

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 13, 2020
Malaga Cove Administration Center
375 Via Almar
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
Closed Session - 5:00 p.m.
Open Session - 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Teleconference

Members Present

Suzanne Seymour, President
Richard Phillips, Vice President
Megan Crawford, Clerk
Matthew Brach, Member
Linda Reid, Member
Suraj Anand, Student Member
Lucy Pluimer, Student Member

Administrators Present

Alex Cherniss, Superintendent of Schools
Trent Bahadursingh, Deputy Superintendent
Brenna Terrones, Assistant Superintendent/Administrative Services
Linsey Gotanda, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services
Matthew Horvath, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

A. MODIFIED MEETING PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC:

Minutes:

Directions on how to submit a public comment were provided.

B. Call to Order

Minutes:

The regular session was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the president, Ms. Seymour.

B.1. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Minutes: None

C. Recess to Closed Session

Minutes:

President Seymour announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

C.1. Conference with Labor Negotiator

C.2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

C.3. Public Employee Appointment; Public Employment

D. Reconvene to Open Session - Estimated Time 6:30 p.m.

Minutes:

The open session was reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

E. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

F. Report of Board Action Taken in Closed Session

Minutes:

President Seymour announced that there was no report of action taken in Closed Session.

G. Approval of Agenda

G.1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda for May 13, 2020

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 13, 2020, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Linda Reid and a second by Mr. Matthew Brach.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

H. Public Communications

H.1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Minutes:

The following individuals addressed the Board: Jennifer Anderson, Tim Coleman, John Reville and Samantha Weiss.

H.2. Public Comment on Open Session Agenda Items

Minutes:

President Seymour announced that the public would be given the opportunity to address the Board during each agenda item and that remarks would be limited to three minutes per person.

I. Approval of Minutes

I.1. Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2020

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2020, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Megan Crawford.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

J. Board President Announcements

Minutes:

President Seymour made the following announcements:

- Tonight's Board of Education meeting is being recorded and live streamed via a link on the District website.
- The District is still accepting new student enrollment for the 20-21 school year. Information is available on the District website or by contacting the Enrollment Center.
- The District's Adult Education and After School Enrichment programs are now offering online classes. Please visit the District website pvpusd.net for class and registration information.
- The Peninsula Education Foundation's Summer Program is offering online classes for each school level. Please visit pvpss.com for class and registration information.
- The Board will be meeting two times per month or more during the months of July and August. The additional Board Meeting dates will be presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on May 27, 2020.

K. Report of Student Board Members

L. Report of the Palos Verdes Faculty Association (PVFA) Leadership

M. Report of the Palos Verdes Chapter 123, California School Employees Association (CSEA) Leadership

N. Report of Superintendent:

Minutes:

The following individuals addressed the Board: Nicole Griffiths, Tony Gayton, William Um, Diana Elliott, Carolyn Lizdenis, Tecia Barton and Julie Gayton.

Dr. Cherniss (Superintendent of Schools) presented data on the Return to School Survey, in which over 5,000 community members responded. In addition, the Superintendent updated the Board of Education on Return to School plans and the PVPUSD budget outlook based on the Governor's May Revise and the Department of Finance report.

Departure of Student Board Members, Suraj Anad and Lucy Pluimer, at 8:40 p.m.

O. Report of Board Members Serving on the Budget Advisory Committee

P. Discussion/Action

P.1. Resolution No. 11 - 2019/20 to Designate May 13, 2020 as "California Day of the Teacher"

Motion Passed: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 11 - 2019/20, designating Wednesday, May 13, 2020, as "California Day of the Teacher" in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Phillips and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

P.2. Resolution No. 12 - 2019/20 to Designate May 17 - 23, 2020, as "Classified School Employee Week"

Motion Passed: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 12 - 2019/20, designating May 17 - 23, 2020, as "Classified School Employee Week" in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

P.3. Approval of Emergency Resolution No. 13 - 2019/20, Resolution to Take Necessary Action to Modify District Grading Policy Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) Crisis

Minutes:

The following individuals addressed the Board: Tecia Barton, Jeanne Hahn, Anonymous, Luke Wells, Concerned RPV Parents, Umesh Ketkar, Stephanie Makishima, David Eaton, Blake Gilman, Adam Rioux, Kim Hamburg and Isabella.

