

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 13, 2021

MINUTES

A. OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement re "Live" Public Participation

An announcement was read that Board meetings are now fully open to the public.

2. Attendance/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Mr. Christopher Arend, Mrs. Dorian Baker, Mr. Chris Bausch, Mr. Lance Gannon.
Mr. Tim Gearhart, Mr. Jim Reed, and Mr. Nathan Williams

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (for Closed Session Items)

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items - To allow public comment prior to the Board's consideration of any closed session agenda item. Govt Code 54954.3

There were no requests to address the Board on closed session topics.

C. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

1. Certificated Personnel Actions - Govt Code 54957 - Resignations/Retirements/Terminations;

A motion passed unanimously to approve certificated personnel actions as presented in the attachment. Passed with a motion by Lance Gannon and a second by Nathan Williams.

2. Classified Personnel Actions - Govt Code 54957 - Assignments/Replacements; Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves

A motion passed unanimously to approve classified personnel actions as presented in the attachment. Passed with a motion by Lance Gannon and a second by Tim Gearhart.

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6

The Board received a report from counsel. No action taken.

4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code Section 54957

The Board read additional comments that were added to the Superintendent's evaluation. No action taken.

Closed Session ended at 6:05 p.m.

D. OPEN SESSION

The Board convened in Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

1. Report on Closed Session Action

Mr. Bausch reported the Board met in closed session to review and act on certificated and classified personnel actions, received a report from counsel regarding labor negotiations, and discussed the Superintendent Annual Evaluation.

Superintendent Dubost introduced new administrators Mr. Tom Harrington, Director of Student Services and Mr. Scott Buller, Director of Information Technology. Both administrator positions were ratified in Closed Session.

2. Adopt Agenda

A motion passed to adopt the agenda as published. Passed unanimously with a motion by Nathan Williams and a second by Tim Gearhart.

E. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Trustee Bausch led the pledge of allegiance, asking for a moment of silence to gather thoughts on why the Board is gathered.

F. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Legal Guidance Regarding Public Comment and Translation Requirements

Mr. Roman Muñoz from Lozano Smith gave a report on Legal Guidance Regarding Public Meetings. Mr. Muñoz discussed guidelines for public comment, board responses to public comment, prioritizing members of the Paso Robles community during public comment, translation requirements/practices, virtual call-in public comment, and a brief discussion of the California Public Records Act.

Email public comment by Martha Jimenez regarding Spanish translation was read by Recording Secretary.

Call-in public comment from Desiree Harris regarding the desire to keep call-in public comment.

In-person public comment from Brett Holliday and Camille Katz with questions for Mr. Munoz.

Call-in public comment from Elena Garcia regarding translation

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Comments from the Public

In-person public comment by Jen Grinager and Staci Emmack regarding masks mandates, Camille Katz supporting masks and vaccines, Heidi Holliday regarding administration conduct,

Call-in public comment by Dale Gustin regarding Robert's Rule of Law.

The following email comments were read by the recording secretary: Jack Gold regarding Mom's for Liberty group advocating, Darcy Kristy against vaccinations and masks in schools

2. California School Employees Association, Chapter #254

Chapter 254 President Jeannine Manninger had no comments for this meeting.

3. Paso Robles Public Educators

Public Comment from Justin Pickard, PRPE President, was read by recording secretary.

H. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Paso Robles Youth Development and Enrichment (PRYDE)

PRYDE Manager Tara Quinn showed a presentation of the PRYDE students summer program.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Receipt of Facility Naming Committee Recommendations

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:04 p.m.

In-person public comment was heard from: Derek Stroud regarding the applications by community members, stating this may help repair some wounds. Jebediah Baker spoke about his application for Randy Canaday to be commemorated for his efforts with students, and Ken Parish spoke about his application for Don Parish to be commemorated for his efforts in his education and sports as a Bearcat.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:12 p.m. The Board members continued discussion

J. CONSENT ITEMS

Dorian Baker pulled items J.6 – J.13 for further comment and discussion.

A motion passed unanimously to approve items J.1 – J.5 (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Nathan Williams).

Board members discussed items J.6 – J.13 with the following comments:

For item J.6: Dorian Baker stated she is not opposed to intervention success but would like to have metrics for success. For item J.7: Dorian Baker asked if the iRead program created greater growth than what would have occurred if we had just used a teacher. For item J.10: Lance Gannon had questions about the ST Math program.

A motion passed unanimously to approve items J.6 – J.13 (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Lance Gannon).

1. Approve Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the June 22, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

2. Approve Purchase Order Listings

Recommendation: Approve the Purchase Order Listings for the remainder of FY2020-21 and beginning of FY2021-22 totaling \$3,474,194.44.

3. Approve Payment Listings

Recommendation: Approve Payment Listing as presented, batch numbers 162-176 in the amount of \$4,091,027.56.

4. Approve Williams Act Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report

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5. Approve Job Description Revision

Recommendation: Approve adjusting the current job description "Guidance Counselor Specialist" to "Counseling, College and Career Coordinator".

6. Approve Renewal of Read 180 and English 3D Programs – 3-Year Renewal

Recommendation: Approve the 3-year renewal of Read 180 and English 3D programs.

