

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 8, 2022

MINUTES

A. OPEN SESSION

1. Meeting Protocols Under COVID-19

The meeting protocols were read in both English and Spanish.

2. Attendance/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Mr. Chris Arend, Mrs. Dorian Baker, Mr. Chris Bausch, Mr. Lance Gannon, Mr. Tim Gearhart, Mr. Frank Triggs, and Mr. Nathan Williams

Absent: Ms. Malia Gaviola

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 was no public comment for closed session items.

C. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:38 p.m.

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

A motion passed unanimously to approve certificated personnel actions as presented in the attachment (motion by Lance Gannon, second by Tim Gearhart).

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

A motion passed unanimously to approve classified personnel actions as presented in the attachment (motion by Tim Gearhart, second by Dorian Baker).

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators - Govt Code Section 54957.6

Board received report, took no reportable action.

4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - Govt Code Section 54957

Board received report, took no reportable action.

5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case) - Govt Code Section 54956.9

Board received report, took no reportable action.

6. Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matter - Education Code 35146, 48900 et seq., 48912(b) and 49060 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g

A. Case #2021-22.15H Stipulated Expulsion:

A motion passed unanimously to approve the stipulated expulsion in Case #2021-22.15H (motion by Frank Triggs, second by Lance Gannon).
Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m.

D. OPEN SESSION

The Board convened in Open Session at 6:00 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 and student discipline, and discussed labor negotiations, anticipated litigation, and public employee discipline.

2. Adopt Agenda

A motion passed 6-1 to move Item M to the beginning of the meeting after Item E. (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Chris Bausch; No: Arend).

A motion passed unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. (motion by Tim Gearhart, second by Frank Triggs).

E. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Before the salute to the flag, Ms. Gaviola reported that our school community lost 7th-grader Genesis Guerrero Espinoza. Board President Arend asked the group to stand and take a moment of silence for Ms. Espinoza.

Trustee Baker led the pledge of allegiance.

M. INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Mr. Arend read an email exchange with Allen Stevo, who had made a request for three items agenda items to be reviewed by the agenda setting committee last week for placement on this agenda, which did not occur. The Board discussed two of the requests being placed on an agenda.

In-person public comment was received from Allen Stevo regarding his agenda requests and his book opposing masking for children.

Mr. Bausch requested the sunset or renewal of the emergency powers granted to the Superintendent during COVID-19.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Williams requested staff bring an update on the Aquatics Complex to a future meeting. A thumbs up consensus for this request was given by the Board.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Comments from the Public

In-person public comment from Berkley Baker regarding his frustration with the prior administration when he was denied a request to put an item on the agenda, hoping this will never happen again.

Email public comment from Patricia Harden and read by the recording secretary in opposition to the current mask mandate.

Email public comment in support of building the pool was read by the recording secretary for Dana Smith, Jennelle Haggmark, Erica McNeal, Duane & Donna McRoy, Dan Blythe, Julie & Korey Smeltzer, Gwen Severson, Coni Wells, and Erin Colegrove.

Board Member Dorian Baker read a statement about her opposition to student masking and the need to be able to see students faces.

2. California School Employees Association, Chapter #254

Chapter #254 President Pam Foster yielded her time to allow a joint statement to be read.

3. Paso Robles Public Educators

PRPE President Justin Pickard read a joint statement with CSEA with a unified message of support, as well as a monetary donation from both CSEA and PRPE to the family of Genesis Guerrero Espinoza.

G. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Danial Lewis Middle School Presentation: Principal Michael Vogenthaler reviewed testing data, social-emotional supports, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), student leadership, and Library services at the middle school.

H. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion passed unanimously to approve Items H.1 – H.7 (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Nathan Williams).

1. Approve Board of Trustee's Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 29, 2021.

2. Approve Purchase Order Listing

Recommendation: Approve Purchase Order Nos.: 220980 - 221085 with a total amount of \$876,859.79.

3. Approve Payment Listing

Recommendation: Approve Payment Listing as presented for batch numbers 110-121 in the amount of \$1,234,961.41.

4. Approve Fiscal Office Consulting Agreement with Kim Sims

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5. Approve Overnight/Over 150-Mile Field Trips

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Mrs. Baker commented again her desire to have more boys get involved in non-athletic activities.

6. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARCS)

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Mr. Bausch thanked Director of Curriculum and Instruction Erin Haley for the detailed and complete SARCs.

7. Approve Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provision Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953

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I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Elementary Attendance Boundaries and Program Location

Dr. Dubost read a statement of facts to date regarding these topics and supported Option A as staff's recommendation.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Pawlowski responded to seven specific questions that arose at the Special Board Meeting on February 5, 2022, regarding this decision, and also recommended Option A.

In-person public comment from Eva Arebalo, Noemi Basurto, Bernadette Boddington, April Basurto, Cynthia Mosely, Berkely Baker, Lynne Dodds, Terri Pearl, Mirna Aguilar, and Anne Quinn.

Email comments were read by the recording secretary from Courtney Perales, Vanessa Olguin, Laura Parker, Jim Lynett, and Yessenia Echevarria.

The board took a break at 8:18 p.m. At 8:32 p.m., the board reconvened and each Trustee made a comment:

Trustee Williams stated the Board has spent many hours of work on this topic. One thing that stands out the most is the division that has come from this. Both schools, their staff and students are deserving. Circumstances have changed and we need to move together as a collective whole.

