

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60 Thursday, April 18, 2024 (5:30 PM)

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#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Pannunzio called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

##### BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Cisneros

Kathy DeNiro

Dennis Maes

Susan Pannunzio

William Thiebaut, Jr.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Richard E. Bump, Attorney

#### 2.0 CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections or modifications to the agenda at this time.

#### 3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

##### Adoption of Agenda

**Recommendation:** It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for April 18, 2024 as presented.

##### ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(Cisneros, Brian)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for April 18, 2024 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this time the Board listens to comments from citizens in the community concerning school matters.

1. Roncalli students commented on the possible school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy and continuation of Project Lead the Way.
2. Michael Cservanek commented on possible school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy relating to STEM curriculum and relocation.
3. Charles Carmichael commented on D60 Online and potential loss in revenue.
4. Vincent Switzer commented on D60 Online.
5. Jennifer Hyslop commented the possible school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy.
6. Katherine Gonzales commented on the possible school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy.
7. Carol Meadows commented on the possible school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy.
8. Chapman commented on the D60 Online School.
9. Kelly commented on the D60 Online.

10. Ryan Masciotra commented on a letter signed by 32 PASE members regarding the three superintendent finalists.

## 9.0 REPORTS

### D60 Online Update

Ted Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided an update the Board of Education on the D60 Online School.

### Roncalli STEM Academy Potential School Closure

Ted Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, was joined by the administrative team of Andy Burns, Executive Director of Student Support Services; Robert Lawson, Executive Director of Facilities; Dr. Sandy Gecewicz, Executive Director of Exceptional Student Services; Eric DeCesaro, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Dalton Sprouse, Director of Communications, to report on the potential closure of Roncalli STEM Academy.

## 12.0 ACTION ITEMS

### Superintendent's Recommendations Concerning Roncalli STEM Academy

Following review and discussion of the information presented under the report section of the agenda, the Board was asked to consider the superintendent's recommendation concerning Roncalli STEM Academy and take action for school closure and program relocation.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education consider the superintendent's recommendations concerning Roncalli STEM Academy and potentially take action for school closure and program relocation as presented in the April 18, 2023 Board materials.

### AMENDED - Motion

Member **(Brian Cisneros)** Moved, Member **(Kathy DeNiro )** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approved the superintendent's recommendation for school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy for the SY2024-2025 upon future investigation of the HVAC system'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **2** Nay: **3**. The motion **(Failed)**. **3 – 2**; Ayes: Brian Cisneros, Kathy DeNiro; Nos: Dennis Maes, Susan Pannunzio, William Thiebaut, Jr.

### ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(William Thiebaut, Jr. )** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approved the superintendent's recommendation for school closure of Roncalli STEM Academy as presented in the April 18, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **2**. The motion **(Carried)**. **3 – 2**; Ayes: Dennis Maes, Susan Pannunzio, William Thiebaut, Jr., Nos: Brian Cisneros, Kathy DeNiro

## **2024-2025 Proposed Middle School Boundaries**

Andy Burns, Executive Director of Student Support Services, presented the 2024-2025 proposed middle school boundaries. At the conclusion of the report, the Board engaged in discussion and took action in response to the report.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education is asked to approve the modifications to the middle school enrollment boundaries as presented in the April 18, 2024 Board materials.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**William Thiebaut, Jr.** ) Moved, Member (**Dennis Maes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the modifications to the middle school enrollment boundaries as presented in the April 18, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

### **Comments Prior to Adjournment**

Board Member Maes asked a presentation on the grant funded positions of Executive Director of Continuous Improvement and Innovation and the Director of Middle Schools positions previously rejected by the Board be included on the April 23, 2024 meeting agenda and also be included for Board action. Further, Board Member Maes inquired about a letter from Donna Raught requesting permission to address the Board at the April 23 meeting and asked about the status of a response. Board President Pannunzio stated that she had responded directly to Ms. Raught on April 13, but did not copy the Board on the response. Ms. Raught requested an opportunity to include additional employee groups to the PESPA unit. Board President Pannunzio responded to Ms. Raught stating that the Board would honor the negotiation process and respectfully declined the request. Board President Pannunzio will send the response to board members and will include further communication to the Board. Lastly, Board Member Maes stated that a concern had been expressed that the portal designed to provide feedback regarding the superintendent finalists was shut down and no responses were no longer being accepted. Board President Pannunzio stated that the portal link has been re-opened. Board Member Maes requested that a response be sent to Mrs. Masciotra.

## **15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Cisneros, Brian**) Moved, Member (**Kathy DeNiro**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**