7. Approve 1-Year Renewal of iRead Grades K-2

Recommendation: Approve the 1-year renewal of iRead for Grades K-2 for \$7,500.00.

8. Approve Purchase of Heinemann Professional Development Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program

Recommendation: Approve purchase of Heinemann Professional Development Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program for \$9,600.00

9. Approve 1-Year Renewal of Nearpod License for Grades 6-8

Recommendation: Approve 1-year renewal of Nearpod license for Grades 6-8 for \$13,000.00 from ESSER/CARES funds.

10. Approve 1-Year Renewal of ST Math Instruction program for Elementary Grades K-5

Recommendation: Approve 1-year renewal of ST Math instructional program for Elementary Grades K-5.

11. Approve Education Technology Center (ETC) Portal Consortium Agreement

Recommendation: Approve Education Technology Center (ETC) Portal Consortium Agreement funded through Lottery.

12. Approve 1-Year Renewal of Follett Destiny Software

Recommendation: Approve 1-year renewal of Follett Destiny Software for \$16,693.94 funded through Lottery.

13. Approve 1-Year Renewal of Mystery Science Software

Recommendation: Approve 1-year renewal of Mystery Science Software for \$7,494.00 funded through Lottery.

K. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Trustees Gannon and Williams temporarily left the dais.

1. Approve and Accept Donations

A motion passed to approve and accept donations (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Tim Gearhart; 5-0-2).

AYES: Christopher Arend, Dorian Baker, Chris Bausch, Tim Gearhart, Jim Reed

ABSENT: Lance Gannon, Nathan Williams

Trustees took a 10-minute break

2. Approve Pool of Architects and Engineering Services Firms

Facilities Manager Ric Reyes shared the process the district took in selecting architectural firms. Statements of Qualifications were received from eight firms, four were chosen after presentations. Board members requested more time to examine the documents and get responses to questions regarding one of the firms.

A motion passed unanimously to table the item to the August 10, 2021 meeting. (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Dorian Baker).

3. Approve Change Order No. 3 for the Marie Bauer Early Childhood Center Project

Facilities Manager Ric Reyes presented the final change order in the amount of \$148,465.65.

A motion passed to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Marie Bauer project in the amount of \$148,465.65 (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Nathan Williams; 6-1).

AYES: Christopher Arend, Chris Bausch, Lance Gannon, Tim Gearhart, Jim Reed, Nathan Williams

NOES: Dorian Baker

4. Receive Grade-Span Configuration Committee Recommendation

Erin Haley presented the results of the Grade-Span Configuration Committee recommendations. Board members discussed and asked questions.

Call-in public comment by Ruth Enriquez Bague asking for more information, research, and recommendations before making decisions.

A motion passed unanimously to receive the Grade-Span Configuration Committee recommendations. (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Lance Gannon).

5. Approve Purchase of Ellevation Math 2-Year Contract

A motion passed unanimously to approve the Ellevation Math 2-year contract for \$20,500 in Title III funds (motion by Lance Gannon, second by Tim Gearhart).

6. Approve Purchase of STAR Reading Assessment

A motion passed unanimously to approve the purchase of STAR Reading Assessment for \$10,161.24 (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Nathan Williams).

7. Approve Solution Tree Contract – Two Days of Professional Learning Communities Training

A motion to Approve Solution Tree Contract - Two Days of Professional Learning Communities Training for \$13,000 in AB 86 funds (motion by Lance Gannon, second by Chris Bausch).

L. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. School Start and End Times 2021-22 School Year

Dr. Dubost reviewed the proposed School Start and End Times for the 2021-22 school year.

Email public comment from Brooke Blythe regarding pick up times on the proposed schedule.

M. SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF COMMENTS

There were no additional staff comments.

N. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dorian Baker thanked all staff, especially grounds crews for working so hard in the summertime. She requested that Board comments be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Tim Gearhart thanked the support staff for driving safely up the street to Winifred Pifer. Lance Gannon thanked support staff such as transportation and culinary for pitching in to help each other. Chris Bausch remarked on the Board and the community working more collaboratively together.

O. INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

1. Potential Study Session for Continued CRT Discussion

Dr. Dubost read a brief statement regarding CRT and racial incidents in our schools. In-person public comment by Camille Katz and Peter Byrne regarding CRT.

A motion passed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to 10:45 p.m. (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Dorian Baker 5-2).

AYES: Christopher Arend, Dorian Baker, Chris Bausch, Jim Reed, Nathan Williams

ABSENT: Lance Gannon, Tim Gearhart

Email public comments by Sharon Riggan, David Kuhn, Virginia Taylor, Helen Blythe, Linda Campeggi, Ken Wall, Stanford Brown, Darcy Kristy, Linda Hodge, Myrna Wood, Joel Koman, and Connie Pillsbury were read by Recording Secretary.

The Board then discussed the options for continued discussion of Critical Race Theory.

A motion failed to direct staff to prepare options including a study session, a town hall meeting, and/or an action item to bring back to the Board at the next meeting (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Tim Gearhart 3-4)

AYES: Chris Bausch, Tim Gearhart, Jim Reed

NOES: Christopher Arend, Dorian Baker, Lance Gannon, Nathan Williams

P. ADJOURNMENT

A motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Lance Gannon).

Board Clerk

Board President