

PACIFIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 15, 2015 @ 4:00 PM
PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Davenport, CA

Pacific School Mission Statement

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER & Roll Call - Called to order at 4:02 p.m.

- Gwyan Rhabyt, Board President - Present
- Don Croll, Board Trustee - Present
- Roger Knapp, Board Trustee – Present
- Others present: Kris Stanga, Elizabeth Andrews, Emelia Miguel (left at 4:20), Andy Wilson (left at 5:10), Samira Hartje (arrived 4:12, left 5:35).

1.2 Approve the Agenda for January 15, 2015.

Items 7.1 and 7.2 moved to after the consent agenda.

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 Regular Meeting, December 18, 2014

2.2 Ratification of 2014-15 School Calendar revisions

Minor change to minutes (time of Rhabyt's arrival correct). Moved to approve consent agenda with minor change by Rhabyt, Seconded by Don, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action if Needed)

7.1 Wellness Policy – Presented by Emelia

Don asked whether implementing the wellness policy would have any budget implications. Emelia is not expecting any. However, we lost a lot of free lunch kids and a few reduced lunch kids. As a result, she's getting about \$200 per month less from federal claims. However, we have more paid kids eating. Because the economy is doing better, many families don't qualify any more. Our free and reduced price lunch percent is lower than Emelia has ever seen.

Moved into action: Moved to adopt by Don, Seconded by Rhabyt, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

7.2 Full Day Kindergarten

Rhabyt noted that full day kindergarten has been shown to have significant achievement advantages, especially for low-achieving, underprivileged learners, but also for more privileged students as well.

Samira notes that the students seem tired by the end of the day and are well served by free time. Also, some students still nap after they leave school. As things stand, we are looking at 3 TK students and 12 K students (roughly). Because of these low numbers, Samira can have 2 groups of 6 students and get to them twice as much as a teacher of 24 kids creating 4 small groups of 6.

Don: what problem do we solve by having full day kindergarten? Rhabyt: test scores tend to go up.

Given the small size of the program and the fact that current students seem to be thriving and learning well, it doesn't necessarily seem like a good use of funds. However, it might be worth considering options for EL students in particular, such as having an aide read in English to the students after lunch.

In the final analysis there isn't the money. Roger: It's a good idea to continue to allocate our resources intelligently on a year-to-year basis, because needs for aid time (and other resources) will change as students flow through the program.

Students who are English language learners are supposed to have 30 minutes per day in direct instruction in English.

UCSC interns are a resource we could continue to tap into, perhaps even more than we have in the past.

No action taken at this time on full day kindergarten.

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.

None

5.0 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

5.1 Superintendent/Principal, Kris Stanga

We have completed our facility hardship application. We got a call back asking for some clarification about the fact that the multipurpose part of the building was labeled as two classrooms. The hardship guy felt good about what we had submitted, but did not provide any timeline. It is, however, officially in the queue. There's no clear way to apply political influence to the queue.

The architect has not yet put together the bulleted list of especially rigorous regulation interpretation requested by the board.

The project is going to be put out to rebid by PenCon, who thinks that the bids will come in lower because its winter. They are also going to bid less expensive versions of the building. Kris reiterated to the architect that the Board will want input on what those less expensive versions might look like.

We are working with Mynt to create a plan for energy efficiency upgrades to our main building that will meet the state's requirements and hopefully address some of the building's bigger problems (leaking skylight, etc.).

Don suggested putting together a list and workday for some of our more minor repairs and maintenance needs.

The office has been working on the waitlist and planning for enrollment for next year. The goal is for about 12 students per 5-day grade level K-2 with a few more in the older grades. The state's cut off for class size reduction funds are 24 per FTE for K-3 and 28 per FTE for 4-6.

Elizabeth is planning to create a new website. Rhabyt notes that this has been tried in the past and failed. The goal is to create a simple site that has information that is accurate and up to date.

We did not qualify for title 1 funding.

5.2 School Board Trustees

Rhabyt: Governor Brown's budget may amount to about \$25K more for ADA (ongoing), \$15K common core transitional expenses (1-time), \$15K prop 98 payback (1-time, but could be renewed).

Rhabyt will be missing the May and June Board Meetings. Don will miss the February meeting.

Rhabyt has been working on getting the library computer up and running.

Don is optimistic about the Moore Family Foundation grant for the building project. Packard family turned us down. Grant committee is also pursuing smaller grants. Kris will ask Josh at PenCon if they could accept a donation from Granite Rock.

Roger talked with another expert in the same type of building. This guy will provide some rough numbers to compare with PenCon's numbers.

5.3 School Site Council

Site council's main priorities for now are LCAP, school safety plan, school survey.

5.4 Pacific Parents' Club

Parents' Club is moving forward with the play. They agreed to fund LifeLab at its current levels next school year. They discussed targeting specific fundraisers for specific programs (i.e. potato night for LifeLab, etc.). Parents' Club needs to push ongoing giving – wine night is a great opportunity to promote this. Wine night will be at Bonny Doon winery.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action if Needed)

- 7.1 Wellness Policy – discussed above
- 7.2 Full Day Kindergarten – discussed above
- 7.3 Family Health Benefits

Rhabyt: Lack of family health benefits is our number one cause of teachers leaving. Rhabyt would be interested in exploring cuts elsewhere in order to provide at least modest family benefits to teachers.

Kris: Let's review the whole issue of benefits and gather some data.

Elizabeth: It might be possible to provide a financial incentive for people to turn down benefits.

This discussion applies to certificated staff only.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Approve engagement agreement with Robertson CPA

Moved to approve by Rhabyt, Seconded by Don, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

- 8.2 Approve Facilities Inspection Report

Moved to approve by Rhabyt, Seconded by Roger, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

8.3 Approve SARC 2013-14 draft

The old star tests are gone. It has not been decided how the new tests will be used in the API calculations.

Kris made some minor edits and updates to the SARC. Most of the numbers are dropped in for us by the county or state.

Moved to approve by Rhabyt, Seconded by Roger, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

8.4 Approve Declaration of Surplus Vehicle

Moved to approve by Rhabyt, Seconded by Don, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absences

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

Confidential Personnel Issues (which may include leaves, reassignments, medical issues, disciplines, separation, etc.) (Government Code 54957)

None

10.0 SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

10.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, February 19, 2015

11.0 ADJOURNMENT Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

cc: Gwyon Rhabyt, Don Croll, Roger Knapp, Kris Stanga

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