Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

April 10, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

Room E-3 of Mountain Creek Middle School, 6862 Mt Aukum Road, Somerset, CA 95684

Thursday, April 10, 2025

05:30 PM

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Board Members:

Jonathan Russell
Nanette Hargo
Nathaniel Houston
Cory Morrison
Patricia Ciampa

1. Call to Order

1.1 Meeting Access

1.2 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hargo at 5:45 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

Vice President Hargo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

Vice President Hargo, Member Ciampa, and Member Houston were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Kelly Howard, Richard Romo, Katherine Kaher, Michelle Venables, Catherine Diiorio and Sarah Fike (recording secretary).

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Nathaniel Houston
Yeas: Nanette Hargo, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Jonathan Russell, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Discussion:

There were no Board Member Reports.

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

Discussion:

There was no correspondence received by the Board.

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on enrollment - 42 8th graders are exiting this year. There were 7 TK students this year. Next year's enrollment is up to 19 already. Required ratio of one adult to every 10 TK students.

Mr. Paturel reported that he is meeting with teachers tomorrow for a discussion and input surrounding discipline.

Mr. Paturel also reported that he had reached out to other Superintendents in the county about schools that have a positive model that is effective with culture, climate and discipline. He visited two - Green Valley Elementary and Edwin Markham Middle Schools. Both schools had lots to share and some very interesting ideas and processes. He will be penciling out some goals in this area with staff.

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Principal Richard Romo reported that the Boys Volleyball team has wrapped up their season and won a game at the tournament! He expressed his appreciation for Yolanda Valencia and her work with the team. Spring break is next week, and testing begins after that.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported that he is finishing up collecting information from students, staff and parents. Parent survey count is at 23. Last year we received 43 surveys.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard reported that there is a proposal to add a section on technology to the LCAP.

Mrs. Howard reported that we are seeing grant programs begin to be eliminated. REAP grant, which we use to pay for counseling is being eliminated.

Mrs. Howard also reported that there are proposals for new categoricals for next year.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard reported that the maintenance team will be working hard on a long list of projects during spring break. The alarm company will be working at Mountain Creek for three days during break. The new slide will be installed at Pioneer on Friday. Team Rubicon will be coming back to finish tree and brush work this weekend. The Growlersburg crew will be here to clean up that work, and build burn piles.

CBO Howard reported that the State Allocation Board won't hear the planned appeal until May.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel stated that he is thankful for our regular bus drivers. He is also thankful for the newer cameras in the busses with improved resolution and sound.

Mr. Paturel also reported that the repairs are coming along on the electric bus, and that we should have it back in time for next school year.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Discussion:

There were no reports from employee group representatives.

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

PTO - Tricia Ciampa reported that the upcoming rummage sale is taking place on April 26. Family Game Night is set for May 3rd. Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Read-a-Thon is also coming up. The PTO is gearing up for 5th Grade Bridge Ceremony and 8th Grade Graduation.

PMC - Tricia Ciampa reported that Penny Wars is coming up.

6. Presentation and Public Hearing

6.1 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on the Initial Sunshine Proposal From the California School Employees Association and its Pioneer Chapter #853 (CSEA) to Open Negotiations for the 2025-2026 year

Discussion:

The hearing was opened at 6:43 pm.

There were no comments.

The hearing was closed at 6:44 pm.

7. Business and Information Items

7.1 Action: Consider Approval Resolution 23/24-09, School Employees Appreciation Week

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 24/25-09, School Employees Appreciation Week.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Nathaniel Houston
Yeas: Nanette Hargo, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Jonathan Russell, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

8. Policies and Administrative Regulations

8.1 Approve Proposed New or Revised Board Policies / Administrative Regulations or Board Bylaws

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Proposed New or Revised Board Policies/Administrative Regulations or Board Bylaws.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Nathaniel Houston
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Nanette Hargo
Absent: Jonathan Russell, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

9. Consent Agenda

9.1 Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2025

9.2 Approval of Warrants:

9.3 Approval of Project Attachment # 0239-25C.1 With Infinity Communications

9.4 Personnel:

9.5 Approval of the Williams Quarterly Reports

9.6 Approval of MOU with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

9.7 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Nathaniel Houston
Yeas: Nathaniel Houston, Nanette Hargo, Patricia Ciampa
Absent: Jonathan Russell, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

10. Next Board Meetings

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025 - Public Hearing on LCAP and District Budget

June 18, 2025 (Wednesday) - Approve LCAP and District Budget

August 14, 2025

September 11, 2025

October 9, 2025

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

11. Public Comments on Closed Session

11.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

There were no public comments on Closed Session.

12. Adjourn to Closed Session

During this time, the Board may adjourn to Closed Session to discuss confidential material.

12.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (G.C. 54957)

12.2 Litigation

12.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)

12.4 Education Codes, 48918(c)

12.5 Superintendent Evaluation

13. Reconvene Regular Meeting

13.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 pm.

13.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Discussion:

There was no action taken in closed session.

14. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.