Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

October 10, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024

05:30 PM

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Details

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:

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Hargo.

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

President Russell, Vice President Hargo, Clerk Morrison, Member Houston and Member Ciampa were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Kelly Howard, Miriam Bolster, Kathy Kaher, Chris Garrett and Sarah Fike (recording secretary)

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

- Marissa Nichols – Spoke about her son having issues with another student. He was suspended twice for defending himself. She is concerned about how one student can keep skating through when he causes so many problems for so many students. She also expressed concern about that student's parent being the basketball coach.
- Bianca Malli – Said her son was panted at Science Camp. Concerned about lack of disciplinary action. Not enough staff support when it comes to discipline. Is defending herself against accusations. Appreciates 3rd-party investigation.
- Adrian Garrett – Concerned about behaviors at Science Camp. Mixed feelings regarding discipline. Appreciative of how hard the work is. Thinks the 3rd-party investigator is a good idea.
- Will Hogan – His son was also panted at Science Camp. He is present to satisfy that necessary steps are taken.
- Chris Garrett – Concerned about students whose parents might not be as involved as the ones that are present. He said that he is worried that there are lots of kids being bullied, but are maybe being skipped over. He said that he sees that discipline has been stepped up, and understands that it's a lot of ground to cover. He feels that changes have been made.
- Ryan Malli – Wondering about how documented procedures are followed. Noted that he heard that the sheriff was here recently, related to a threat of violence involving the same family.
- Courtney Clendenin – (Present on Google Meet) Present in support of incumbent Board Members.
- Jonathan Russell – wanted to discuss rules of Board Meetings. Noted that these comments are the beginning of the conversation, not the end. Notes on the situation: appreciates the feedback. Understands that it is highly concerning to all parties. Disability of discussion in a Board Meeting can be unsatisfactory. Accountability is important, and we strive to meet expectations. Confidentiality is critical. Appreciative of the strength and diversity of open discussions. Let's keep this conversation going.

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: Nathaniel Houston, Jonathan Russell, Cory Morrison , Nanette Hargo, Patricia Ciampa
Results: Motion Passed

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on enrollment October- 292 students. Increase over last year. Increasing.

Superintendent Paturel also reported on the CAST Science scores. These tests are taken by 5th and 8th graders across multiple science subject areas. Graphs in the report give a picture of how the students performed. His goal is to bring test data each month. Comparisons next month. This is the first year the test had a performance task.

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported that Mr. Romo will return Monday. Thankful for parent volunteers at the Jog-A-Thon. Really appreciative of PTO and parents for making events happen. Mr. Paturel also thanked parents for making the Book Fair a success. Their purchases help raise money for the library.

Superintendent Paturel reported on the P-3 Math Initiative with Cal Ed Partners. Our Pre School through 3rd grade teacher team attended their first meeting. They are joining the five year program at year two, but they are catching up. They will meet monthly with the program facilitator. Similar program with the high school for 8th - 9th grade. 4th and 5th grades will be looped in with information from the P-3 grade levels. Exciting times for math instruction.

In addition Mr. Paturel reported ton EDCOE doing a "Standards Deep-Dive." Broken into grade levels, doing training on math standards in preparation for textbook adoption. This is a three year initiative.

Mr. Paturel commented on how quickly it seems that we've gone from August 8 to October 10. Intervention with Mrs. Bolster is up and running. All Systems GO. Last day of trimester is October 25.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel explained the Local Control Accountability Plan. It's a plan for how we spend the money from the state - LCFF funds. We look for input from Site Council, Board, Parents and Staff. We write goals and make plans for how to reach them. Parent and teacher input in valuable. Parents can use our online survey as a way to give feedback.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard reported on the cookie dough fundraiser that is running now. Timing to bolster student body funds for field trips at the beginning of the year, and get the kids involved. Students earn prizes which have been fun to distribute.

The first Budget Committee meeting was good. Explanation of the budget presentation. Talked about how school funding works. The first meeting with attended by one Board Member, one Classified Employee, CBO Paturel and herself. There will be Three more meetings. She welcomes community and staff members. She asked that participants commit to attending the meetings.

CBO Howard that the County Office of Education is currently reviewing our Unaudited Actuals. They have asked to make a few small corrections.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

CBO Howard reported that water leaks and septic issues continue. Three years running. We are lucky for the competence of our engineer, Chris. Tree roots, and shallow lines being crushed are causing leaks. Significant impact to budget. So many challenges - paying close attention to budget. Chris is a goldmine with lots of

skills to work on projects. Brought on an extra sub to help with cleaning, and allow other projects to get done.

CBO Howard also reported that she met with RCAC. They were able to walk the wells and septic areas. They will create and end manual. The written plans don't match what's out there because of many repairs over the years. They will bring an engineer our for investigation and evaluation to create plans. Will come and present the project at a Board Meeting. Funding is a maybe because Somerset is just a bit above the median income. We will submit our CALPADS report that will provide a more accurate look at our school community.

CBO Howard also reported that she recently attended a conference and listened to the facilities presentations. There is talk of pooling districts for bond funds. She met with the Executive Director of the SSDA. He is interested in helping us connect with Kevin Gordon of Capital Advisors and other lobbyists, regarding Walt Tyler. Mrs. Howard also reported that she wrote letters to our Senator and Vice President about Walt Tyler.

5.8 Transportation Report:

5.9 Reports from Employee Group Representatives:

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Robyn Adams for PTO - Jog-A-Thon was a success. Adding funds currently. Donations are open until next Friday. Halloween Carnival is October 25. The PTO is working on fostering student leadership and student involvement at this event. Jingle Bell Shop is in December. Dates not set yet. New PTO Board Members - Bianca Malli - Volunteer Coordinator and Jennifer Hibbard - Communications.

Tricia Ciampa added that the Halloween Carnival is very volunteer intensive. Please bring everyone!

Mrs. Bolster asked about Trick or Treat Alley, and it was decided that a sign up sheet would go in the staff room.

Robyn Adams for PMC - Pmc is up and running. They met with Mr. Romo and Mr. Fellman. They are working on getting the bank accounts transferred from Kelly Khaling. Penny Wars will be coming back under PMC. They have a meeting with Mr. Fellman tomorrow. Parent event 1st week of November for Band Parents. Mrs. Adams also reported that the PMC was able to purchase percussion kits.

6. Business and Information Items

6.1 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 24/25-03, Adopt the 2023-2024 Gann Limit

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 24/25.3, Gann Limit.

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

6.2 Action: Consider the Approval of Resolution 24/25-04 New Construction Applications Acknowledgements

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 24/25.04, New Construction Applications Acknowledgements.

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

CBO Howard explained that this resolution was requested by the OPSC, as we apply for grant funding. The OPSC is out of funds, but is trying to pass another bond in November.

6.3 Action: Consider Approval of Revised 2024-2025 Calendar

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Revised 2024-2025 Calendar, with one additional correction. Move Staff Development day from 10/7/2024 to 11/1/2024.

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

7. Policies and Administrative Regulations

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2024

8.2 Approval of Warrants:

8.3 Personnel:

8.4 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

9. Next Board Meetings

9.1 November 14, 2024

9.2 December 12, 2024

10. Public Comments on Closed Session

10.1 Public Comments:

Discussion:

There were no Public Comments on the Closed Session Agenda. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:55pm.

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 was reconvened at 8:30 pm.

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 was adjourned at 8:31 pm.