



Board Briefs

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

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September 26, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Superintendent Merritt started the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the life of Kristen Hennessey, longtime P-CCS Director of Food & Nutrition Services, who recently passed away. Kristen was a beloved part of our district for many years and a dear colleague to many. Her dedication to the well-being of students has left a lasting impact on countless families in our community.

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of **Ashley Forrester** (Discovery), **Suzanne Lewis** (Bird), and **Holly Mierzejewski** (Canton)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of **Jacqueline Barlow** (East), **Amanda Blaesser** (Tonda), **Kayleigh Gilo** (Bentley), **Lauren Horvath** (West), and **Patricia Lewis** (Field)
- Approved the Resignation of **Molly Dishmon** (Plymouth)
- Approved the Retirement of **Donna Hensel** (Plymouth) and **Renee Schmoekel** (Plymouth-Goals)
- Approved Out-of-County Field Trips to Ireland & Costa Rica
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023
- Considered a Resolution for Awards for Bid Package #HS-2a Band Room Addition & Salem Auditorium Operable Partitions (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for the Purchase of Two GMC Terrain SUVs for the Safety & Security Department (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for the Purchase and Implementation of Voice-Over Equipment for 9 District Elevators (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for African-American Literature Course Materials (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science Course Materials (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Plymouth Township School Resource Officer (Final Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member **Sidhu** presented the Extra Miler Award to **Dawn Schaller**, P-CCS Employee Benefits Supervisor, for going above and beyond every day to assist staff members with the best possible healthcare options. Dawn spends hours researching healthcare plans, patiently answers countless questions from staff members, and is a deserving recipient of this award.

The students, staff, and volunteers at Gallimore Elementary School were also honored and received awards for being named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School and recognized

as one of the country's highest-performing schools. Students, staff, and volunteers spoke about the special school community at Gallimore, where everyone is seen, valued, and heard. Principal **Aimee Bell** was praised for her leadership, vision, positive impact, and unfailing dedication to students and staff. P-CCS is proud of our amazing Gallimore family.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt asked everyone to join the district as it celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic-American champions who have inspired others. Guided by the district's Dynamic Plan, P-CCS will continue to honor our community's diversity and the varied cultures of our student body. She encouraged everyone to visit the district's website to read more about this month's celebration.

She also highlighted some of the outstanding upcoming events being presented by the Department of Student and Family Engagement. The department offers workshops and events every month that are designed to help district parents support their children's learning and social-emotional needs. She invited families to visit the P-CCS district website's Student & Family Engagement page to learn more.

Finally, she gave a shout-out to the P-CCS Human Resources Team as they continue to work hard to hire champions for our district. She encouraged community members to attend the P-CCS Job Fair scheduled for October 25, 2023, from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria.

Citizens' Comments

- **Steve Gentilia** spoke on bond construction priorities
- **Kevin Shankie** spoke on the Canton Mascot Transition
- **Karen Gorny** spoke on school rankings and construction bids
- **Jody Hurtubise** spoke on the Canton Mascot Transition
- **Rocky Johnson** spoke on AEDs at P-CEP

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
(Next Meeting: October 4, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Policy Committee
(Next Meeting: October 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee
(Next Meeting: October 5, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee
(Next Meeting: October 16, 2023 - 6 p.m.)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Special Meeting - October 3, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - October 10, 2023 - 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - October 24, 2023 - 7 p.m.