

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60 Thursday, June 9, 2022 (2:00 PM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Dr. Margaret Wright called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Clementi
Matthew Cranswick
Kathy DeNiro
Thomas Farrell
Margaret Wright

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Barber, Attorney (participated by conference call)

2.0 CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board President Margaret Wright moved that pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b), the Board of Education will convene in executive session to receive legal advice on special legal questions concerning charter contract negotiations with Chavez Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy. Seconded by: Thomas Farrell. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for June 9, 2022 as modified.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Margaret Wright)** Moved, Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for June 9, 2022 as modified'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing was held for the Board of Education to receive comments on the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. The Public Hearing on the FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget was open at 2:03 pm. A recorded public comment was received from Gloria Gutierrez requesting funding be allocated for a Spanish teacher at Central High School for the SY2022-2023.

CFO David Horner stated that an opportunity to provide comments on the FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget was also available on the district's website. No comments were received through the district's website. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 2:05 pm.

WORK SESSION

FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Update

Dave Horner, Chief Financial Officer, presented Version 2 of the FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget as the department works towards a certified budget. CFO Horner stated as the District continues to expend bond and ESSER funds, the budget will be reduced but will stabilize once bond projects are completed. The FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget showed a 25% Reserve, but will continue to be reduced due to June payroll and close out expenditures. It is forecasted to be reduced to 11% or less. As a declining enrollment, the district funding count for averaging is 14,216.5; five years prior was 15,570 which averages at 14,800.7. The per pupil funding is \$9,694.28; \$17.4 million is transferred to charter schools. The FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget showed 81% for salaries and benefits; however, purchased services to meet staffing needs brings this figure to 81%-85%.

Board Member DeNiro asked if the district was utilizing Medicaid reimbursement to its fullest capacity. Superintendent Macaluso stated the district is maximizing the reimbursement. In reference to the Student Fees, Board Member DeNiro asked if yearbooks were optional. Superintendent Macaluso stated that yearbooks are optional and it will be so noted.

Board Member Clementi asked a question about how the District bond funds may be affected by the change in the city sales tax law. CFO Horner stated that the District currently pays city sales tax passed through the contractor payment. There was a question of clarification as to zero amount listed in the McKinney Vento Grant. CFO Horner stated the funds are listed in another line item. Board Member Clementi asked for confirmation that \$16 million is being spend from Reserves to balance the budget. CFO Horner confirmed. Board Member Clementi expressed concern with the declining enrollment in the District as well as throughout the state, which will result in reduced budgets. Board Vice President Farrell asked if city sales tax is built into the FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget, if there is no change in the law. CFO Horner stated the District has budgeted for city sales tax. Board Member Dr. DeNiro suggested that the District take the opportunity to take measures to increase enrollment through marketing, programs, staffing, etc.

District Strategic Plan Annual Report

Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Morey and Cabinet members presented an update on the District Strategic Plan goals' completion and next steps. Assistant Superintendent Morey reported that the District 60 Strategic Plan was initially developed as a Five-Year Plan. The D60 Team shared highlights of successes and celebrations, which included the build of five new school buildings; graduation rate continues to be above the state; \$15 million of scholarship awards; new science, math, and literacy curriculum; state and local competitions; 5,600 students participated in Hour of Code and 1st Annual Science Convention, and 400 students enrolled in the new online school. District 60 is leading the state in the state required professional development. The Boys and Girls Club opened the first high school focused program.

Mike Bayer reported on the successes of the Student Support Division to support the needs of students. Despite the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, all District 60 staff

received training, expanded mental health services, and added social work personnel. Over 12,000 COVID tests was administered and hosted over 30 vaccine clinics.

Eric DeCesaro, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that the department has conducted exist surveys and implemented new systems to streamline hiring processes and improve records maintenance for employees. The department is also developing a comprehensive, multi-marketing campaign to attract and recruit qualified candidates locally and nationally. The department hosted a District-wide Spring Career Fair for licensed and classified staff. A two-year agreement was negotiated with Pueblo Education Association, which raised the base salary for teachers to approximately \$40,000. Also, all educators and employee groups received a ten percent increase from the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Jon Pompia reported on the highlights of the Communications Department to blanket the community with all the positive achievements in the District. The department has launched a new website, new mobile app, and rebranding of the District.

Robert Lawson reported that Bond projects are 75% completed or underway. New Sunset Park and Franklin Schools are under construction, which were made possible by the Colorado Department of Education BEST Grant. Supplemental grants in the amount of \$4 million were received. New Centennial and East High School Projects are 50% complete. A tour is being scheduled. The construction of the new Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary School is underway and will open in the Fall of 2023 as well as the other four new schools: Centennial High, East High, Sunset Park and Franklin School of Innovation.

