

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (6:00 PM)**

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#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Vice President Dr. Kathy DeNiro called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

##### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Brian Cisneros

Kathy DeNiro

Dennis Maes

William Thiebaut, Jr.

Susan Pannunzio (Absent)

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 2.0 CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

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

#### 3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

##### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Recommendation:** It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for February 27, 2024 as presented.

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**William Thiebaut, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**Dennis Maes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for February 27, 2024 as presented and/or modified'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Electronic Comment: 1. Virgil Etherd commented on the procedures of the January 30, 2024 of the Board. In-Person Comments: 1. Keith Frazier commented on the Colorado State Fair Events Center Agreement and the 2016 South High School gym plan. 2. Barbara Clementi commented on Board of Education actions. 3. Nancy Pittenger commented on dyslexia testing in the schools and cursive writing requirement. 4. Michael Longsberry commented a concern on school safety for students and staff in schools. 5. Augustine Garcia commented on school safety.

#### 4.0 GIFTS TO SCHOOLS

##### **Gifts to Schools**

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The Board of Education was asked to accept the following gifts to Pueblo School District No. 60 in the amount of \$1,805.00 1. H.W. Houston Construction, LLC donated \$305.00 to Bradford Elementary for the Fall Fun Fest. 2. Charles W. McCulley, Inc. donated \$500.00 to the Bessemer Academy Christmas Extravaganza. 3. The Pueblo East Alumni Foundation donated \$1,000.00 to the East High School Wrestling Program.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(William Theibaut, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio

## 5.0 RECOGNITION

## 6.0 CITIZEN'S STATEMENT

## 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS

Superintendent Macaluso attended the Centennial High School Sweetheart Gala and complimented the scholars and Leigh Kite, vocal music instructor. Board Member Thiebaut thanked the citizens who addressed the Board through their public comments and extended appreciation to the D60 Communications Team for the opportunity to learn about the great happenings in the District through the weekly updates. He added that Dalton Sprouse, Director of Communications, is the president-elect of COSPRA. Board Member Thiebaut mentioned a few of the recognitions highlighted in the updates such as the Pueblo Chieftain's Student of the Week, the 2024 National Merit Program, Savannah Hunt assisting the community through an annual coat drive, sports team, and FBLA accomplishments. Board member Thiebaut visited several schools (Beulah Heights, Columbian and Corwin) was impressed by their energy and responsibilities of staff and students. Every school is part of a school community and a part of the larger Pueblo community. Lastly, Board Member Thiebaut attended the All-City Orchestra and Band at South High School. Board Member Maes attended the PAACO Scholarship Dinner along with Director Dalton Sprouse. Board Member Cisneros visited Beulah Heights, Corwin Magnet School, and will be visited Irving.

## 8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

## 9.0 REPORTS

### Exceptional Student Services Departmental Report

Dr. Sandy Gecewicz, Executive Director of Exceptional Student Services, presented the ESS Departmental Report. Dr. Gecewicz introduced the ESS administrative team of Robert Lee, Terry Bradford, Kitty Odell, Chris McCulley, Rhonda Adamson and Terri Martinez McGraw.

### 2023-2024 Second Quarter Financial Report

The Board of Education is required to review the District's financial information at least quarterly. The financial information submitted to the Board must contained information on the General Fund and other funds they may request. The report included actual amounts received and expended

and shown as a percent of budget. The report also included the current year and prior year for comparison. Included in the attachments were the 2nd quarter information on the General Fund and all other funds.

## **10.0 POLICY**

### **11.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2-16.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-16 as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(William Theibaut, Jr.)** Moved, Member **(Brian Cisneros)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-16 as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio

#### **2. Personnel Report**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the report of personnel activity since January 30, 2024 including recommendations for appointments and transfers of certified and classified employees.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves or acknowledges receipt of the information as indicated in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the school board meetings of January 30, 2024 and February 13, 2024 for Board approval.

