

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 (4:00 PM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Phyllis Sanchez called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Clementi

Frank Latino

Robert Gonzales

Dr. Patricia Milner (arrived at 4:15 p.m. after roll call vote)

Phyllis Sanchez

OPEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: The Board of Education meets in executive session to discuss: Legal matters and to receive legal advice from its independent counsel, Alex Halpern, on specific legal questions pertaining to the Hearing Officer's Decision in the matter of the discharge of a school administrator, Preston Wenz and, following that, to discuss and receive legal advice and the opinion of its general counsel on specific legal questions, including pending and threatened legal claims, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); Personnel matters, actions, and updates including the Interim Superintendent's evaluation and recommendations involving individual employees, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-401(4)(f); and Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h).

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Phyllis Sanchez)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education meets in executive session to discuss: Legal matters and to receive legal advice from its independent counsel, Alex Halpern, on specific legal questions pertaining to the Hearing Officer's Decision in the matter of the discharge of a school administrator, Preston Wenz and, following that, to discuss and receive legal advice and the opinion of its general counsel on specific legal questions, including pending and threatened legal claims, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); Personnel matters, actions, and updates including the Interim Superintendent's evaluation and recommendations involving individual employees, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-401(4)(f); and Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Dr. Patricia Milner

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the opinion of its general counsel on specific legal questions, including pending and threatened legal claims, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b)-78 minutes; Personnel matters, actions, and updates including the Interim Superintendent's evaluation and recommendations involving individual employees, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-401(4)(f)-14 minutes; and Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h)-2 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Centennial High School JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Barbara Clementi**) Moved, Member (**Dr. Patricia Milner**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education amends the agenda for January 24, 2017 to add 9.4 Negotiations Report. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 – 0**

3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for January 24, 2017 as presented and/or modified.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dr. Patricia Milner**) Moved, Member (**Barbara Clementi**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for January 24, 2017 as modified'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 – 0**

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, the East High School and South High School choirs performed.

4.0 GIFTS TO SCHOOLS

Gifts to Schools

The Board of Education is asked to approve the following gifts to Pueblo City Schools in the amount of \$24,580. 1. Little Caesar's Pizza donated \$1,000 to Central High School. 2. Ben and Irina Vancea donated \$500 to the Belmont Elementary School for 5th grade field trips and end of year activities. 3. Randy Buck donated \$10,000 to Belmont and \$10,000 to Haaff Elementary Schools Pre-K programs. 4. TR Toppers, Inc. donated \$1,000 for vocal music and band at East High School. 5. The Committee to Re-elect Jeff donated \$600 to the baseball program at East High School. 6. Janel Rae Ruyle donated \$980 to the instrumental music department at Heroes Academy. 7. Pueblo Association of Realtors donated \$500 to Pueblo Academy of Arts Agents in Action Mentoring Program. 8. The Historic Pueblo, Inc and the Steelworks Center-Museum and Archives donated

instructional materials to all schools on "Forging the West", a documentary of the history of CF&I.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Moved, Member **(Gonzales, Robert)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

5.0 RECOGNITION

Special Recognition--Dr. Rakesh K. Khosla

The Board of Education was asked to recognize Dr. Rakesh K. Khosla for his contribution and time he gives to our student athletes, especially the Concussion Program and sideline coverage at all football games.

Recommendation: The Board of Education recognizes Dr. Rakesh K. Khosla as presented in January 24, 2016 Board materials.

6.0 CITIZEN'S STATEMENT

"Forging the West", a Documentary of the History of CF&I

On behalf of the Historic Pueblo, Inc. and the Steelworks Center-Museum and Archives, Corinne Koehler presented information on "Forging the West", a documentary of the history of CF&I.

School Bullying Prevention & Education Grant

Kathy Grey, Lead Trainer and Director of Training, and Rosemary Rein, Vice President of Education, presented information on the No Bully Prevention Program, which will be implemented in Pueblo City Schools and funded by the Bullying Prevention & Education Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this time the Board listens to comments from citizens in the community concerning school matters. Up to 30 minutes at each Board meeting are allotted for this purpose. Anyone intending to speak to the Board should sign the speaker sign-in sheet before 6:00 p.m. No person shall be permitted to sign up for another person nor shall anyone be permitted to exchange time or yield time to another. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes each. The number of speakers is limited to ten.

1. Michael Maes commented on negotiations. 2. Louise Rivas commented on negotiations. 3. Suzanne Ethredge commented on climate of the district. 4. Frankie Arteaga commented on the Gang Alternative Program of Pueblo. 5. Dennis Maes commented on the district's budget and superintendent's search.

ACTION ITEM

Hearing Officer's Decision and Recommendation – Preston Wenz

The Board of Education was asked to take action on the Hearing Officer's Decision in the matter of the discharge of a school administrator, Preston Wenz.

