



Board Briefs

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

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October 22, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Diane Fournier (Starkweather)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of Lauren VanValkenburg (Canton)
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024, and the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024
- Approved Policy #9150 School Visitors (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for the Annual Financial Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (First and Final Reading)
- Considered Approval of a Resolution for the Purchase of two Rooftop Units (RTUs) for Canton High School (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for the Purchase of a Chiller Unit for Plymouth High School (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for a New Course (Sports Officiating) (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for a Course Name Change and Credit Attainment Proposal (Personal Finance) (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for a New Course (Peer-to-Peer Connections) (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution to Rename Existing Course (HSE Arts to Peer-to-Peer Connections: Arts) (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution to Rename Existing Course (HSE Foods to Peer-to-Peer Connections: Foods) (First Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member Sidhu presented Jordan Fisher, a media center paraprofessional at Tonda Elementary, with the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award in recognition of her dedication to nurturing and maintaining the school's garden spaces. Often working after hours, Jordan's creativity and care greatly enhance the positive and inviting atmosphere for students, staff, and families at Tonda.

Parent volunteers Steve and Gretchen Harrington were also honored with V.I.P. Awards for their steadfast support of the Tonda school community. Through their organization of student sports leagues, including flag football and baseball, they provide students with opportunities to engage in activities & create lasting memories. Their commitment and many hours of effort make these valuable programs possible, and their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt reminded the community of the Wayne RESA Millage Renewal, appearing on the November 5 ballot. This renewal has been a critical source of funding for Wayne County, supporting career technical education, special education, class size reduction, and school safety. Without it, schools could lose approximately \$360 per student. If passed, the six-year renewal will continue the 1.9812-mill property tax, directly benefiting local districts, including P-CCS.

She also encouraged the community to join in celebrating Principal Appreciation Month, recognizing the dedication of P-CCS principals who work tirelessly to support students and staff, often arriving early

and staying late to build a positive school culture. She expressed gratitude for the talented leadership within P-CCS.

Additionally, she spoke about the exceptional work of Director of School Safety Josh Meier and his team, who were recently featured by Channel 4 (WDIV) for their proactive approach to student safety. The segment showcased the district's Security Operation Center, emphasizing the importance of increased state funding to further enhance school safety. P-CCS takes pride in its high standards for school safety and remains committed to ongoing improvements in this area.

Finally, Superintendent Merritt shared that the Rock Cafe, run by students in P-CCS's award-winning culinary program, has reopened for the 2024-2025 school year. Guided by chefs Diana Woodward, Polly Brown, and Andy Lehmann, students handle everything from menu design to meal preparation and restaurant management. Open to the public, the Rock Cafe invites the community to enjoy a meal and support this outstanding student-led program.

Finance and Operations – Jill Minnick

Representatives from Plante Moran gave a presentation on the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Audit Reports, providing a comprehensive overview of the district's financial records. Their findings included a clean, unmodified audit opinion.

Teaching & Learning - Beth Rayl

Dr. Denise Lilly, Executive Director of Elementary Education, presented a detailed overview of P-CCS Elementary School Programs. Her presentation highlighted various aspects of academic instruction, student engagement, and the supportive culture and climate thriving in our district's elementary schools, with multiple slides showcasing how these initiatives foster a well-rounded educational experience for our youngest learners.

Citizens' Comments

- Natalie Sharp spoke on the benefits of riding bikes to school
- Rodolfo Palma, Darrin Silvester, Sara Tebben, Shanel Talbert, Toni Conell, Ginny Yurich, and Katie Bennett spoke on elementary recess time

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: November 7, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action (SVA) Committee
Next Meeting: November 18, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Special Meeting – November 12, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – November 12, 2024 – 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – November 26, 2024 – 7 p.m.