



Board Briefs

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

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April 9, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the Leave of Absence of **Courtney Mills** (Farrand)
- Approved the Resignation of **Angela Campernel** (Workman), **Brandi Ignagni** (Educational Support Center), **Patricia Lewis** (Field), and **Amy Shoemaker** (Allen)
- Approved the Retirement of **Michele O'Neil** (Canton) and **Nancy Wojtowicz** (Workman)
- Approved the Tenure Recommendation of **Amanda Bachand** (Plymouth) and **Michelle Leblanc** (Elem-MS Virtual Academy)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024
- Considered Policy #5464-Early Graduation (First Reading)
- Approved Policy #3131-Reduction in Certified Staff, Policy #9140-Citizens' Advisory Committees, and Policy #9140.01-Facilities Utilization and Boundary Study (Final Readings)
- Approved an Out-of-Country Field Trip to Costa Rica (Plymouth)
- Considered a Resolution for Elementary English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Materials (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Hoben Elementary Drainage Improvements for BP #EL-4a (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Water Main Easement for Bid Package #P-CEP-1 New Stadium (First and Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Chiller Purchase at Salem High School (First and Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Bid Package #P-CEP-2 Tennis Court Award (First Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member Westra presented the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award to Starkweather Academy Science Teacher **Melissa Darnell** for her diligence in teaching her students critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Melissa often works well past school hours and attends conferences throughout the summer to bring new and fun ideas to the science department. She works hard every day to support her students and fellow staff members.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt expressed appreciation to district staff members who helped make *March is Reading Month* a great success. She also thanked the Plymouth Township Police Department, whose officers visited several P-CCS schools to read to students through their *Books and Badges Program*, highlighting the importance of our community partnerships and the district's strong relationship with the local law enforcement community.

Highlighting recent student achievements, Superintendent Merritt shared that P-CEP 88.1 the Park was recognized as the Michigan Association of Broadcasters 2024 High School Radio Station of the Year for the seventh consecutive year. She congratulated the hardworking radio station students who received numerous awards at the MAB Broadcast Awards Celebration on March 18.

In addition, congratulations were extended to the P-CEP Culinary Arts Program Competitive Team for their strong showing at the recent ProStart State Hospitality Competition in Kalamazoo. The program's

Management Team won the State Championship and qualified for the National ProStart Competition in Baltimore later this month. The award-winning Culinary Team finished second in this year's competition, one year after winning last year's national championship.

Recognition was also extended to the P-CEP Lighting Robotics Team, which continued its tradition of success after reaching the semi-final round at the State Robotics Competition. The team also received the prestigious FIRST Impact Award at the district competition, which honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate.

Further district highlights included congratulations for students in the Advanced Video Production classes at P-CEP, who were recently named finalists in the nationwide Courageous Persuaders Video Competition, where students used their talents to create a 30-second television commercial promoting safe driving.

The P-CEP Science and Engineering Fair Club members were also recognized and congratulated for their hard work and success. Several students earned strong showings at multiple recent competitions, earning scholarships and invitations to compete in state and national finals.

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Traditional and Young 5 options are available, ensuring a strong start for the community's youngest learners. District families were encouraged to visit the P-CCS website for additional details.

In closing, Superintendent Merritt reminded families that the upcoming application deadline for the district's limited Schools of Choice program is April 13. Students in contiguous counties in grades K-10 are eligible to apply. Additional information is available on the district website.

Teaching and Learning – Beth Rayl

Hal Heard, Executive Director of High School Education, and members of the High School administrative team gave a presentation to provide P-CCS High School Program Highlights.

Citizens' Comments

Venkataraman Ananthakrishnan spoke on continuing education for students on suspension or expulsion.

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
(Next Meeting: May 1, 2024 - 5 p.m.)
- Policy Committee
(Next Meeting: April 23, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee
(Next Meeting: April 18, 2024 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee
(Next Meeting: April 15, 2024 - 6 p.m.)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting – April 23, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – May 14, 2024 at 7 p.m.