

## MINUTES

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

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 (5:30 PM)**

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#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Barbara Clementi

Thomas Farrell

Kathy DeNiro

Anthony Perko

Soledad Sandoval Tafoya

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

#### **OPEN IN 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 question: the Board's legal authority and power and any limitations on its power under reasonable time, place, and manner principles, to set and enforce requirements and standards for public participation and comment at board meetings; and to discuss four individual students recommended for expulsion where public disclosure would adversely affect the students involved pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h).

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion '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 question: the Board's legal authority and power and any limitations on its power under reasonable time, place, and manner principles, to set and enforce requirements and standards for public participation and comment at board meetings; and to discuss four individual students recommended for expulsion where public disclosure would adversely affect the students involved pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h)'. 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 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 question: the Board's legal authority and power and any limitations on its power under reasonable time, place, and manner principles, to set and enforce requirements and standards for public participation and comment at board meetings; and to discuss four individual students recommended for expulsion where public disclosure would adversely affect the students involved pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h).

**OPEN SESSION-** The Board of Education reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 pm.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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## **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 March 14, 2023 as presented.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for March 14, 2023 as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

## **STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATION**

### **East High School Tone Troopers Performance**

The East High School Tone Troopers choir performed 'Lift Me Up' by Rihanna under the direction of Mr. Andrew Watson.

## **4.0 GIFTS TO SCHOOLS**

### **Gifts to Schools**

The Board of Education was asked to accept the following gifts to Pueblo School District No. 60 in the amount of \$13,275.00: 1. Visuospatial Education Center donated \$1,000.00 to Centennial High School Physical Education Department. 2. The Greater Pueblo Sports Association donated \$500.00 to Centennial High School STUGO Program. 3. JC Construction Services donated \$2,000.00 to Centennial High School Physical Education Department. 4. The East High Alumni Foundation donated \$9,775.00 to East High School for the following; Debate - \$500.00, DECA - \$500.00, Music/Art - \$300.00, Math/Science/Technology - \$1,725.00, Academics such as Language Arts, Social Sciences, etc. - \$25.00, Career Education - \$875.00, ESS - \$5,250.00, JROTC - \$350.00, Athletics - \$250.00

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves and graciously accepts the gifts to schools as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

## **5.0 RECOGNITION**

### **Corwin International Magnet School Recognized as a 2023 Colorado Trailblazer Schools to Watch**

The Colorado Association of Middle Level Education (CAMLE) has recognized Corwin International Magnet School as a 2023 Colorado Trailblazer Schools to Watch! Corwin International is one of three schools in Colorado and one of 100+ schools that will be recognized nationwide at the National Schools to Watch Conference on June 23, 2023 in Washington, DC. This is the fourth consecutive time Corwin International has received this award, going back to 2013. There are 37 criteria that a school must meet or exceed in order to be recognized as a school to watch. A team of middle level educators conducted classroom observations, interviewed administrators, teachers and parents. Included in the review is a comprehensive review of achievement data, suspension rates, instructional quality, and student work. The evaluation team noted: "Corwin International Magnet School ignites student learning through intentional academic opportunities for all students, relentless relationship building, and innovative elective opportunities. Corwin International's faculty and administrative team continuously strive to innovate and elevate learning, to reach and teach every child!"

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education recognizes Corwin International Magnet School as a recipient of the 2023 Colorado Trailblazer School to Watch as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

### **2023 Pueblo East High School State Wrestling Champions**

For the second straight year, the Pueblo East Eagles Wrestling Team captured the Colorado 4A State Championship team title at Ball Arena in Denver on February 18, 2023. Weston Dalton captured his third state title, and Manuel Amaro and Lawrence Herberger were both runners-up. Theodore Romero, from Central High School, earned the 215lb State Championship Unified Wrestler. Theo pinned his opponent in the first period. Pat Laughlin, with more than 30 years dedicated to the sport, once again was named 4A Coach of the Year. Additional Eagle placers included Julian Espinoza (120), Sullivan Sully DeHerrera (157) and Sebastian Freeman (175) -- earned third-place finishes, with Niko Fernandez (126) finishing fourth and Tatum Rivera (138) fifth.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education recognizes the East High School Wrestling Team for their State Championship Title as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

During this time the Board listens to comments from citizens in the community concerning school matters. There were no public comments to be heard.

