Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

March 13, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, March 13, 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:

President Russell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

Member Ciampa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

President Russell, Member Morrison, Member Ciampa, and Member Houston were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Kelly Howard, Alyson Houston, Amanda Wenig, Richard Romo, Tausha Winn, Katey Levin, Miriam Bolster, Tim Haboush, Kathy Kaher, Melissa Witcher, Kim Havercroft, Beverly Folena, Courtney Moody, Erika Molinari, Yolanda Valencia, Candance Flaming, Katelyn Adsitt, Catherine Diiorio, Michelle Venables, Ann Sirochman, Dolores Moran-Colby and Sarah Fike (recording secretary)

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

Staff member Dolores Moran-Colby made statements in support of our Superintendent.

Parent Bianca Malli made statements about her disappointment that she doesn't see a change in behaviors in students.

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

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

The Board received an email that they will discuss in closed session.

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on "Inside Problem Solving" - Problem of the Month from P3 Math.

Superintendent Paturel also reported that enrollment has been consistent. Currently 294.

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Principal Romo reported on the band fundraiser held the previous weekend. He congratulated the PMC on a great, sold out event. Mr. Romo thanked the parents, kids, Mr. Fellman and Mr. King for the great jobs they all did. He was grateful for all of the help with cleanup.

Principal Romo said that the 3rd Trimester is underway, as well as boy's volleyball. Second Trimester awards ceremony will be tomorrow.

Superintendent Paturel complimented the PMC, saying that this event was fun for his family, and thanked Robyn Adams for her hard work.

Superintendent Paturel also complimented Mr. Fellman, saying it is almost magical what he can do with kids.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported that it's "Input Season" for the LCAP. Parent survey is one way to give input, School Site Council is another.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard deferred her report to Item 7.1

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard reported that we are considering replacing our old security camera system. Meeting on Monday with a company to talk about upgrades and mapping for a new system.

CBO Howard reported that the State Allocation Board may have a way to hear an appeal for new disaster-specific funding. They will hear an appeal from another district at the end of March. Based on that appeal, we may have the potential to get the remaining funds for the Walt Tyler project when we file our own appeal.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on delays this morning because our bus was stuck behind other vehicles that were not prepared to drive in the snow.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Discussion:

Alyson Houston for the Pioneer Faculty Association - Thanked the Board for their time in an earlier meeting.

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Robyn Adams for PMC - Last Saturday's even was a big success. She appreciates the support. Net profit was $3100. Mrs. Adams expressed her appreciation for the music program, Mr. Fellman, and the Fireman's Hall. She gave a shout out to Courtney Clendenin for her work on the dinner and the sponsors, and Victoria Trask for the decorations. Candance Flaming reported that she is on the Board of the Pioneer Fire Association, and that the Board was really impressed by the event.

Victoria Trask for PTO - Spirit wear continues. PTO is presenting awards for most participation at Friday Sing-a-Long. Tuesday is STEM Night. Everyone is looking forward to it. Patricia Ciampa reported that there will be 12 presenters, with lots of hands-on opportunities. Food will be available for sale.

Victoria Trask also reported on upcoming events - Rummage Sale April 26, Family Game Night May 3, Read-A-Thon the month of April, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

6. Presentation and Public Hearing

6.1 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on the Initial Sunshine Proposal From the Pioneer Faculty Association to Open Negotiations for the 2024-2025 year

Discussion:

The Public Hearing was opened by President Russell at 6:07pm.

There were no comments.

President Russell closed the hearing at 6:08pm.

7. Business and Information Items

7.1 Action: Consider Approval of the 2024-2025 Second Interim Financial Report

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2024-2025 Second Interim Financial Report.

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

Files:
24-25 Second Interim.pdf

2nd interim presentation.pdf

7.2 Action: Consider Approval for Resolution 24/25-06, Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employee(s)

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 24/25-06, Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employee(s).

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

Superintendent Paturel explained that it is a statutory requirement to notify and approve the lay-offs in March.

7.3 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 24/25-07, Reduction or Elimination of Certain Classified Services

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 24/25-07, Reduction or Elimination of Certain Classified Services.

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

7.4 Information: Statement of Economic Interest Forms

Statement:

7.5 Action: Consider Approval of Resignation of Principal Richard Romo

Motion:

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

7.6 Action: Consider Approval of the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

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

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2025

8.2 Approval of Warrants:

8.3 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

9. Next Board Meetings

9.1 Next Board Meetings

Statement:

10. Public Comments on Closed Session

10.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

There were no Public Comments/Requests on the Closed Session Agenda. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:58pm.

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 8:17pm.

12.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Discussion:

There was no action taken in closed session.

13. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.