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Board Briefs

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

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August 27, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Amal Awadallah-Amer (Bentley), Erika Bailey (Dodson), Megan Berbaum (Plymouth), Juliana Fried (Dodson), Derek Gramza (Discovery), Padmavathy Kalyanaraman (Salem), Jullee Kazen (Salem), Kurt Kohlmann (Plymouth), Khia Lee-Hood (Field) April McCreery (Workman), Carin Meyer (Liberty), Jill Sanabria (Hulsing/Field), Tahira Vanner (Dodson), Christopher Vassel (West), Rachel Wills (Allen), Kimberly Doman (Starkweather), and Hannah Zorkot (Administration Bldg.)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of Diane Danahy (Field), Alisa Meier (Liberty), and Jennifer Neuhalfen (Liberty)
- Approved the Resignation of Vicki Baker (Hoben), Judith Hart (East), Nicole Hicks (Liberty), Traci Kellman (Discovery), Amanda Parker (Discovery), Fatima Salemassi (Salem), and Katie Schrepferman (Hoben)
- Approved the Retirement of Jennifer Kwiatkowski (Discovery), Michelle Mangiapane (Plymouth), and Lesnie Osborn (Salem)
- Approved Policy #3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024.
- Considered a Resolution to Adopt the Canton High School Cobra Mascot Logo Design (First Reading)

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt provided an update on this morning's Teacher Welcome-Back Event, held at the Gloria Logan Auditorium. Educators from across the district took part in professional development and were inspired by guest speaker, Hamish Brewer, whose motivational message urged staff to continue making a lasting difference in students' lives. She also recognized the P-CEP Saxophone Quartet for their outstanding performance and thanked President Christenson for her uplifting opening remarks.

Superintendent Merritt shared that the P-CCS Back-to-School Bash, previously postponed due to Joy Road construction, has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the P-CEP bus loop.

She encouraged the community to come out and enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and fun and to learn more about the wide range of programs the district offers to students. The event will also feature tours of the high school campus and opportunities to meet district leaders.

Additionally, she expressed gratitude to the Native American Heritage Fund for its generous support as the district prepares to launch the next phase for the new Canton High School mascot. P-CCS applied for a grant & has been awarded \$145,894 to support the rebranding costs of the new Canton High School Cobra Mascot.

In closing, she invited the community to attend the Park Players Theatre Company's first show of the school year, *The Theory of Relativity*. Performances will take place at the Gloria Logan Auditorium on September 13 at 7 p.m. and September 14 at 2 p.m., with tickets available through the Park Players website and at the door.

Teaching & Learning – Bethany Rayl

Bethany Rayl, Chief Academic and Innovation Officer, gave a presentation to provide highlights from the 2024 Summer Learning Programs.

Hal Heard, Executive Director of High School Education, and David Reed-Nordwall, Canton High School Principal, gave a presentation on the Canton High School Cobra Mascot Logo Design.

Citizens' Comments

- Nicole Reid spoke on ADA compliance & funding
- Lisa Capatina spoke on nutrition and school meals

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee
Next Meeting: September 18, 2024 – 5 p.m.
- Policy Committee
Next Meeting: September 24, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Finance & Operations Committee
Next Meeting: September 5, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action – Next Meeting: TBD

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting – September 10, 2024 - 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – September 24, 2024 - 7 p.m.