

PACIFIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2015

8:30 AM

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.

PLEASE NOTE: All persons are encouraged to attend and, where appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Pacific School Board of Trustees. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their names for the record. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except for those relating to litigation, personnel, and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in executive (closed) session.

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PUBLIC HEARING: EPA spending plan

- i. Report by the Superintendent/Principal
- ii. Public comment
- iii. Board comments/questions.

EPA = educational protection act. This money is dedicated only to instruction. We spend it on salaries. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, we will use this money for certificated and a little bit of classified (aide) salaries.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER & Roll Call

- Gwyan Rhabyt, Board President, Absent
- Roger Knapp, Board Trustee, Present
- Don Croll, Board Trustee, Present

Also Present: Elizabeth Andrews and Kris Stanga

1.2 Approve the Agenda for June 8, 2015

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

Approved. Moved by Don, Seconded by Roger, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

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 Minutes from the Regular Meeting May 28, 2015

2.2 Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting on May 29, 2015

2.3 Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting on June 5, 2015

Approved. Moved by Don, Seconded by Roger, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None to report

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.

A number of people addressed the board regarding Bill SB277, which would potentially eliminate the personal beliefs exemption for vaccines. Points raised:

Current vaccination rate is near an all-time high. Current law requires people to discuss vaccination with their doctors before getting a personal belief exemption. This law only went into effect a couple of years ago, and so far has resulted in higher vaccination rates. Every state that has enacted a similar law has also seen increases in vaccination rates.

The trigger for this bill was the measles outbreak in Disneyland, which affected 24 school-age children, and resulted in no deaths.

Pertussis is affecting vaccinated children at least as much as unvaccinated children.

Only 2.5% of children state wide have personal-belief exemptions.

Under the proposed law, students can be banned from school even if they have not been vaccinated for non-communicable diseases, such as tetanus or hepatitis B.

Medical exemptions are very difficult to obtain, even now, and most doctors recommend just using the personal belief exemption.

The proposed legislation would ban unvaccinated students from attending school, which could affect school enrollment. Families who are opposed to vaccines and can manage to home school can retain their medical options, while families who cannot afford to home school will lose their medical options, creating economic disparity.

The proposed bill will require schools to pay for special services for students with IEP, and potentially have to pay for home visit services. Since independent studies has to be an approved appropriate mode for a student with an IEP, it could put schools in an impossible legal tangle.

Would have negative effects on English language learners. It could be challenging for these students to get the English exposure they need in a home-study environment.

Alternative plans exist. For example, collect more complete vaccine information. Are people opting out of chicken pox or measles? If after collecting better data, you are able to identify specific communities and diseases that pose a public health concern, you do a public-outreach campaign combined with free/low cost/convenient vaccine clinics. Finally, it would be very helpful to do more research about why some children have negative reactions to vaccines. It is possible that there is a genetic factor that can predict these negative reactions, which could improve vaccine safety.

The current bill is vague and has strange legal implications for schools. The speakers advocate referring the bill to the education committee and/or other steps to both slow down the passage of the bill and revise it to better address the various concerns and issues.

Several amendments were proposed over the weekend.

The people present at the Board meeting were not advocating for Board-level action, but informing the Board and Superintendent as individuals.

5.0 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- 5.1 Superintendent/Principal, Kris Stanga
- 5.2 School Board Members

Don followed up about how to get the diseased trees removed.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a used portable to replace the existing portable, vs. installing a new modular building.

- 5.3 School Site Council
- 5.4 Pacific Parents Club

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Approval of 2015-16 LCAP

Approved. Moved by Don, Seconded by Roger, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

- 7.2 Approval of 2015-16 Budget

Approved. Moved by Don, Seconded by Roger, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.3 Approval of Personnel Action

We have hired a 1st/2nd teacher, Sheryl Hill. She has extensive teaching experience and graduate work in reading. We have also a hired 5th/6th teacher, Anthea Shore, currently teaching 4th grade at a tough school. She has a strong outdoor education and technology background. References say she is very organized and collaborative. Samira and Lowell are very excited about both of these options.

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.4 Approval of William Report

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.5 Approval of Resolution 2015-09 Payroll and Warrant Signature Authorization

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.6 Approval of Resolution 2015-10 Authorization of End of Year Transfers

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.7 Approval of Resolution 2015-11 Pick-up Authorization

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.8 Approval of Resolution 2015-12 2015-16 State Preschool Contract

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.9 Approval of Dissolution of contract with Weston Miles Architects

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.10 Approval of EPA spending plan

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

7.11 Approval of Consolidated Application

Approved. Moved by Roger, Seconded by Don, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absence.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

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

NONE

9.0 SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

9.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2015 4 PM

10.0 ADJOURNMENT 9:40 a.m.

cc: Gwyan Rhabyt, Roger Knapp, Don Croll, Kris Stanga
Agenda posted at: Davenport Post Office & Pacific School