### **6.0 CITIZEN'S STATEMENT**

### **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Member Perko communicated that he attended the East High School State Wrestling Championship Assembly. He also attended the District Accountability Committee meeting and will be visiting the D60 Online School at South High School. Board Vice President DeNiro attended the Centennial High School 8th Grade Orientation, which was well-attended. She also attended the Pueblo Academy of Arts string and band performance and conducted site visits to Bessemer Academy, Heritage Elementary School, and Corwin Magnet School. Dr. DeNiro attended the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority meeting and learned of plans to revitalize, beautify, and enhance the historical community of Strack Center and it lends itself to a possible opportunity for teacher workforce housing. Attorney Bump stated that the school board has a specific power and authority going back to the sixties to build and occupy teacher housing and many districts in Colorado are actually doing that now. Dr. DeNiro added she participated in the National Association of School Boards webinar on ESSER funding and the impending "fiscal cliff". Board Member Clementi attended the South/Centennial Musical and Sing Along. During this past month, she attended an 8-hour school finance planning online workshop from Georgetown University, which provided additional information regarding ESSER Funding and an overview of school finance in the nation. Board member Clementi also attended the Colorado School of Finance Project meeting. The economic forecast will be released next week. Board Member Clementi reported the Gallagher Amendment was repealed in 2020 concerning property tax, which will result in the new property assessment of approximately 25% higher. Board President Farrell communicated that he attended the Boys and Girls Champion of Youth Dinner and gave special recognition of Wendy Adame who was recognized as the 'Youth of the Year'. Superintendent Macaluso affirmed Ms. Wendy Adame and reported that she will receive a full scholarship to Colorado State University-Pueblo.

## 8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution of Dedicated Service: Sylvester R. Arteaga BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION OF DEDICATED SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the death of Sylvester R. Arteaga on January 25, 2023 has been reported to the Board of Education, and;  
WHEREAS, Sylvester R. Arteaga was employed with Pueblo School District No. 60 between 1988 and 2003, having served as a teacher for 15 years, and;  
WHEREAS, Sylvester R. Arteaga gave loyal and conscientious service to the school district; and  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education extends sympathy to the surviving members of Sylvester R. Arteaga's family and expresses appreciation for the years of excellent and devoted service he gave to Pueblo School District No. 60.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education adopts the Resolution of Dedicated Service as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

Board Member Sandoval Tafoya read the following Proclamation Honoring and Celebrating the Life of Silvestre “Sil” Arteaga, Chicano Leader, Life-long Educator and Beloved Wrestling Coach.

#### **PROCLAMATION Honoring and Celebrating the life of Silvestre “Sil” Arteaga, Chicano Leader, Life-long Educator and Beloved Wrestling Coach**

**WHEREAS**, Silvestre “Sil” Arteaga was a Chicano whose parents came to the United States in the pursuit of opportunity and the American Dream through the Bracero Program. Sil was the first in his family to attend college and earned his Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, a teaching certificate from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and his Master’s Degree from Adams State University.

**WHEREAS**, Sil Arteaga dedicated his life to teaching—for four decades at the elementary, middle school, high school and moved on to teach at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo.

**WHEREAS**, Sil Arteaga was a wrestling coach and started a wrestling program at Bradford Elementary and was a teacher and coach at Central High School.

**WHEREAS**, Sil Arteaga was a respected Chicano elder and a tireless advocate and community organizer—standing in the frontlines of the Chicano movement and fighting for equal rights for all. Giving accurate representation of Chicano students in the public schools was a priority for Sil and he demonstrated this by attending rallies and marches.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Education of School District 60 in the City and County of Pueblo and the state of Colorado this date, March 14, 2023 expresses its deep appreciation on behalf of educators, employees, students, families and community members in Pueblo to Mr. Sil Arteaga for his life-time dedication and momentous contributions which exceptionally improved educational options and opportunities and has brought great honor and pride to our entire community.

Discussion prior to roll call:

Board Member Clementi: “I just have to say that I mean no disrespect, but this resolution is not what was presented in tonight's board packet and we have a way to do those things. We have a process presented. We have a way to amend the agenda even. Those processes are there for a reason. So, I have an objection in that regard.”

Board Vice President DeNiro: "I just want to thank Ms. Sandoval Tafoya for her perseverance in this. I appreciate that. And we do need to look at recognizing additional individuals in the future, and I'd like to have a discussion on that at some point. Thank you."