#### **4. Bills and Payroll**

Be It Resolved By the Board of Education, School District No. 60, in the County of Pueblo Colorado, that checks numbered as shown on the bills list dated January 2024, which are attached hereto and made a part of these official minutes by reference aggregating \$7,462,662.98 and check numbers 1022213 - 1022556 and 1022566 -1022770. Included are check numbers 1022557 - 1022565 and 1022771 - 1022793 which were issued as January 2024 payroll as authorized by designated administrators and reviewed by the Treasurer of the Board are hereby approved as issued. Be It Further Resolved By the Board Of Education, School District No. 60, In The County of Pueblo Colorado, that payrolls for employees for January 2024, aggregating \$6,118,928.12 for direct deposit check numbers 1029319 - 1031359 and check numbers 370533 - 370535 issued for January 31, 2024, which have been authorized by designated administrators and reviewed by the Treasurer of the Board are hereby approved as issued.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Bills & Payroll Resolution as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **5. Capital Expenditure: IT Vehicles, vendor Phil Long Ford**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$85,000 from the IT Capital Funds for the purchase of two (2) service trucks from the vendor Phil Long Ford. Vehicles will be used by Information Technology staff.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure not to exceed the amount of \$85,000 from Phil Long Ford and appropriates the funds from the IT Capital Funds as presented in the February 27, 2024, Board materials.

#### **6. Capital Project: Goodnight School HVAC Roof Top Unit Replacement**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$339,163 from the Capital Projects Fund for the HVAC roof top unit replacement at Goodnight Elementary School. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$339,163 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **7. Capital Project: Fountain International Magnet School Roof Top Air Handling Unit Replacement**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$502,047 from the Capital Projects Fund for the roof top air handling unit replacement at Fountain International Magnet School. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$502,047 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **8. Capital Bond Project: Change Orders for the New East and Centennial High Schools Construction GMP Agreements**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$599,646.93 from the Capital Bond Projects Fund for the additional construction costs at Centennial High School and \$914,420.00 for East High School. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$599,646.93 for Centennial and \$914,420.00 for East and appropriates the funds from the Capital Bond Projects Fund as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **9. Contracts and Agreements: Intergovernmental Agreement on School Stability State Fiscal Years 2024-2025 between Pueblo County Department of Human Services and Pueblo School District No. 60**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement on School Stability State Fiscal Years 2024-2025 between Pueblo County Department of Human Services and Pueblo School District No. 60 to ensure the stability and academic success for children and youth in foster care.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Intergovernmental Agreement on School Stability State Fiscal Years 2024-2025 between Pueblo County Department of Human Services and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **10. General Fund eRate - LAN Switches, vendor High Point Networks, LLC**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the expenditure for the purchase of new Local Area Network (LAN) Switch Infrastructure for use at all schools and district buildings with the vendor High Point Networks, LLC. The vendor was selected via an RFP process following District and eRate rules and regulations. The network switch upgrades will replace 8-year-old aging infrastructure which will increase network performance and the reliability of critical systems such as the wireless network and security cameras throughout the district.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the expenditure of General eRate funds for the purchase of Local Area Network (LAN) Switches with High Point Networks, upon USAC Funding Commitment, as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**11. eRrate Funding and Contract/s: Internet Services and Wide Area Network (WAN), vendor: Unite Private Networks**

The Board of Education was asked to approve two expenditures in the amount of \$235,356 with the vendor Unite Private Network (UPN) for WAN and Internet Services for the period July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. The Wide Area Network (WAN) contract is a multi-year annual renewal for year six (6) of ten (10). Unite is the vendor of choice for posted RFP 24-03 Internet Services. Contract pending legal review for one (1) year with four (4) annual renewals.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the expenditures of \$235,356 for WAN and Internet Services as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**12. Supplemental Budgets: CDE Computer Science Teacher Education Grant**

The Board of Education was asked to accept the Computer Science Teacher Education Grant, funding from the Colorado Department of Education, in the amount of \$30,000. The Performance Period is January 24, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education accepts the Computer Science Teacher Education Grant funding from the Colorado Department of Education in the amount of \$30,000, as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**13. Supplemental Budgets: Colorado Department of Education Postsecondary, Workforce, Career and Education Grant**