Motion Passed: That the Board (1) amend Resolution No. 13 - 2019/20 to: (a) include a "No Harm Grading" policy that retains letter grades of A-D; (b) allow students to retain or improve the grade they had earned as of March 13, 2020; (c) allow grade 6-8 students in year-long classes to retain or improve the grade they had earned for the 2nd trimester (d) allow students with 59 percent or less to earn a grade of No Credit; (e) allow students to choose a letter grade or a credit for earning 60-69 percent; (f) allow students the option by June 26th to change a letter grade to a Pass/no credit grade; (g) include language in the resolution that this policy will remain in effect through August 15, 2020; and (2) approve Resolution No. 13 - 2019/20, Resolution to Take Necessary Action to Modify District Grading Policy Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) Crisis, as amended.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Megan Crawford.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
No Mr. Richard Phillips
No Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

P.4. California Fiscal Update 2020-21

Minutes:

Dr. Cherniss provided an update to the Board of Education regarding the dire financial situation of the State and the impacts to PVPUSD.

P.5. Authorization for Adoption of FOSS Science Curriculum

Minutes:

Linsey Gotanda, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services reviewed the FOSS Science Curriculum for grades 6-8 in compliance with Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools with the Board. Teachers, Lydia Cordova and Lyndsey Kier, assisted with the presentation and answered questions from the Board.

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the FOSS Science Curriculum for grades 6-8 in compliance with Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Crawford and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

P.6. Approval for AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2 Textbook Adoption

Minutes:

Linsey Gotanda, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services reviewed the AP Physics 1 and 2 Textbook adoption and answered questions from the Board.

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the recommendation to adopt Pearson's College Physics: A Strategic Approach AP Edition, 4th Edition for use in AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2 beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

Passed with a motion by Ms. Linda Reid and a second by Mr. Richard Phillips.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

P.7. Acceptance of Gifts

Motion Passed: That the gifts of materials, supplies and \$93,377.32 in cash received April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020, be accepted, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Megan Crawford.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q. Consent Calendar

Q.1. Human Resources

Q.1.a. Personnel Assignment Orders and Other Personnel Action

Motion Failed: That the Board of Education (1) amend the Administrative Assignment Order by deleting the Employee Status/Assignment Change related to the Acting Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services (Classified Management); and (2) approve and/or ratify the Certificated and Classified

Assignment Orders and Student, as amended. The motion was made by Mr. Richard Phillips and failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion Passed: That the Board of Education approve and/or ratify the Administrative, Certificated and Classified Assignment Orders and Student Services consultant, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Megan Crawford.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach

Yes Ms. Megan Crawford

No Mr. Richard Phillips

Yes Ms. Linda Reid

Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q.2. Educational Services

Q.2.a. Agreement for 2019-20 Services of Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for TK-12th Grade

Motion Passed: That the District enter into an agreement with the designated nonpublic schools and agencies for the purpose of providing special education and related services for TK-12th grade students for the 2019-20 school year because the student's special education needs cannot be met within the District.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Mr. Richard Phillips.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach

Yes Ms. Megan Crawford

Yes Mr. Richard Phillips

Yes Ms. Linda Reid

Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q.2.b. Approval to Renew the Agreement between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and the AVID Center - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the Agreement between the AVID Center and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District to maintain and sustain the AVID program - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Mr. Richard Phillips.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach

Yes Ms. Megan Crawford

Yes Mr. Richard Phillips

Yes Ms. Linda Reid

Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q.3. Business Services

Q.3.a. Approval to Renew Bid No. BR19.20-24.25 Distribution of Fresh Bread Products to Galasso's Bakery from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Motion Passed: That the Board authorize renewal of the contract for Distribution of Fresh Bread Products to Galasso's Bakery for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Mr. Richard Phillips.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q.3.b. April 2020 Warrant Report

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the warrants and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments issued from the various funds in the amount of \$9,879,463.68, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Mr. Richard Phillips.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

Q.4. Technology and Support Services

Q.4.a. Renewal of Aeries Student Information System Software Licenses, Subscriptions and Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement

Motion Passed: That the Board approve the renewal of the Aeries Student Information System Software Licenses, Subscriptions and Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement for July 1, 2020 - June 30 2021, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Brach and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Yes Mr. Matthew Brach
Yes Ms. Megan Crawford
Yes Mr. Richard Phillips
Yes Ms. Linda Reid
Yes Ms. Suzanne Seymour

R. Future Agenda Items

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the list of Future Agenda Items. The following items were added to the list of Future Agenda Items:

Board Member	Topic
Phillips	RFP for Student Information System 2020-21 Contract Renewal
Crawford	Role of Student Board Members
Board	Analysis of Learning Management Systems
Phillips	Private E-mail System for Board Members

S. Reports of Board Members

T. Adjournment

Minutes:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Alex Cherniss, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools and
Secretary of the Board of Education