Comment by Board Member Clementi prior to her vote: "I support the recognition of Mr. Arteaga. I do not support the not having this information ahead of time. We have a Board Norm of no surprises. Maybe the rest of you had this resolution in advance. I did not. Last week we held up a leadership appointment because of this process. So, I appreciate the recognition and I will abstain."

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Soledad Sandoval Tafoya)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education adopts the Proclamation Honoring and Celebrating the life of Silvestre "Sil" Arteaga, Chicano Leader, Life-long Educator and Beloved Wrestling Coach as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1** (Barbara Clementi). The motion **(CARRIED )**. **4 – 0**

#### **Week of the Young Child Proclamation - April 1-7, 2023**

The Board of Education was asked to proclaim April 1-7, 2023 as the "Week of the Young Child".

Board Member Clementi read the Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

#### **Week of the Young Child Proclamation - April 1-7, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (Colorado AEYC) is celebrating the "Week of the Young Child" April 1-7, 2023; and  
WHEREAS, we acknowledge the first years of a child's life as the period of the most rapid brain development and believe these years lay the foundation for all future learning; and WHEREAS, we attest that high quality early care and education can help ameliorate the effects of poverty, detect and remediate delays, identify and help prevent child neglect, and lead to positive outcomes for individual children, helping them be better prepared for school and more likely to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Pueblo School District No. 60 deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the administrators, teachers, and school board members of School District No. 60 in Pueblo, Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2023 as the Week of the Young Child and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education proclaims April 1-7, 2023 as the "Week of the Young Child" as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education proclaims April 1-7, 2023 as the "Week of the Young Child" as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried**. **5 - 0**



## 2023 National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

Board Member Perko read the 2023 National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day Resolution.  
**National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day April 5, 2023**

A Resolution Honoring the Efforts of Pueblo School District No. 60 Paraprofessionals Whereas, the paraprofessionals of Pueblo School District No. 60 provide a critical service to the children and teachers on a daily basis; and Whereas, they serve a student population of over 14,000 children every school day; and Whereas, they do so with great skill, care, compassion, humor, and sensitivity; and Whereas, they do so in a manner that reflects well on the district; and Whereas, their contribution is critical in allowing for the smooth daily operation of the district; and Therefore, the Pueblo School District No. 60 Board of Education recognizes National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day on April 5, 2023. Further, the Board of Education expresses deep and heartfelt appreciation to the efforts made by paraprofessional staff each and every school day! Well done!

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education proclaims April 5, 2023 National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

Board Member Perko read the 2023 National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony Perko)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education proclaims April 5, 2023 National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

## 9.0 REPORTS

### **2023-2024 Instructional Calendar Survey Report**

Cameron Whiting, Director for Human Resources, presented a report to the Board of Education concerning the stakeholder survey results to consider and possibly take action to amend the instructional calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Director Whiting reported the District took the initiative in 2021 to present the instructional calendars for both the SY2022-2023 and the SY2023-2024 for Board approval. Recently, the District received a request to re-visit the instructional calendar for SY2023-2024 and the D60 Calendar Committee was convened. Several options were discussed and the Calendar Committee made a recommendation to amend the SY2023-2024 instructional calendar. A survey was sent out to stakeholders for input and approximately 3,200 responses were received. Fifty five percent of the respondents were parents, 32% were staff and 12% were both. Seventy-three percent voted to make two changes in the calendar to move Winter Break forward a week and to move Spring Break from the third week in March to the fourth week in March. Board Member Clementi stated the proposed changes mirror that of Pueblo School District No. 70.

### **New Build Transition Plans for Centennial High School, East High School, Sunset Park Elementary School, Franklin School of Innovation and Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School**

Suzanne Morey, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Bob Lawson, Executive Director of Facilities, presented the new build process and calendars for Centennial High School, East High School, Sunset Park Elementary, Franklin School of Innovation, and Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School.

Assistant Superintendent Morey acknowledged the D60 staff who worked to secure not one but two BEST Grants along with the exceptional financial management of the bond monies to build

two new high schools, two new elementary school and a new K-8 school. The New Building Transition Plan outlined the physical furniture, curriculum & materials packing, move, and unpacking plan (including modified calendars) for the new East, Centennial, Sunset, and Franklin. It also included the ribbon cutting dates. School staff will be responsible for packing all school materials and removing and taking home any personal items that will not be moved to the new schools. Facilities staff will be responsible for the actual move of packed materials from old school to new school, as well as disassembling/packing and moving any furniture and large equipment to be moved. Facilities will assemble all new furniture in the new buildings. Teachers/staff will be responsible for unpacking materials/curriculum in the new schools. Due to the nature of the materials and the requirements for relocating these items, all furniture that is not being moved to the new building will be made available for inspection by other principals and relocated to their school/departments. All principals be given the opportunity to inspect and request furniture items on June 5, 2023.

