

PACIFIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2014 @ 4:00 PM
PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Davenport, CA

Pacific School Mission Statement

Pacific School's mission is to prepare children for life through experiential learning that addresses the needs of the whole child. We create a safe and secure school environment that promotes social and academic growth and develops an enthusiasm for learning, a positive self-image, and cross-cultural understanding.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER & Roll Call

- Gwyant Rhabyt, Board President - present
- Susie Devergranne, Board Trustee - present
- Patty Auten, Board Trustee - present

1.2 Approve the Agenda for September 18, 2014 – no changes. Passed: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Additions or Deletions to the agenda may be made, however, no action will be taken on items added at this time.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

These matters may be passed by one roll call motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action

2.1 Approve the Minutes for Board Meeting August 20, 2014

No changes. Passed: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

For items not on the agenda, this is an opportunity for the public to address the Board directly related to school business. The President may allot time to those wishing to speak, but no action will be taken on matters presented (Ed. Code Sec. 35145.5)

For items on the agenda, the public will have the opportunity to speak at the time the agenda item is discussed. Please address the Board President.

Elizabeth Andrews will be attending Inside Education this year.

5.0 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

5.1 Superintendent/Principal, Kris Stanga

Day to day operations going well. New office staff are getting trained. Back to school night went smoothly.

5.2 School Board Trustees

Santa Cruz County School Board Association meets about once every 2 months. We will need to pick a new representative to send after Patty steps down.

Possible van share with the Davenport Resource Center. Is liability an issue? Kris will call our insurance rep. (Keenan) to inquire about whether this can work.

Relevant background: We used to have an official school bus (it still sits by the fire department), but keeping the driver appropriately licensed was challenging. Also, the bus failed its safety inspection. We need to sell the bus as the fire department wants it out of their way.

Susie is interested in installing a disk golf target – there is a program that makes equipment for this affordable.

Relevant background: Eric had a long conversation with the students about desirable sports/activities and spent some money, some of which got brought out and used and some of which is not being used. There is some tether ball equipment ready for us to use.

We should coordinate these efforts with the construction project. There's a guy from Keenan, our insurance folks, who can answer the safety issues and even do a site inspection.

Susie is planning to withdraw her name from the election for school board – this cannot be done officially, as ballots are already printed, but a letter can be sent to the community – Noel will do this. Susie plans to continue attending board meetings as a community member for the sake of history and continuity.

CAASPP – the new acronym for California's testing program. The public can participate in setting cut scores for the new Common Core tests.

5.3 School Site Council

Had their first meeting. Will be needing 2 new parent members. The wellness policy draft will be ready for Board review at the next Board meeting. Heather will continue work on the technology policy.

5.4 Parent's Club

Will be meeting soon.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to report

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Construction Update

We do not have a construction agreement. The construction people (Pencon) estimates that we need to spend an extra \$250,000 to build the project we were hoping to build.

Relevant Background: Back in January it was determined that the building we wanted to build

would cost more about \$345,000 than the bond included. The Board agreed to take this money from reserves to build a 1.1M project. They are now saying that it will cost more like 1.35M. We have already spent about \$160K.

We have to break ground on the new project (demolition completed, grading started) by October 15. Otherwise we will not be allowed to start until April 15.

Factors that contributed to this problem:

Overall increases in construction costs (both supplies and wages).

Extremely tough standards from government regulators (unprecedented).

The architect did not lock in building agreements earlier in the process.

Pencon has provided two options to bring the price down. Option A makes the building a rectangle, eliminates some doors and windows, etc., but maintain the same square footage. Option B eliminates the entire new IS classroom. Option A reduces the cost by \$160K and Option B reduces the cost by \$248K.

Options:

1. Walk away from current architect and construction company and reconsider. (Forfeits the money already spent.)
2. Take up Pencon on one of the value engineered options (A or B).
3. Fundraise or otherwise find a pot of money.
4. Combine options 2 and 3.

We called Josh at Pencon during the meeting. He was not sure whether either option A or option B would require new permits. Option A would require new seismic engineering. The roof system is deferred approval with DSA and gets approved later regardless. The site work is included in the construction cost either way.

Some money is saved by using pervious pavement instead of pavers. Fire access and gates, sewer, storm drains, etc. remain as originally planned.

To pursue option A or B, we would issue a change order, start the work, and get DSA approval along the way. The county is a separate agency and could have its own concerns. There is risk, but usually it's low. Any issues with DSA can usually be worked out with a face-to-face meeting. The rectangular roof is cheaper than the weird angle roof.

We have very little time to make this decision if we are going to make the October 15 deadline. The end of the month would be as late as possible.

Pencon will stand behind the numbers. So if we agree to one of these plans, costs should only go down from what we are signing on to.

Ways the county is making this more expensive for us:

When we dig a trench for utilities and then refill the trench, they are counting that as grading. Neither the builders nor the architects have ever heard of this before. They are also not giving us credit for the two buildings were are destroying, instead treating the entire project as brand new construction.

Plan: discuss these issues with parents' club ASAP. Hopefully, they will be able to make a decision at their scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action if Needed)

8.1 2013-14 Budget Unaudited Actuals

2013-14 unaudited actuals indicate that, not counting building expenses, income exceeded expenses.

8.2 Construction Contract (pending)

Still pending

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approve Resolution #2015-03 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Passed: Susie Moves, Patty seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.2 Approve 2013-14 Budget Unaudited Actuals

Passed: Susie Moves, Rhabyt seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.3 Approve Resolution #21015-04 GANN Limit

Not changed from last year.

Passed: Susie moves, Patty seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.4 Approve By-laws for Measure M Oversight Committee

Passed: Rhabyt moves, Susie seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.5 Approve Interdistrict Transfer Agreements for 2014-15

Passed: Susie moves, Patty seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.6 Approve County Preschool Contract for 2014-15

Passed: Susie moves, Patty seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.7 Approve State Preschool Contract for 2014-15

Passed: Susie moves, Patty seconds. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 absent

9.8 Approve Construction Contract (pending)

No action taken

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Confidential Personnel Issues (Government Code 54957)

No closed session

11.0 SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

11.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2014

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

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cc: Gwyan Rhabyt, Patty Auten, Susie Devergranne, Kris Stanga

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