

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60 Thursday, January 18, 2024 (2:00 PM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Susan Pannunzio called the meeting to order 2:00 pm.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Kathy DeNiro

Dennis Maes

William Thiebaut, Jr.

Pannunzio, Susan

Absent: Brian Cisneros

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 January 18, 2024 as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for January 18, 2024 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros

WORK SESSION

Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA) Presentation on the North Elizabeth Hotel Urban Renewal Area Project

Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director of Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, presented information on the North Elizabeth Hotel Urban Renewal Area Project. A schematic of the proposed North Elizabeth Hotel was distributed to Board members. An agreement between Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority and Pueblo School District No. 60 will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. It was suggested that a discussion about the total impact to the school district would be beneficial.

Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Update on Strack School Project-Phase I and Dutch Clark Stadium Project-Phase I

Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director of Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, presented an update on the Strack School Project-Phase I and Dutch Clark Stadium Project-Phase I. The Phase I projects at Dutch Clark Stadium have been completed. Phase II projects include restrooms, locker rooms, press boxes and expand the availability of handicap accessible restrooms. These projects were funded by surplus TIF revenue of approximately \$6,000,000 generated

from the St. Charles Industrial Park Urban Renewal Project. Additional projects for future Phase III include road improvements and additional storm water improvements. Lastly, Mr. Pacheco reported that the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority is conducting a study to explore workforce/teacher housing at the Strack School site. Costs are being examined to upgrade the Strack School building.

2023 Graduation and Dropout Rates Report

Tiffany Dehn, District Assessment Specialist, presented the 2023 Graduation and Dropout Rates.

FY 2023-2024 Proposed Amended Budget Update

CFO David Horner and Budget Director Lana Niehans presented an update on the FY 2023 - 2024 Proposed Amended Budget. By statute, the FY 2023-2024 Amended Budget must be approved by the Board of Education by January 31, 2024.

10.0 POLICY

Repeal Board Policy GBK, Staff Concerns-Complaints-Grievances---First and Final Reading

The Letter of Findings (LOF) from the Colorado Community College System's routine monitoring of Career and Technical Education Programs at Paragon Learning Center recommended that because Board Policy GBK contains no content but rather cross references policies that were repealed by the adoption of the AC series in 2020, GBK could also be repealed and removed from circulation. Since this coincides with the repeal and replacement of former policies, it may be repealed on a first and final reading.

Recommendation: The Board of Education reviews the recommendation for the repeal of Board Policy GBK and approves its repeal and removal from circulation on first and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dennis Maes)** Moved, Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education reviews the recommendation for the repeal of Board Policy GBK and approves its repeal and removal from circulation on first and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros

Board Policy JB-Equal Education Opportunity, Board Policy JF- Admission and Denial of Admission, Board Policy JFBA-Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment, and Board Policy JFBB-Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment---First and Final Reading

The District has received the Letter of Findings (LOF) based upon the Colorado Community College System's routine monitoring of Career and Technical Education Programs in the District on this occasion for Paragon Learning Center. The LOF recommended technical additions to certain policies, primarily to update the district's nondiscrimination statement and to add the identification of the Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer shown on the district's website to certain student policies. The Board of Education was asked to review the additions to Board Policy JF – Admission and Denial of Admission; Board Policy JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment; Board Policy JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment; and Board Policy JB -- Equal Educational Opportunities based upon requirements in corresponding laws, on first and final reading.

Recommendation: The Board of Education reviews the modifications to Board Policy JF – Admission and Denial of Admission; Board Policy JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment; Board Policy JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment; and Board Policy

JB -- Equal Educational Opportunities and approves the modifications on first and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Moved, Member **(Dennis Maes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education reviews the modifications to Board Policy JF – Admission and Denial of Admission; Board Policy JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment; Board Policy JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment; and Board Policy JB -- Equal Educational Opportunities and approves the modifications on first and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros

Board Policy AC-R-2, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process---First Reading

The Letter of Findings (LOF) from the Colorado Community College System’s monitoring of Career and Technical Education Programs at Paragon Learning Center recommended more detailed information about the informal resolution option in this policy and timeline for appeals. The Board of Education was asked to review the modifications to Board Policy AC-R-2, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process and recommend any changes for second and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

Recommendation: The Board of Education reviews the modifications to Board Policy AC-R- 2, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process and recommends any changes for second and final reading as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

Procedure and Schedule for Review of Proposals Submitted by Superintendent Search Firms

The Board of Education engaged in a discussion regarding the 2024 superintendent search process and took action concerning the procedure and schedule for reviewing the proposals submitted by superintendent search firms in response to the Request for Proposals.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a special school board meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm, subject to the availability of the search firms.

Recommendation: The Board of Education adopts a procedure and schedule for reviewing the proposal submitted by superintendent search firms as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Susan Pannunzio)** Moved, Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education adopts a procedure and schedule for reviewing the proposal submitted by superintendent search firms as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros

Consideration of the Hiring of a Registered Lobbyist

The Board of Education engaged in a discussion regarding the potential hiring of a registered lobbyist to provide advice to and promote the interests of the District concerning legislation that may come under consideration during the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly, and took action to authorize the administration to proceed with a solicitation of potential applicants through a request for proposal or other process.

Recommendation: The Board of Education authorizes the administration to proceed with the solicitation of proposals from registered lobbyists or other procedure for the selection of a lobbyist as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Thiebaut, Jr.)** Moved, Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education authorizes the administration to proceed with the solicitation of proposals from registered lobbyists or other procedure for the selection of a lobbyist as presented in the January 18, 2024 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros

4:55 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: The Board of Education will meet in executive session to confer with the School District's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) on the following specific legal questions: the Board's authority, obligations, and remedies under the Chavez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy Charter School Contract and the Colorado Charter Schools Act with respect to the school's compliance with generally accepted standards of accounting, financial reporting, and fiscal management.

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15.0 ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Kathy DeNiro)** Moved, Member **(William Thiebaut, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 – 0**; Absent: Brian Cisneros