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2-10.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-10 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-10 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

2. Contracts and Agreements: Professional Services Agreement Between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 (Risk Management Services)

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Professional Services Agreement between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District NO. 60 for risk management consulting services for \$33,600 annually. The term of the contract is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Professional Services Agreement between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

3. Contracts and Agreements: Employee Benefits Fee for Services Agreement Between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 for Benefits Consulting Services (Employee Benefits Services)

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Employee Benefits Fee for Services Agreement between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 for employee benefits consulting services for \$27,500 annually. The term of the contract is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Employee Benefits Fee for Services Agreement between HUB International Insurance Services, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

4. Contracts and Agreements: Contracts for Extended School Year Services (ESY) Between Roundup Fellowship School and Pueblo School District No. 60

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Contracts for Extended School Year Services (ESY) between Roundup Fellowship School and Pueblo School District No. 60 for the months June and July 2022.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Contracts for Extended School Year Services (ESY) between Roundup Fellowship School and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

5. Contracts and Agreements: Contractual Agreements between Griffith Centers for Children, Inc. DBA J. Wilkins Opportunity School and Pueblo School District No. 60

The Board of Education was asked to approve the 2022 Extended School Year Contractual Agreements between Griffith Centers for Children, Inc. DBA J. Wilkins Opportunity School and Pueblo School District No. 60.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the 2022 Extended School Year Contractual Agreements between Griffith Centers for Children, Inc. DBA J. Wilkins Opportunity School and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

6. Contracts and Agreements: Contract between Cornell Corrections of California, LLC., operating the Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center and Pueblo School District No. 60

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Contract between Cornell Corrections of California, LLC., operating the Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center and Pueblo School District No. 60.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Contract between Cornell Corrections of California, LLC., operating the Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

7. Contracts and Agreements: Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022 -2023

Pueblo City Schools participates in the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) for comprehensive property and liability insurance coverage. CSDSIP focuses on the Colorado education market and partners with public K-12 school districts, BOCES and charter schools. As a member of the CSDSIP, the district has an investment interest in the pool which means the district pays a contribution, not a premium. Unlike an insurance company, in good years when losses are low and there is an operating surplus, the district will receive a dividend or contribution credit based on the surplus. The CSDSIP Board elected to not increase any base rates, all lines of coverage, for fiscal year 2022 - 2023 policy term to allow continued comprehensive coverage and services. The increase reflects our exposure changes. Also, at this time, there is no cyber coverage. CSDSIP continue to look for cyber coverage for the district. The proposed rates for Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 are as follows: Property \$ 844,925 Equipment Breakdown \$ 46,518 Crime \$

950 School Entity Liability \$ 185,756 School Auto \$ 80,310 Total Annual Contribution \$ 1,158,459

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the renewal of its property, crime, school entity liability and auto insurance coverage for Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 with the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials; provided that in doing so, the Board is specifically reserving and does not waive any rights or claims that it may have against CSDSIP or others for prior occurrences, claims, coverage, or other issues.

8. Contracts and Agreements: Contract for Educational Services between Shiloh House School and Pueblo School District No. 60

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Contract for Educational Services between Shiloh House School and Pueblo School District No. 60.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Contract for Educational Services between Shiloh House School and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

9. Supplemental Budgets: IDEA 3 Year Narrative Cycle 2022-2023 through 2024-2025

The Board of Education is asked to approve the IDEA 3 Year Narrative Cycle 2022-2023 through 2024-2025.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the IDEA 3 Year Narrative Cycle 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

10. Supplemental Budgets: Caring for Colorado (CFC) Youth Connections Grant Award

The Board of Education was asked to accept the Caring for Colorado Youth Connections Grant funding. This implementation award totals \$490,000 and includes \$30,000 in restricted funding for youth directed activation project grants. The funding period is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Recommendation: The Board of Education accepts the Caring for Colorado Youth Connections Grant funding as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Leadership Appointments/Reassignments

The Board of Education was asked to approve the superintendent's recommendation for administrative leadership appointments/reassignments.

1. Gina Martindale from Assistant Principal, Goodnight School to Principal, Goodnight School effective August 1, 2022

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Matthew Cranswick)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments as presented in the June 9, 2022 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: The Board of Education will meet in executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: To receive legal advice on specific legal questions concerning charter contract negotiations with Chavez Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Thomas Farrell) Moved, Member (Barbara Clementi) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ' The Board of Education will meet in executive session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions concerning charter contract negotiations with Chavez Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

The Board of Education met in executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: To receive legal advice specific legal questions concerning charter contract negotiations with Chavez Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b)-15 minutes.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member **(Thomas Farrell) Moved, Member (Barbara Clementi) Seconded** to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.