Robert Lawson, Executive Director of Facilities and Construction Management, reported the Facilities and the Warehouse Department will provide all boxes, tape, labels and packaging supplies to the schools moving. Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Morey reviewed the new build transition calendar dates. Principals may identify dates in July and August for staff to unpack for which they will be compensated.

Executive Director Lawson stated that principals will have full access to the new buildings once the District has accepted the buildings. Any items that are a fixed or a part of the old buildings being demolished will not be relocated due to the asbestos that is prevalent in the walls, floors and ceilings in the old schools. Additionally, some items that cannot be relocated due to the likeliness of them being damaged during any attempted move will be professionally photographed and archived digitally for any possible future reproduction in the new schools. The school principals in the next few weeks may permit small commemorative items that will not be moved to the new schools to be distributed at the principal's discretion, as long as it doesn't require any demolition or create any issue with any potential asbestos damage or contamination. This will not include any fixtures, furniture or equipment that are in the buildings. Once the physical move in of the new schools has been completed, facilities and technology staff will start removing cameras, security devices, technology equipment and all other equipment and fixtures from the old schools that will be relocated to the new ones, or will be used as replacement parts in other schools.

Assistant Superintendent Morey reviewed the completion dates, furniture delivery and set up completion, and official ribbon cutting ceremony. Following the ceremony, community members will have the opportunity to tour the buildings. Sunset Park Elementary and Franklin School of Innovation have scheduled their ribbon cutting ceremony on August 10 and August 11 respectively. Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School has scheduled their ribbon cutting ceremony on August 24. A proposed calendar for Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School was presented. Several professional development days are included in the proposed calendar for which staff will be compensated. In order to comply with CDE, notification of the delayed start will be submitted.

Superintendent Macaluso asked the Board to consider a change in the start time of the August 10 Board meeting from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, as it conflicts with the Sunset Park Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It was the consensus of the Board to change the time of the meeting.

## **10.0 POLICY**

### **Board Policy IHCD, Concurrent Enrollment---Second Reading**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the modifications to Board Policy IHCD, Concurrent Enrollment, on second reading and final reading.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the modifications to Board Policy IHCD, Concurrent Enrollment, on second reading and final reading as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the modifications to Board Policy IHCD, Concurrent Enrollment, on second reading and final reading as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

### **Board Policy DJ, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority---First Reading**

The Board of Education requested an opportunity to review and possibly revise Board Policy DJ, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority, on first reading.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education reviews and possibly revises Board Policy DJ, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority, on first reading, as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

Board Vice President DeNiro stated that the purchasing authority for purchase order had been modified to increase from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Dr. DeNiro requested that Board Policy DJ, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority be brought before the Board to consider reducing the purchasing authority to \$50,000 as it was in August 2021, stating that it was the Board fiduciary responsibility to monitor purchasing. Board President Farrell requested a report on bidding and purchasing procedures. Board Member Clementi stated that the modifications to the policy in the past were initiated either by a concern or a need and requested comments from staff. Executive Director of Facilities and Construction Management Lawson reported that inflation was a key factor and costs have substantially increased at times 200%-300% in supplies and services.

Chief Financial Officer David Horner read a statement regarding the proposed modifications to Board Policy DJ, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority:

"During my 21 plus years as CFO / Business Manager in three different school districts in 3 states and 3 ½ years as an elected school board member in a 4th district, I have never seen a proposed policy change that is more absurd and dysfunctional toward district operations as the proposed change to Policy DJ reducing the superintendent's spending authority. These proposed changes put the district on the fast track toward the dysfunctional operations that Pueblo 60 was seven to ten years ago. Under the Direction of Superintendent Macaluso, the district was able to pass the largest capital facilities bond in our history. With her professional staff, the bonds were sold in a favorable market, invested, spend timely and efficiently. The bond that was approved by voters only promised two new schools, but the district was able to leverage these funds to provide our students and families five new schools, which is unheard of anywhere in the nation for a district our size. All the voter approved projects are still on track to be done in a timely manner within our allotted funds, opening five new schools in August 2023. In 2019, the district had \$784.6 million in deferred maintenance with \$218.3 million in priority one needs. In 2023, we have \$524 million in deferred maintenance with \$79.5 million in priority one needs. The district finances and our operations have been stabilized, the district has a stable ending fund each year and a clean audit of our financial practices. Our District Performance Framework ratings have improved



