



Board Briefs

A brief synopsis of the P-CCS Board of Education Meeting

July 11, 2023

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Education elected new officers for the 2023-2024 school year as follows: President **Shawn Wilson**; Vice-President **Lauren Christenson**; Secretary **Anupam Chugh Sidhu**; Treasurer **Patrick Kehoe**; Trustee **Patti McCoin**; Trustee **Sheryl Picard**; and Trustee **Judy Westra**. The Board adopted bylaws regarding Board of Education meetings, authorized signatures for school district business, and named the depository, investment of monies, signatories for all funds, legal counsel, school district auditor, and the financial consultant. The 2023-2024 Board meeting calendar was also approved.

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of **Zaina Gennaoui** (Gallimore), **Fatima Thompson** (TBD), **Jocelyn Jocque** (Dodson), **Susan Zarate** (Smith), and **Kevin Karr** (Educational Support Center)
- Approved the Resignation of **Dian Biecker** (Salem) and **Heather Weaver** (Curriculum Center)
- Approved Policy #7434 - Use of Tobacco on School Premises (Final Reading)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2023
- Approved a Resolution to Retire the Canton High School Chief Mascot and Arrowhead Logo and allow for a new mascot to be chosen by the student body (Final Reading)

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt provided updates and shared pictures to highlight 2020 Bond construction work taking place throughout the district. Summer building upgrades include:

- A 9,333-square-foot addition at Isbister Elementary School consisting of a new gymnasium, two additional classrooms, and a new playground. The school will also see restroom remodels and mechanical equipment replacements.
- Pioneer Middle School construction is in full swing with architectural and civil site work, interior renovations, a remodel of the main office and exterior canopy, and a new bus loop.

- Starkweather Academy's work continues and includes a new addition, as well as interior architectural and mechanical renovations, exterior concrete flatwork, parking lot renovations, and a new food service line.
- Construction continues at Plymouth High School on the new 35,000-square-foot addition, which includes an 8-lane swim Natatorium with a diving well, a multi-purpose room, a gymnasium, and a two-story grand corridor.

Superintendent Merritt expressed continued gratitude to community members for supporting this Bond, allowing the district to make essential upgrades at many of our facilities.

Finally, she shared good news regarding the recently released 2023-2024 State Budget, which includes a historic 5% increase. The new budget also includes universal free breakfast and lunch for all students regardless of income level, 100% special education reimbursement, and additional funding for transportation, at-risk initiatives, and grow-your-own programs.

Citizens' Comments

- **Cameron Miller, Howard Ring, Rodolfo Palma, Chris Bejczy, Gabriel Jim, Nathan Morris, Phil Venables, Alexis Dakota Fernimos, Steve Robb, Shannon Balog, and Edward Borninski** spoke on the Canton High School Mascot.

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee: Next Meeting - TBD
- Policy Committee: Next Meeting - TBD
- Finance & Operations Committee
Next Meeting: August 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action Committee: Next Meeting - TBD

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting - August 8, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – August 29, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

