



# Board Briefs

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

## Board of Education

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## October 8, 2024

### REGULAR MEETING

#### Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Deborah Taggart (Eriksson), Samantha Vankrevelen (Bentley), Abigail Gasparovich (Administrative Building), and Lisa Vance (Administrative Building)
- Approved the Retirement of Tanya Mackrain-Skwirsk (Educational Support Center)
- Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024
- Considered Policy #9150 School Visitors (First Reading)
- Approved Policy #6520 Payroll Deductions (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Tentative Agreement with the Plymouth-Canton Association of Education Office Personnel (PCAEOB)
- Approved a Resolution for a Tentative Agreement with the Plymouth-Canton Plant Engineers (PCPE)
- Considered a Resolution for the Purchase of a Chiller Unit for Plymouth High School (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for a Custodial Contract Renewal with ABM Industries (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for High School ELA Course Materials for Multicultural Literature (Final Reading)

#### Celebrating Success

Member McCoin proudly presented the STARS Award (Students with Tenacity Achieving and Reaching Success) to three exceptional students: Evan Zhen, Simon Reed, and Rawan Hammad. Their impressive performance at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Civics Bee Competition earned them high qualifying scores, advancing them to the state competition. Remarkably, Evan was named Michigan's top finalist and will represent the state at the National Civics Bee Championship in Washington, D.C.

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt highlighted the Wayne RESA Millage Renewal, which will appear on the November 5 ballot. This renewal provides critical funding for career technical education and special education, reduces class sizes, and improves school safety for all Wayne County Schools. This renewal is not a new tax but rather an opportunity for voters to continue supporting their schools without any tax increase.

She congratulated Plymouth High School students Olivia Grant and David Howell on their appointments to the Michigan Department of Education Student Advisory Council. This council

will meet monthly with state officials to provide valuable student perspectives on educational initiatives.

In addition, Superintendent Merritt announced that Plymouth High School has received a new automated external defibrillator (AED), made possible through a grant from the National Football League and the efforts of Michigan State Representative Ranjeev Puri. She expressed gratitude for their commitment to student safety. She also thanked Michigan State Representative Jason Morgan for visiting the P-CCS Security Command Center to learn about the district's advanced safety and security systems.

Superintendent Merritt also shared that she was honored to attend the annual Sikh Heritage Banquet this past weekend, which celebrated diversity, culture, community outreach, interfaith understanding, and youth involvement.

In closing, she congratulated the newest members of the P-CEP National Honor Society and shared her excitement about attending their annual induction ceremony, where more than 200 new members were welcomed and recognized for their achievements.

#### Teaching & Learning - Beth Rayl

Anthony Ruela, Executive Director of Middle School Education, gave a presentation to provide an overview of P-CCS Middle Level Programs. The presentation highlighted the positive impact that the Deans of Student Success provide as an integral part of the multi-tiered system of supports.

#### Citizens' Comments

- Mary Lockwood & Sebastien Ostertag spoke on Policy #2410

#### Board Subcommittee Meetings

- Student Performance & Achievement (SPA) Committee  
Next Meeting: November 6, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Policy Committee  
Next Meeting: November 26, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Finance & Operations Committee  
Next Meeting: October 17, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action (SVA) Committee  
Next Meeting: October 21, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Upcoming Board Meetings

- Special Meeting – October 22, 2024 – 6:15 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – October 22, 2024 – 7 p.m.
- Special Meeting – November 12, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – November 12, 2024 – 7 p.m.