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Board Briefs

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

Board of Education

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Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Trustee
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July 23, 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Education elected new officers for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: President Lauren Christenson; Vice-President Patti McCoin; Secretary Judy Westra; Treasurer Patrick Kehoe; Trustee Sheryl Picard; Trustee Anupam Chugh Sidhu; and Trustee Shawn Wilson. The Board adopted bylaws regarding Board of Education meetings, authorized signatures for school district business, and named the depository, investment of monies, signatories for all funds, legal counsel, school district auditor, and the financial consultant. The 2024-2025 Board meeting calendar was also approved.

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Mikaila Bennett (Bentley), Jennifer Fairbanks (Tonda), Geoffrey Lowes (Salem), Marissa McLaren (Eriksson/Isbister), Carli Mitchell (Allen), Caroline Saleh (Pioneer), Claire Federhofer (Canton), Tara Ulrich (Salem), Wei Zhu (Admin. Bldg.), Amanda Pelukas (Early Middle College / Post-Secondary Coordinator), Christopher Hammonds (Bentley), Kathryn Wagner (Bird), and Kara Thompson (Field)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of Christine Ladner (Tonda)
- Approved the Resignation of Heidi Belander (Bird), Kristen Farkas (Canton), Alexia Hines (Eriksson), Jennifer Jarmusevich (Hoben), Stacie Majszak (Discovery), Samuel Marsh (Discovery), Kaytlynn Rea (Workman), Jessica Starrak (Starkweather), Tamona Reese (Field), and Mackenzie Williams (Dodson)
- Approved the Retirement of Kathryn Dean (Field) and William Wooster (Social Studies)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt congratulated P-CEP graduates Charlie Salowich and Madeline White for their impressive victories at the National SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta last month. Charlie secured the top spot among 43 student chefs nationwide in a challenging five-hour, five-course cooking competition. Madeline's excelled in a four-stage restaurant management and presentation competition. Both

students received full-tuition scholarships as a result of their win, along with prize packages to further their culinary education. Superintendent Merritt expressed gratitude to Chef Diana Woodward for her dedication and mentorship to the many students involved in the P-CEP Culinary Program.

In addition, she spoke about the P-CCS communication and P-CEP Communicator emailed to district families this week, offering a preview of essential back-to-school information, which is also accessible on the district website. This update provides early access to key dates, transportation updates, schedule pick-up details, athletic schedules, extracurricular activities, food service information, and instructions for completing required forms.

Superintendent Merritt also thanked the hard-working P-CCS staff members involved in various summer learning programs throughout the district, offering students expanded enrichment and educational opportunities.

Lastly, she invited the community to the 2024 P-CCS Back to School Bash, which will be held on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the P-CEP bus loop behind Salem High School. This event will feature opportunities for families to meet school and district leaders, tour the P-CEP campus, learn about P-CCS programs, and enjoy food, fun, and games.

Citizens' Comments

- None

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee – Next Meeting: TBD
- Policy Committee – Next Meeting: TBD
- Finance & Operations Committee
Next Meeting: August 8, 2024 – 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action – Next Meeting: TBD

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting – August 13, 2024 - 7 p.m.
- Special Meeting/Workshop – August 26, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – August 27, 2024 – 7 p.m.