The Board of Education was asked to accept the Postsecondary, Workforce, Career and Education Grant Award (otherwise known as the FAFSA/CASFA grant) from the Colorado Department of Education in the amount of \$15,000.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education accepts the Colorado Department of Education Postsecondary, Workforce, Career and Education Grant Award (otherwise known as the FAFSA/CASFA grant) as presented in February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**14. Out-of-State Travel Request: Central JROTC to Rapid City, SD**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Central JROTC to Rapid City, SD on April 26-28, 2024 to compete in Raiders competitions.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Out-of-State Travel Requests for Central JROTC to Rapid City, SD as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**15. Payment for the 2023 Coordinated Election**

Pursuant to the Agreement between Pueblo County and Pueblo School District No. 60 for conduct of the 2023 Coordinated Election held on November 7, 2023, the Board of Education is asked to approve the payment of \$44,832.88 to the Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder.

**Recommendation:** Pursuant to the Agreement between Pueblo County and Pueblo School District No. 60 for conduct of the 2023 Coordinated Election held on November 7, 2023, the Board of Education is asked to approve the payment of \$44,832.88 to the Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

**16. Modification to March 2024 School Board Meeting Date**

The Board of Education was asked to approve a change in the date for the school board meeting from March 12, 2024 to March 18, 2024, in order to accommodate the presentation of the Leadership Profile Report by superintendent search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. There is no change to the start time of 5:30 pm.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves a change in the date for the school board meeting from March 12, 2024 to March 18, 2024 as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

## 11.1 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

### 12.0 ACTION ITEMS

#### **Expulsion of Student #161515**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #161515 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #161515 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #151031**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #151031 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code Policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #151031 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #160635**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #160635 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #160635 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #159027**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #159027 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #159027 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #175430**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #175430 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #175430 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #160136**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #160136 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student

Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #160136 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #161263**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #161263 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #161263 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **Expulsion of Student #142867**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #142867 be presented to the Board of Education for the consideration of expulsion. Pueblo School District No. 60 Student Conduct and Discipline Code policy JKD/JKE Suspension and Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #142867 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(Brian Cisneros)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #161515, Student #151031, Student #160635, Student #159027, Student #175430, Student #160136, Student #161263, and Student #142867 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio

#### **Administrative Leadership Appointments/Reassignments**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for administrative leadership appointments/reassignments for the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Principal of Sunset Park Elementary.

1. Lana Niehans from Director of Budget and Finance, Administrative Services Center to Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Center, effective April 1, 2024.
2. Jennifer Hertneky from TOSA Dean of Students, Sunset Park Elementary, to Principal, Sunset Park Elementary School, effective August 1, 2024.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(William Theibaut, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments as presented in the February 27, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio

### 13.0 BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA

Board Member Maes stated that the previous Board in a 3-2 decision prohibited Superintendent Macaluso from hiring the Executive Director of Continuous Improvement and Innovation and the Director of Middle Schools, despite the fact that these positions were grant funded. Board Member Maes asked the Board to re-consider the hiring of these positions to determine whether every resource is available to ensure the success of students and families. Further, Board Member Maes asked Superintendent Macaluso to present the two previous proposals for Board consideration at the earliest date and opportunity to hear from school partners that would be involved or benefit from these services, if the opportunity still exists. Board Member Thiebaut complimented the Superintendent Macaluso in presenting the departmental reports. Board Member Thiebaut requested a discussion on special recognitions protocol, and process for amended policies particularly the discipline code. Requested a response from the Board to individuals who have emailed the Board with concerns. Email will be sent to the superintendent regarding the condition of the park at Sunset Park Elementary School, as well as the concern voiced about the South High School gymnasium. Board Vice President DeNiro announced the dates for focus groups to provide input relative to the superintendent search. Board Member Thiebaut requested that the lobbyists discussion be included on the Board Retreat agenda.

### 14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 29, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Southern Colorado Regional & D60 Elementary STEM Fair Open House, CSU-Pueblo, Occhiato University Center March 18, 2024, 5:30 pm, School Board Meeting, Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room March 25-29, 2024, Spring Break

### 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(William Theibaut, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Susan Pannunzio