, 2024 (Mr. Strom)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Out-of-State Field Trip: Pittsburg High School Varsity Football Pre-Season Matchup Game in Honolulu, Oahu, HI - August 28, 2024 - September 1, 2024.

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

7.04 Contract between Pittsburg Unified School District and Certified Athletic Trainer Renata Odongo for the 2023-2024 school year (Mr. Strom)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Contract between Renata Odongo (Certified Athletic Trainer) and Pittsburg Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

7.05 Renewal Proposal between Pittsburg Unified School District and Associated Valuation Services, Inc. for District Wide Inventory Management Services (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed renewal between Pittsburg Unified School District and Associated Valuation Services, Inc. (AVS) for District wide inventory management services for five school years, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028.

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

7.06 Proposal between Pittsburg Unified School District and Associated Valuation Services for the Bi-Annual Physical District Wide Inventory (Mr. Belasco)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal between Pittsburg Unified School District and Associated Valuation Services, Inc. (AVS) to do the bi-annual physical inventory District-wide.

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

7.07 Board Policy on Flag Raising for Resolutions Supporting Racial and Ethnic Celebration Months (Dr. Schulze)

It is recommended that the Board approve the Board Policy on Flag Raising for Resolutions Supporting Racial and Ethnic Celebration Months.

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

7.08 Renewal Proposal between ConvergeOne and Pittsburg Unified School District for 2023-2024 school year (Mr. Melodias)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal renewal between ConvergeOne and PUSD for Cisco Firewall License for 2023-2024 school year.

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

7.09 Approve Quote between Enviroplex and PUSD for restroom portable building at Pittsburg Adult Education Campus (PAEC) (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the purchase of a restroom portable building from Enviroplex for the PAEC Restroom Portable Building Project.

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

7.10 Proposal between Plum Architects and Pittsburg Unified School District for Architectural Services for the PAEC Restroom Portable Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal between Plum Architects and Pittsburg Unified School District for the architectural services for the PAEC Restroom Portable Project.

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

7.11 Approve Proposal from Consolidated Safety Services for DSA Inspections Services for Pittsburg Adult Education Center - PAEC Restroom Portable Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal from Consolidated Safety Services for Division of State Architect (DSA) Inspection Services for PAEC Restroom Portable Project.

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

7.12 Approve Contract with Echo Mechanical Services for the Energy Management System (EMS) Upgrade Project at Various Sites (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended awarding the Energy Management System (EMS) Upgrade Project contract to Echo Mechanical Services in the amount of \$346,000.00.

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

7.13 Approve Contract with Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the PUSD - SSSC Warehouse Reroofing Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract with Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the PUSD - SSSC Warehouse Reroofing Project.

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

7.14 Approve Contract with Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the PUSD - District Offices Bldg. Reroofing Project (Rebid) (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board award the PUSD - District Offices Bldg. Reroofing Project (Rebid) contract to Best Contracting Services.

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

7.15 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

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

8.01 45 Day Revised Budget 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (Mr. Haria)

Mr. Haria shared a detailed presentation on the 45 Day Revised Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. His presentation included information on revenue assumptions, expenditure assumptions, 45 day revised budget, Multi-Year Projections (MYP), and timeline.

Mr. Haria explained that the two major changes in the budget were the reductions in the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant and the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant. Additionally, he shared that local budgets confront the same risks as the State Budget due to an uncertain economy, looming economic headwinds, rising costs, and slowing revenues and added that policymakers made several budget decisions that create greater risks for local budgets. He explained that the 2023-2024 Education Budget fully funds 8.22% COLA although the State has the authority to reduce or eliminate, enacts new and higher ongoing education spending obligations, pays for a sizeable portion of new, higher costs with one-time Proposition 98 resources, and uses Governor Newsom's higher State General Fund revenue assumptions and the higher local property tax estimates from the Legislative Analyst's Office, buoying the 2023-24 minimum guarantee.

Mr. Haria shared a summary of MYP assumptions, MYP changes, MYP adopted budget, and MYP 45 day revised budget. He explained that AB 1200 requires the school district to provide with the budget, annual audit and interim certifications a statement identifying the reasons for a negative unrestricted fund balance or cash balance and the steps that have been taken to ensure that negative balance will not occur. Lastly, he shared a detailed summary of the budget timeline and noted that the current stage was the 45 Day Revised Budget for 2023-2024, and the next step would be the Unaudited Actuals.

Staff recommended the Board approve the 45-day revised budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

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

8.02 Contract between Queens Gettin' Lit (DBA: The Education Chronicles) and PUSD After School Programs for the 2023-2024 school year (Ms. Tran)

Staff recommended the Board approve the contract between Queens Gettin' Lit and PUSD After School Program (Stoneman Elementary) for the 2023-2024 school year

Motioned by Heliodoro Moreno, seconded by Destiny Briscoe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

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

8.03 ROLL CALL: Resolution 23-04 In Support of Restorative Justice Practices (Dr. Woolridge)

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 23-04 in Support of Restorative Justice Practices.

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

8.04 ROLL CALL: Resolution 22-18, Amendment #1, Yearly Authorizations and Signature Levels to add Dr. Farr (Mr. Haria)

Mr. Haria presented Amendment #1 for Resolution #22-18, Yearly Authorization and Signature Levels, and explained that there was a need to add Dr. Farr.

Staff recommended the Board adopt Resolution 22-18, Amendment #1, Yearly Authorizations 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

8.05 ROLL CALL: Resolution 23-03 Teacher Consents (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution 23-03 allowing the teacher(s) to teach a Subject Matter Class outside of his/her credential area, and experienced District educators to be in an administrative role.

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

8.06 Supervised Internship Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global (Ms. Castro)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global.

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

8.07 Provisional Internship Permits (PIP) and Variable Term Waivers (VTW) (Ms. Castro)

Ms. Castro presented the request for Provisional Internship Permits and Variable Term Waivers.

Trustee Dr. Woolridge asked if people are able to pick either or receive one before the other.

Ms. Castro stated that she could share that specifics via a Friday Letter.

Staff recommended board approval for various Variable Term Waivers and Provisional Internship Permits.

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

8.08 Approve the Final Facilities and Site Leases for the Hillview Junior High School Campus Replacement Project (Mr. Scott)

Staff recommended the Board approve the Lease Lease-Back Facilities Lease and Site Lease for the Hillview JHS Campus 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

9. Communications

9.01 Comments from the Public, Community Organizations, Employee Representatives

There were no comments.

10. Board Requests

10.01 Information Requests

There were no requests.

10.02 Agenda Requests

Trustee Briscoe requested that her proposed Financial Literacy Resolution be included in a future Board meeting agenda.

11. Next Board Meeting / Future Events / Adjournment

11.01 Next Regular Board Meeting - August 23, 2023

Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.