Recommendation: The Board of Education will be asked to take action on the Hearing Officer's Decision in the matter of the discharge of a school administrator, Preston Wenz.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Milner, Dr. Patricia)** Moved, Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education adopts the Order to Discharge of school administrator Preston Wenz.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60**

ORDER TO DISCHARGE

The Board of Education of the Pueblo School District 60 enters the following written order in the matter of the dismissal proceeding of Preston Wenz (Mr. Wenz):

1. The Board of Education has received and reviewed the Decision dated January 4, 2017, submitted by Hearing Officer Steven Meyrich, in the matter of the Preston Wenz dismissal proceeding.
2. The Board of Education adopts and incorporates by reference herein the Hearing Officer's evidentiary Findings of Fact. The Board of Education notes that the Hearing Officer found that there was good and just cause to support the discharge of Mr. Wenz.
3. The Board of Education concludes that the Findings of Fact support the conclusion that there was good and just cause to discharge Mr. Wenz.
4. Based upon the foregoing, the Board of Education orders that Mr. Wenz is discharged from his employment effective as of October 12, 2016.
5. The Board of Education directs the secretary of the board to cause a copy of this order to be given immediately to Mr. Wenz and a copy to be entered into his employment file.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Macaluso highlighted the PCS Science Fair and thanked Paula Herraes and Morganlee Kemp. The No Bully kickoff was held. Mr. Gonzales communicated that he participated in the dedication of the Central High School wrestling room, which was named after John Rivas, former coach and principal. Mr. Gonzales also was a guest speaker in the classrooms at Cesaer Huerta Preparatory Academy to address leadership. Mrs. Sanchez communicated appreciation to Mr. Rick Macias in his efforts in the dedication of the newly renovated wrestling room. Ms. Clementi thanked the members of the negotiation team. Mrs. Sanchez thanked Dr. Milner for chairing the January 12, 2017 work session and expressed appreciation for their service on the school board.

8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

2017 Career & Technical Education Month

WHEREAS, the month of February is designated as Career & Technical Education Month by the Association of Career & Technical Education; and WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and addition responsibilities on our educational system; and WHEREAS, Career & Technical Education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well educated workforce,, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and WHEREAS, Career & Technical Education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and WHEREAS, Career & Technical Education offers individuals life-long opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and WHEREAS, the ever increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, we, the members of the Board of Education of Pueblo City Schools, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY as CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH In Pueblo City Schools, and urge the community, parents, students, teachers, classified employees, and administrators to join together in supporting Career & Technical Education in our schools.

Recommendation: The Board of Education adopts the Career & Technical Education Month Resolution as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

Dr. Milner read the 2017 Career & Technical Education Month Resolution.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Milner, Dr. Patricia)** Moved, Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education adopts the Career & Technical Education Month Resolution as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

2017 National School Counseling Week

The Board of Education is asked to adopt a resolution recognizing National School Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2017 to honor the work of counselors and focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional counselors in Pueblo City Schools.

Recommendation: The Board of Education adopts the Resolution as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Moved, Member **(Milner, Dr. Patricia)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education adopts the Resolution as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Resolution of Dedicated Service: Ronald C. Payne

Mr. Latino read the Resolution of Dedicated Service: Ronald C. Payne.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION OF DEDICATED SERVICE WHEREAS, The death of Ronald C. Payne on December 17, 2017 has been reported to the Board of Education, and WHEREAS, Ronald C. Payne was employed with School District 60

between 1955 and 1989, having served as a teacher for 34 years, and WHEREAS, Ronald C. Payne gave loyal and conscientious service to the school district, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education extends sympathy to the surviving members of Ronald C. Payne's family and expresses appreciation for the years of excellent and devoted service he gave to School District 60.

9.0 REPORTS

FY 2015-16 Annual Financial Report

At the end of every fiscal year a financial audit of the District's operations is required by law. Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Company, Inc., Certified Public Accountants, provided an overview of the District's FY 2015-16 financial report.

2016-17 Amended Budget Information

The information provided to the Board of Education will include revenue adjustments for the 2016-17 Amended Budget. These adjustments reflect actual student count and per pupil revenue versus budgeted. It will also include expenditure changes recommended to the FY 2016-17 general fund adopted budget. An amended budget must be adopted before the end of January 2017.

1st Quarterly Progress Monitoring Report

Assessment Specialists RoeAnn Collette and Tiffany Dehn will present the Quarterly Report to the Board of Education.

Negotiated Language Report

10.0 POLICY

Board Policy GBGH: Sick Leave Bank Regulations - Second Reading

The Board of Education is asked to approve the modifications to Board Policy GBGH: Sick Leave Bank Regulations, on second and final reading.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the modifications to Board Policy GBGH, Sick Leave Bank Regulations, on second and final reading as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Moved, Member **(Gonzales, Robert)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the modifications to Board Policy GBGH, Sick Leave Bank Regulations, on second and final reading as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2-11.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-11 as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Milner, Dr. Patricia)** Moved, Member **(Latino, Frank)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-11 as

presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

2. Personnel Report

The Board will be asked to approve the report of personnel activity since January 12, 2017 including recommendations for appointments, transfers of certified and classified employees, as well as a Resolution of Dedicated Service for Ronald C. Payne, teacher.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves or acknowledges receipt of the information as indicated in Item 11.00 in the January 24, 2017 Board materials on pages 1 of 5.

3. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: The minutes of the school board meeting of December 13, 2016, January 5, 2017, and January 12, 2017 are submitted for board approval.

4. Bills and Payroll

Be It Resolved By The Board of Education, School District No. 60, In The County of Pueblo Colorado, That checks numbered as shown on the bills lists dated December 2016 which are attached hereto and made a part of these official minutes by reference aggregating \$1,619,595.49 and check numbers 99082 - 100737 as authorized by designated administrators and reviewed by the Treasurer of the Board are hereby approved as issued.

Be It Further Resolved By The Board Of Education, School District No. 60, In The County of Pueblo Colorado, That payrolls for employees for December 2016, aggregating \$5,358,962.79 for direct deposit check numbers 838905 - 841389 and \$93,108.22 check numbers 369104 - 369485 issued for December 31, 2016 which have been authorized by designated administrators and reviewed by the Treasurer of the Board are hereby approved as issued.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Bills & Payroll Resolution as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

5. Capital Project: Replace Central High School Swimming Pool Boiler

The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$74,138 from the Capital Projects Fund for the replacement of the boiler at Central High School Swimming Pool. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$74,138 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

6. Capital Equipment: Boiler Replacement Purchase

The Board of Education is asked to approve an expenditure of \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to purchase replacement boilers to be used in the school district. Bob Lawson is the administrator in charge.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$50,000 for the purchase of replacement boilers and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

7. Capital Reserve Expenditure: Chromebook Purchases

The Technology Department and several Innovative Schools have Capital Reserve set aside for Technology purchases. As part of this process an RFQ was generated for chromebooks.

Recommendation: The Board of Education authorizes District Administration to purchase up to \$500,000 of chromebooks using the winner of the RFQ as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

8. Contracts and Agreements: Flooring Replacement at the East High School Music Classroom

The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$12,231 from East High School's funds for the replacement of the flooring in the music room at East High School. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$12,231 and appropriates the funds from East High Schools funds as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

9. Contracts and Agreements: Educational Broadband Service Lease Agreement

Pueblo City Schools is a current license holder of four (4) channels of wireless spectrum allocated through a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) program. Unused channels have been leased and generated revenue for the District. The current lease contract expired in December of 2016. Negotiations for a new lease contract will continue to be conducted by the law office of Gray Miller Persh LLP.

Recommendation: The Board of Education authorizes District Administration to move forward with negotiations as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

10. Contracts and Agreements: Pikes Peak BOCES School of Excellence, Devereux Cleo Wallace Centers, El Pueblo Academy and Abraxas.

The Board of Education is asked to approve the contracts between: Pikes Peak BOCES School of Excellence, Devereux Cleo Wallace Centers, El Pueblo Academy, Abraxas and Pueblo City Schools District #60

11. Supplemental Budgets: School Bullying Prevention & Education Grant

The Board of Education is asked to accept the School Bullying Prevention & Education Grant in the amount of \$862,674 for the 2016-2017 school year from the Colorado Department of Education. Twenty-six schools of Pueblo School District 60 are included in the award of this grant. A total of \$2.1 million dollars will be awarded over a three year period.

Recommendation: The Board of Education accepts the allocation of funding received from the Colorado Department of Education, for the School Bullying Prevention & Education Grant as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

11.1 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Leadership Appointments/Reassignments

The Board of Education is asked to approve the superintendent's recommendation for leadership appointments/reassignments.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for appointments/reassignments as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Milner, Dr. Patricia)** Moved, Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for appointments/reassignments as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

2. Expulsion of Student #135450

It is requested that the discipline matter involving Student #135450 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo City Schools Student Conduct and Discipline Code JKD-JKE and JKD/JKE-R.

Recommendation: The Board of Education expels Student #135450 for one full calendar year, pending review in 45-60 days after enrolling and participation in the Expelled program, as presented in the January 24, 2017 board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Clementi, Barbara)** Moved, Member **(Gonzales, Robert)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #135450 for one full calendar year, pending review in 45-60 days after enrolling and participation in the Expelled program, as presented in the January 24, 2017 board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

3. 2016-17 Proposed Amended Budget, Adoption of Appropriations Resolution and Resolution Authorizing Beginning Fund Balance – This item was postponed until a meeting can be scheduled prior to January 30, 2017.

On June 28, 2016, the Board adopted the budget for fiscal year 2016-17. Prior to January 31 of the following year, school districts are allowed to adjust their adopted budget after they have received their final audit information to adjust beginning fund balances, certified mill levies, and their certified pupil count. Those three items, in addition to other revenue adjustments and unexpected expenditure needs, often require the budget to be adjusted.

Recommendation: The Board of Education adopts the Appropriations Resolution and Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund balance for Fiscal Year 2016-17 as presented in the January 24, 2017 Board materials.

13.0 BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA

14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and Upcoming Events

February 9, 2017, 2:00 p.m., School Board Work Session, Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room
February 21, 2017, 4:30 p.m., School Board Meeting, Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.
