



Board Briefs

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

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November 28, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of **Lisa Rasmussen** (Administration Office) & **Sarah Richards** (Educational Support Center)
- Approved the Resignation of **Jessica Anderson** (Farrand) and **Mark Grenier** (Bentley)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023
- Approved Policy #1540-New Administrative Staff Reductions-Recalls (Final Reading)
- Approved Policy #5120-Assignment within District (Final Reading)
- Approved Policy #5223-Absences for Religious Instruction (Final Reading)
- Approved Policy #8531-Free and Reduced Priced Meals (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Awards for Bid Package #HS-4 P-CEP-1, Canton HS Addition, Renovation, and New Stadium (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Course Name Change from Honors Photography to AP 2-D Art and Design Portfolio (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution to Adopt a New Mascot for Canton High School (First Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member Christenson presented the Volunteers in Public Schools Extra Miler Award (VIPS) to **Michael Klozik**, a P-CCS Volunteer who has been a dedicated and amazing advocate for the P-CEP Choir Program for almost a decade. His passion and commitment to the program are truly admirable. **Megan Daniel** was also honored with a VIPS Award for the countless hours she has volunteered at Bird Elementary School. Megan is extremely thoughtful, considerate, and selfless. She goes above and beyond every week to ensure all students feel loved and have fun.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt shared highlights from the recent Superintendent of the Year Gala, where she proudly represented P-CCS and the State of Michigan. She was honored to engage with state and national educational leaders, including U.S. Secretary of Education **Miguel Cardona**, who had positive things to say about our district.

She also announced that Gallimore Elementary School has been recognized as the No. 1 Elementary School in Michigan this year by U.S. News and World Report. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. She also provided highlights from the ceremony she recently attended,

along with Gallimore Principal **Aimee Bell** and teacher **Kristy Berry**, to celebrate Gallimore Elementary being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2023. Gallimore was one of 353 nationwide recipients of more than 98,000 schools and one of only 11 in Michigan to receive this prestigious designation.

In closing, Superintendent Merritt took a moment to express gratitude and reflect on the numerous districtwide student successes and staff accomplishments from the past year. She highlighted an impressive list of achievements and provided updates on the current renovations happening across the district, which were made possible by the 2020 Bond. She expressed how proud she is to lead and advocate for P-CCS and conveyed optimism for continued success and growth in 2024.

Finance & Operations – Deborah Piesz

Brian Gesaman, McCarthy and Smith Senior Project Manager, and **Derek Dinkeloo**, TMP Architecture Senior Associate, gave a presentation to provide an overview of Bid Package #HS-4 P-CEP-1 Canton High School Addition, Renovation, and New Stadium.

Student Services – Kurt Tyszkiewicz

Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services & **Liz Vartanian-Gibbs**, Assistant Superintendent of Student & Family Engagement, gave a presentation on 31aa Grant Funding opportunities.

Citizens' Comments

- **Steve Gentilia** spoke on the new Canton Mascot Selection
- **Steve Levine** spoke on the Dynamic Plan and preparing students for future careers
- **Jennifer Vos** spoke on the new Canton Mascot Selection and district facilities
- **Phi Venables** spoke on the P-CEP student walkout

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
(Next Meeting: December 11, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Policy Committee
(Next Meeting: December 12, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee
(Next Meeting: December 7, 2023 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee
(Next Meeting: December 18, 2023 - 6 p.m.)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting – December 14, 2023 - 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – January 9, 2023 - 7 p.m.