Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

August 14, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, August 14, 2025

05:30 PM

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Board Members:

Nathaniel Houston
Cory Morrison
Patricia Ciampa
Courtney Clendenin

1. Call to Order

1.1 Meeting Access

1.2 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order by Member Houston at 5:33 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

Members Courtney Clendenin, Tricia Ciampa and Nathaniel Houston were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Kelly Howard, Kathy Kaher, Miriam Bolster and Sarah Fike (Recording Secretary) were present.

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda, with the change of moving the Infinity Communication agreement to item 6.8.

Motion By: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Patricia Ciampa
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Tricia Ciampa requested that the approval of the agreement with Infinity Communication be moved from the consent agenda and moved to item 6.8 to allow further discussion.

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Statement:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the Letter of Resignation received from Julia Trulock.

Files:
LOR J Trulock Aug 25.pdf

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel presented the outline of the Writing Benchmarks Initiative, the Friday Articulation Calendar (work in progress), as well as the Enrollment History. He also discussed the P5 Math Initiative with EDCOE, and the new Incentives/Awards/Activities system (in development) for students.

Files:

Aug 25 Minutes - Friday Articulation Calendar.pdf

Aug 25 Minutes - Writing Benchmarks Initiative 25.26.pdf

Aug 25 Enrollment History.pdf

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on our recent power outage, and that the new generators were successful in keeping us going. He also reported on the recent lock down event, and the process of reviewing procedures.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel explained that the LCAP was presented and approved by the Board in June. After that approval, the LCAP is sent to EDCOE for review. We are currently awaiting the results of that review.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard deferred the Budget Report to item 6.6.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel and CBO Howard discussed the work done by Maintenance Staff over the summer, the work done by Team Rubicon, as well as the great work done by the PTO to refresh the Pioneer Campus.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Statement:

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Presentation: AI Integration in Education

Discussion:

Tanis Haboush presented on AI Integration in Education.

Files:

Aug 25 AI Integration in Education Note Sheet.pdf

Aug 25 Minutes - Foundational Policy Ideas for AI in Education (Board Pres).pdf

5.11 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Robyn Adams for PTO - Campus spruce up and National Night Out events were both successful, and will continue in future years. There is a PTO meeting next Wednesday. Back To School Night is next week. The PTO is serving "Fancy Nachos". The Halloween Carnival will take place the weekend before Halloween.

Robyn Adams for PMC - The first meeting will be Tuesday. Meetings will be the first Monday of the month. Fall fundraiser will take place at Saluti Cellars. Spring band performance will be on campus. Penny Wars is coming. A banner is being made for the band. Thirty-six ukuleles were purchased for the music program. Movie night is October 3rd at D'Agostini Ranch.

6. Business and Information Items

6.1 Action: Consider Approval of the resignation of Vice President Hargo

Motion:

It was moved to approve the resignation from Vice President Hargo.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston, Patricia Ciampa
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

The Letter of Resignation from Vice President Hargo was read aloud by CBO Howard.

Files:
LOR N Hargo Aug 25.pdf

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6.2 Action: Approve the Prospective Board Member Candidate Information Sheet

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Candidate Information Sheet.

Motion By: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Patricia Ciampa
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Board Member Candidate Information Sheet.pdf

6.3 Action: Approve Board Member Candidate Interview Questions

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Board Member Candidate Interview Questions.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Courtney Clendenin, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Board Member Interview Questions.pdf

6.4 Action: Conduct Election of Officers

Motion:

Motion By: Nathaniel Houston
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

The Board nominated and voted to elect the following officers:

Patricia Ciampa - President

Cory Morrison - Vice President

Courtney Clendenin - Clerk

Nathaniel Houston - CSBA Representative

6.5 Information: Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter Ending June 30, 2025

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the Investment Portfolio Report.

Files:
Aug 25 Q2 25 Investment Portfolio Report.pdf

6.6 Action: Consider Approval of the 45-Day Budget Revision

Motion:

CBO Howard presented the 45-Day Budget Revision.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Aug 25 Minutes - Pioneer Union School District 45 day revision narrative.pdf

6.7 Action: Consider approval for award of the Reconstruction of Walt Tyler Elementary Increment 1 & 2 contract to Bobo Construction, Inc.

Motion:

It was moved to approve the award of the Reconstruction of Walt Tyler Elementary Increment 1 & 2 contract to Bobo Construction, Inc.

Motion By: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Patricia Ciampa
Yeas: Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin, Patricia Ciampa
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Aug 25 Board packet for bid award.pdf

7. Policies and Administrative Regulations

7.1 Approve Proposed New or Revised Board Policies/Administrative Regulation or Board Bylaws

Motion:

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

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reviewed key points and changes in the policies.

Files:
Aug 25 Revised BP and AR.pdf

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2025

8.2 Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2025

8.3 Approval of Warrants:

8.4 Personnel:

8.5 Approval of Infinity Communication and Compliance, Inc. Agreement

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Infinity Communication and Compliance, Inc. Agreement.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Courtney Clendenin, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

President Ciampa requested in Item 4.1 that this item be moved to 6.8 to allow some questions.

CBO Howard explained what this agreement is for, and what Infinity Communications does for us.

Files:

Aug 25 Infinity Communications Agreement.pdf

8.6 Approval of the Williams Quarterly Report

8.7 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion By: Patricia Ciampa
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:

July 16 2025 minutes.pdf

June 18 2025 minutes.pdf

2024.2025 Warrants 049-055.pdf

2025.2026 Warrants 001-003.pdf

Aug 25 Williams Quarterly.pdf

9. Next Board Meetings

9.1 Next Board Meetings

Discussion:

- September 11, 2025
- October 9, 2025
- November 13, 2025
- December 11, 2025

10. Public Comments on Closed Session

10.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

11. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

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

11.2 Litigation

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

11.4 Education Codes, 48918(c)

11.5 Superintendent Evaluation

12. Reconvene Regular Meeting

12.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting reconvened at 8:42 pm.

12.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Statement:

13. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.