



Board Briefs

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

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September 12, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of **Jessica Anderson** (Farrand/Smith), **Dawn Barbosa** (Starkweather), **Megan Fazica** (Hoben), **Shari Hazell** (Field/Bird), **Marie Livingston** (Smith), **Kimberly Macklin** (Hoben), **Colleen Marie** (Salem), **Fatima Salemassi** (Salem), **Nadia Sater** (East), **Mara Sinacola** (Hulsing), **Lindsay Torey** (Smith) **Lowanda Washington-Brown** (Plymouth-Goals) **Amber Womble** (Bentley/Tonda), **Katie Ilijic** (Administration Bldg.), **Ally Meyette** (Administrative Bldg.), and **Nichole Sturdy** (Workman)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of **Julie Nicastri** (Liberty)
- Approved the Resignation of **Mary Kroeger** (East)
- Approved the Tenure Recommendation of **Cydnei Henry** (Field), **Angelina Hammons** (Salem), **Katherine Pheiffer** (Discovery), **Jessica Scott** (Farrand), **Sarah Harrison** (Hoben/Bentley), **Vicki Baker** (Hoben/Gallimore), **Nicole Anderson** (Dodson/Miller), **Laura Poniatowski** (Liberty), and **Stephanie Soisson** (Liberty)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2023
- Considered First Reading Policy #7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (First Reading)
- Considered First Reading Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for the Purchase of Two GMC Terrain SUVs for the Safety and Security Department (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for the Purchase & Implementation of Voice-Over Equipment for 9 District Elevators (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution to Purchase an Athletic Sound System for the P-CEP JV Stadium (First and Final Reading)

Celebrating Success

Maggie Styes, Career Center Coordinator for P-CEP and Starkweather Academy, and **Marci Lizzio**, P-CEP Forensic Science Teacher and Science Olympiad Coach, were honored with Extra Miler Awards for their dedication and continued efforts to support the district's high school students on a daily basis.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt provided an update on the Canton Mascot Transition Plan, which was designed to provide clarification to the community around the process that will be used to implement the transition from the retired Canton Chiefs to the new mascot and logo. Current Canton HS students and students slated to attend Canton HS in the classes of 2028 and 2029 will have an opportunity to choose the new mascot. She also reviewed a transition timeline, the estimated costs associated with the change provided by the Mascot Advisory Committee, and potential grant sources.

Superintendent Merritt proudly announced that Canton, Plymouth, and Salem High Schools were recently recognized by the US News and World Report, which released their nationwide high

school rankings. All three park schools ranked in the top ten percent of high schools nationwide and among the top 40 out of 1,700 public high schools in Michigan. These rankings are a testament to the quality education available to our students and the professionalism and hard work of our amazing staff, students, and families.

An update was also provided regarding the condition of the P-CEP turf fields, which were affected by recent storms. The East turf field has been repaired and is functional. The West turf field is not playable at this time. District administrators are working with professional turf installers to develop a plan and time frame to remediate the situation.

Last week, automotive history visited P-CEP when the CTE Department hosted a stop on the Old Car Endurance Run. Several cars manufactured in or before 1908 visited the Park on their return trip to Greenfield Village from the state capital in Lansing. This fun event enjoyed by many provided another exciting opportunity for P-CEP students.

Finally, Superintendent Merritt spoke about how much she enjoyed visiting classrooms throughout the district last week as students returned to school. She thanked **Nick Brandon**, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, his team, and all the staff members who worked hard to ensure the success of the Back to School Bash, which was held on the first day of school.

Finance & Operations – Deborah Piesz

Debbie Piesz, Chief Finance & Operations Officer, and **Brian Gesaman**, McCarthy & Smith Project Manager, gave a presentation to provide 2023 Summer Construction Bond Project updates.

Citizens' Comments

- **Jody Hartbees** spoke on the cost of the Canton Mascot change
- **Rocky Johnson** spoke on recent facility corrections
- **Randy Lorenzetti** spoke on district transportation schedules

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
(Next Meeting: September 13, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Policy Committee
(Next Meeting: September 26, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee
(Next Meeting: September 21, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee
(Next Meeting: September 18, 2023 - 6 p.m.)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Special Meeting - September 25, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - September 26, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - October 10, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.