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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **November 14, 2023**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

President Wilson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Present: Members Christenson, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, Westra, and Wilson
Absent: Member Kehoe

Administrators Present: Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent of Student & Family Engagement
Ms. Deborah Piesz, Chief Finance & Operations Officer
Ms. Bethany Rayl, Chief Academic & Innovation Officer
Mr. Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Mr. Nick Brandon, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing
Ms. Shonta Langford, Chief Human Resource Officer

Others Present: Ms. Diane Robertson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
Mr. Josh Patterson, SVA Student Co-Chair

Josh Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Adoption of the Agenda/Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Westra **to Amend the Agenda** to remove Policy #5310-Health Services for further review and discussion by the Board. *A vote is not required to remove an item from the consent agenda; therefore, no action item number was assigned.

Ayes: Members Christenson, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, Westra, and Wilson
Nays: None
The motion was carried 6-0

Action Item #24-11-26: It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Christenson to adopt the Agenda and the Amended Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of New Hires, Leaves, Resignations, Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023, Special Meeting of November 2, 2023, and First Reading Policies.

Ayes: Members Christenson, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, Westra, and Wilson
Nays: None
The motion was carried 6-0

New Hires

Belcher, Tracey	Homebound Teacher Plymouth Goals	Effective 11-13-23
Brooks, Stacy	Counselor West Middle School	Effective 11-13-23
Patel, Sonal	Instructional Coach Isbister Elementary School	Effective 11-13-23
Shiple, Sarah	Math/Integrated Science Isbister Elementary School	Effective 11-8-23
Whirley, Heidi	Spanish Salem High School	Effective 11-27-23

Hall, Maximilian	Computer Technician Educational Support Center	Effective 11-20-23
Cuyler, Jessica	P-CEP Registrar Plymouth-Canton Educational Park	Effective 11-20-23
Minnick, Jill	Chief Finance and Operations Officer Administration Building	Effective 12-4-23

Leaves

Christoffersen, Jamie	(0.5) Elementary Classroom Miller Elementary School	Childcare Leave of Absence Effective 10-8-23 through 3-4-24
Kammo, Megan	Elementary Classroom Dodson Elementary School	Childcare Leave of Absence Effective 9-17-23 through 12-1-23
Sparks, Brittany	Elementary Classroom Hoben Elementary School	Childcare Leave of Absence Effective 10-23-23 through 12-1-23

Resignations

Vos, Jennifer	Executive Assistant-HR Administration Building	Resignation Effective 10-25-23
Emil, Lisa	Elementary Classroom Field Elementary School	Resignation Effective 12-4-23

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023, and the Special Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2023, were approved as presented.

First Reading Policies

- Policy #1540 New Administrative Staff Reductions-Recalls
- Policy #5120 Assignment within District
- Policy #5223 Absences for Religious Instruction
- Policy 38531 Free and Reduced Priced Meals

B. Celebrating Success

Member Westra presented the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award to Mr. Mark Salzer, P-CCS Director of Integrated Technology Systems. Mark gives 100%+ every day and is thoughtful, kind, and self-motivated. He represents the district with great pride and has proven to be a responsible decision-maker with all technology investments. The P-CCS community is fortunate to have such a hardworking and humble leader advocating for our students, staff, and families.

C. Board Committee Reports/ActionPresident's Report

No report at this time.

Student Performance and Achievement Committee (SPA) - Anupam Chugh Sidhu

The SPA committee met on November 1, 2023, and reviewed a presentation regarding the potential expansion of Starkweather Academy to include 9th grade students. The committee also reviewed a name change request for Honors Photography and discussed instructional coaching models. The next SPA meeting will be held on December 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Policy Advisory Committee - Patti McCoin

Member McCoin shared that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next policy meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Collaboration Room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Finance and Operations Committee - Patrick Kehoe

Member Picard shared that the F&O Committee met on November 9, 2023, and reviewed updates to the Tanger property sales agreement. The committee also discussed a non-homestead tax renewal and a transportation radio purchase. The next F&O meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Student Voice in Action Committee – Josh Patterson and Sae Pawar

Josh Patterson, Student Voice in Action co-chair, shared that the SVA committee has not met since the last Board meeting. He provided updates from the recent SVA student open house. Member Sidhu thanked SVA student liaisons who have been attending Board subcommittee meetings. The next SVA committee meeting will be held on November 20, 2023, in the Canton High School Media Center, and everyone is welcome to attend.

D. Administrative Reports/Recommendations**Finance and Operations – Deborah Piesz**Final Reading Resolutions

- **Action Item #24-11-27:** It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Christenson to Approve a Resolution to purchase a 2023 GMC Savana 2500 Standard Cargo Van to replace a stolen maintenance truck. The recommended vendor is Todd Wenzel Buick GMC in Westland, MI, at a cost of \$34,237. Insurance reimbursement of \$14,000 and the remaining \$20,237 will be paid from the Operations Department vehicle replacement account. (Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Christenson, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, Westra, and Wilson

Nays: None

The motion was carried 6-0

- **Action Item #24-11-28:** It was moved by Member Christenson and seconded by Member Westra to Approve a Resolution for Sidewalk Replacement at Hoben Elementary School as part of the Canton Township Sidewalk Replacement Program. It is recommended that Canton Township be awarded this work in the amount of \$52,442.26, which will be paid for with 2019 bond funds. (Final Reading)

Ayes: Members Christenson, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, Westra, and Wilson

Nays: None

The motion was carried 6-0

Teaching and Learning - Bethany RaylFirst Reading Resolutions

- Consider Approval of a Resolution for a Course Name Change Request. The P-CEP instructional team has proposed changing the course name of Honors Photography to AP 2-D Art and Design Portfolio. This course already follows the AP 2-D Art and Design curriculum. Changing the title will allow students who complete this course to have the Advanced Placement (AP) designation on their high school transcript. If this request is approved, the course name will change to AP 2-D Art and Design Portfolio beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and will be offered with two options – one focused on drawing and the other on digital media (photography). There will be no cost for implementing this requested course name change. (First Reading)

E. Citizens' Comments

- Steve Gentilia spoke on politics in schools
- Amanda McMahon spoke on a new middle school grading policy
- Jennifer Vos spoke on staffing practices and building conditions

F. Follow-up Board Questions

- Member Picard asked if there is a district policy that covers mental health testing or examinations.

- Discussion:
 - Board members discussed Board packet consent agendas and the different opportunities members have to review these items and ask questions in advance of Board meetings. The process for bringing policies forward from the policy committee for Board approval was also discussed.
 - Member Picard spoke about collective Board member statements posted on the district's Board of Education page, some of which are signed by previous Board members. The Board discussed how long statements should appear and if an archive procedure should be implemented.

H. Adjournment

President Wilson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Anupam Chugh Sidhu
Secretary, Board of Education

*Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on 11-28-23/dr