



Board Briefs

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

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October 10, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of **Mark Grenier** (Bentley/Hulsing), **Stefanie Kovaleski** (Farrand), **Stefanie Rissman** (West), and **Patrick Durocher** (P-CEP Scheduler)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of **Jennifer Haynes** (West)
- Approved the Resignation of **Heather Kirkpatrick** (Dodson) and **Brianna Rieboldt** (West)
- Approved the Retirement of **Deborah Piesz**, Admin. Building
- Approved the Tenure Recommendation of **Kiki Ayotte** (Liberty) and **Angela Campernel** (Workman)
- Approved Out-of-County Field Trips to Costa Rica (Plymouth), Italy (Plymouth), and England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria (Salem)
- Considered Policy #5230 Late Arrival and Early Dismissal (First Reading)
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2023
- Considered a Resolution for a Summer Property Tax Levy (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution Certifying Operating Millage Renewal Proposal (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution to Purchase Chromebooks (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for Awards for Bid Package #HS-2a Band Room Addition & Salem Auditorium Operable Partitions (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for 21st Century Global Issues Curriculum Materials (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for African-American Literature Course Materials (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science Course Materials (Final Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member Picard presented the Extra Miler Award to **Tonda Shimbo**, Bentley Elementary School Paraprofessional, for her many years of dedication to supporting students with academics, personal growth, and assistance with before and after-school needs. Tonda is incredibly positive, reliable, and builds meaningful relationships with staff and families.

Krista Gable, P-CEP Volunteer, was also honored with a VIPS award for volunteering countless hours to support the P-CEP Choir Program over the last seven years. She is kind, caring, and advocates for what is best for students daily.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt congratulated **Hawanya Urquhart**, Liberty Middle School Teacher, who was recently named English Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Council of

Teachers of English (MCTE). She also congratulated **Daniel Parsons**, Liberty Middle School Teacher, who was named to the 2023-2024 Michigan Teacher Leadership Collaborative. This highly selective program requires teachers to complete a multi-round application and interview process with only 18 educators from around the state named to this year's collective.

Canton High School was named to the College Board's annual AP Honor Roll. Based on the collaborative nature of P-CEP's AP classes, this recognition is an indication of the quality of advanced learning opportunities park-wide. Congratulations were also in order to 37 P-CEP students who were recently named semifinalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship Competition.

She thanked Plymouth Township Police Chief Knittel, other members of his team, and the entire Farrand Elementary School community, who all made the Color Run event at Farrand School such a special day for all students.

Superintendent Merritt also addressed recent feedback regarding district facilities and provided updates on renovations taking place through Bond construction projects. She spoke about efforts to identify needed repairs and maintenance to our current facilities. She encouraged staff members to utilize the district's work order system to help identify facility needs.

Additionally, she gave a shout-out to the district's curriculum leaders for providing a successful day of professional development on October 6, where P-CCS teaching and administrative staff came together for a full day of learning and growth.

Finally, she invited district families and staff to join her on Monday, November 6, at the next *Coffee with Monica* event, where all stakeholders can hear about exciting things happening in our district and ask questions. This event starts at 5:30 p.m. at Miller Elementary School.

Finance & Operations

Brian Gesaman, McCarthy & Smith Senior Project Manager, gave a presentation to provide updates on Bond construction project timelines.

Citizens' Comments

- **Faize El-Khalil** spoke on transportation
- **Arthur Colling** spoke on Pay to Participate

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
(Next Meeting: November 1, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Policy Committee
(Next Meeting: October 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee
(Next Meeting: October 19, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee
(Next Meeting: October 16, 2023 - 6 p.m.)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting - October 24, 2023 - 7 p.m.
- Special Meeting - November 2, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.