Trustee Baker has received many comments from constituents and stated the District should return the Glen Speck community to the new Glen Speck campus and relocate the dual-immersion program to another site on the east side.

Trustee Gearhart stated we should treat the kids equally and give them the best education they can get, which he feels both schools are offering.

Trustee Gannon stated the Glen Speck families (teachers, students, and families) need to go to the new Glen Speck campus at least during construction of the 36th Street campus.

Trustee Triggs feels we have economic responsibility but we need to do the right thing. We can use the extra classrooms for other creative uses.

Trustee Bausch has tried to put together a solution that is in the best interest of all parties. Trustee Bausch spoke about magnet programs and how they can attract students. He read a statement and directed staff to bring back a new resolution to increase the budget to \$20-25M to build the Georgia Brown campus as soon as possible. Trustee Bausch also asked the Board to consider two additional resolutions, one to reallocate \$4.5M from the surplus budget reserve to be used toward building the pool, possibly in partnership with the City of PR, and another to put \$1M toward establishing a vibrant VAPA program at Glen Speck Elementary.

Trustee Arend reviewed the two options and the potential shutting down of a school. He does not want to build extra capacity in our district but feels we need to preserve the dual-immersion program and leave a neighborhood community school in the north end of town.

A motion passed 4-3 to approve Option A with amendments: 1) Reevaluation for scaled-down multi-purpose rooms at both Glen Speck Elementary and the rebuilt Georgia Brown Elementary and 2) two moves for each school during construction (Glen Speck to the 17th Street campus when completed and then to the rebuilt 36th Street campus; Georgia Brown to the temporary campus when 17th Street is completed utilizing the new 10 classroom addition at Flamson MS, then to 17th Street when the 36th Street campus is completed). The final capacity at the new 36th Street campus will be 400. (motion by Lance Gannon, second by Nathan Williams; No: Baker, Bausch, Triggs).

2. Approve Therapy Travelers Contract for the Remainder of the 2021-22 School Year

A motion passed unanimously to approve Therapy Travelers contract for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Nathan Williams).

3. Approve ECF Funded Chromebook Purchase

A motion passed unanimously to approve the ECF Funded Chromebook purchase (motion by Nathan Williams, second by Dorian Baker).

4. Approve Adoption of Resolution No. 22-10 Delegating Authority in Regard to the Sale and Disposal of Surplus Personal Property

A motion passed unanimously to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 22-10 Delegating Authority in Regard to the Sale and Disposal of Surplus Personal Property as amended (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Nathan Williams).

5. Approve Purchase Order for Final DGS/DSA Invoice Payment for Marie Bauer Early Childhood Center

A motion passed unanimously to approve purchase order for final DGS/DSA invoice payment for Marie Bauer Early Childhood Center (motion by Nathan Williams, second by Lance Gannon).

6. Approve New Course American Sign Language at PRHS beginning in 2022-23 school year

A motion passed unanimously to approve new course American Sign Language at PRHS beginning in 2022-23 school year (motion by Nathan Williams, second by Lance Gannon).

7. Approve Instructional Calendars for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 School Years

A motion passed unanimously to approve Instructional Calendars for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years (motion by Tim Gearhart, second by Lance Gannon).

8. Approve Resolution No. 22-11: Adopting Staffing Flexibility Measures in Accordance with Governor's Executive Order N-3-22

A motion passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-11: Adopting Staffing Flexibility Measures in Accordance with Governor's Executive Order N-3-22 as amended. (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Lance Gannon).

9. Approve Resolution No. 22-12: Resolution to Observe February as Black History Month

A motion passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-12: Resolution to Observe February as Black History Month (motion by Nathan Williams, second by Tim Gearhart).

J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Monthly Financial Budget Update

Brad Pawlowski noted that there was an error on the financial report that he will correct and offer the information in the Friday Report this week.

2. Monthly Enrollment Update

Director of Student Services Tom Harrington shared news that 89 students have left the district. The Safety and Attendance Clerk will research where these students went and report back to the Board.

In-person public comment from Dale Gustin who has a concern about the ADA for our district and he urges the Board to look at it.

3. A-G Completion Improvement Grant

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Erin Haley reported on the reviewed the report for the Board. The item will come back for approval at a later meeting.

4. Review Updates to Administrative Regulations 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures and 4217.3 – Layoff/Rehire and Exhibits E(1) and E(2) 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures (First Reading)

5. Review Updates to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs, 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education, and 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten (First Reading)

K. SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF COMMENTS

Dr. Dubost thanked the Board for making a very difficult decision during this meeting and shared that the tragedy of a student's death puts things in perspective for him.

For National School Counselor Week, Mrs. Gaviola personally thanked all of our School Counselors and the Board for their commitment in the hiring and retaining of these positions.

Mr. Pawlowski had no further comments

L. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Williams, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Gearhart, and Mr. Gannon had no additional comments.

Mr. Triggs has been receiving a lot of emails opposing mask mandates.

Mr. Bausch thanked the public for their emails regarding school boundaries, and mask mandates, which the Board has no decision-making power over.

Mr. Arend stated a difficult decision was made today and he felt the Board did well in deliberations and was appreciative for the public participation.

**Item M was moved to directly after Item E

N. ADJOURNMENT

A motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Tim Gearhart).

Chris Bausch, Board Clerk

Chris Arend, Board President