substantially. The superintendent and her professional staff have proven that we are good stewards of the public's funds. These proposed changes set us back and will require additional staff hours to create and submit the additional documentation to the Board for approval delaying our ability to provide timely service to our staff and students. I checked on some of the districts in Colorado Springs area for their spending authority: D 11- \$500,000; D20 - \$1 Million; Harrison 2, Falcon Ft. Carson, D49, Widefield 3 - no limit if within approved budget. As your Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the School Board, I ask please don't move forward with the proposed changes to Policy DJ.

Board Member Perko asked about the modifications to the purchasing authority to \$5,000. Board President Farrell mentioned that Board Policy DJ-E would also need consideration. Board Member Clementi stated that the Board's fiduciary responsibility by Colorado law is to approve a balanced budget and ensures that the District stays within that budget. The proposed change in purchasing authority has the appearance of an effort to micro-manage the superintendent and staff. If there had been cause or need to change the policy, it should have been brought before the Board during budget discussions and urged the Board not to make the change.

## **11.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2-20.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-20 as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-20 as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

### **2. Personnel Report**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the report of personnel activity since February 21, 2023 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 March 14, 2023 Board materials.

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

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the school board meetings of February 21, 2023 and February 22, 2023 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 February 2023, which are attached hereto and made a part of these official minutes by reference aggregating \$11,534,892.96 and check numbers 1015614 -1016089. Included are check numbers 1016090 - 1016098 and 1016099 - 1016126 which were issued as February 2023 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 February 2023, aggregating \$5,767,549.39 for direct deposit check numbers 1005898 - 1007924 and check numbers

370490 - 370495 issued for February 28, 2023, 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 March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**5. Capital Bond Project: Change Order for the Electrical System Repairs at Central High School**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$1,199,749 from the Capital Bond Projects Fund for the electrical repairs at Central High School. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$1,199,749 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Bond Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**6. Capital Project: Parking Lot & Playground Paving at Minnequa Elementary School**

The Board of Education is asked to approve an expenditure of \$293,368 from the Capital Projects Fund for the repair of parking lot and playground paving at Minnequa Elementary School. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$293,368 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**7. Capital Project: Playground Repairs & Paving at Irving Elementary School**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$117,819 from the Capital Projects Fund for the repair playground and paving at Irving Elementary School. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$117,819 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**8. Capital Projects: Dutch Clark Stadium Running Track Replacement**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$908,719 from the Capital Projects Fund for the Running Track Replacement at Dutch Clark Stadium. The amount includes a 10% contingency. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$908,719 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**9. Capital Project: Emergency Replacement of Auditorium Lighting at Corwin International Magnet School**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$206,407 from the Capital Projects Fund for the Auditorium Lighting replacement at Corwin 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 \$206,407 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**10. Capital Bond Project: Change Order for the Electrical System Repairs at South Park Elementary School**

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$120,000 from the Capital Bond Projects Fund for the replacement of the lighting at South Park Elementary School. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$120,000 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Bond Projects Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**11. Capital Project: Equipment Purchases, Vendor/s: Dell and DHE NASPO Contracts**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the replacement of various systems listed below for use throughout the District as part of the five (5) year replacement plan.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the replacement of various systems and approves the Capital Expenditure as presented in the March 14, 2023, Board materials.

**12. Capital Project: Timeclocks Purchase - Vendor: Touchpoint**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the replacement of Touchpoint time clocks that are currently being used by District employees and substitutes. The recommended replacement is the Touchpoint Standard Smartclock with Badge Scanning, which is designed for use with Frontline Time and Attendance. This quote includes 3 years of White Glove service with the purchase. The vendor has indicated that the new smart clocks have an expected support lifecycle of 5 to 7 years, which fits with the District's computer replacement cycle. This upgraded smart clock looks and operates very similarly to the existing clocks, so the replacement should be transparent to current clock users.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the expenditures as listed above and appropriates the funds from the Capital Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**13. Contracts and Agreements: District Educational Professional Services Agreement between Teach for America (TFA) and Pueblo School District No. 60 for School Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the District Educational Professional Services Agreement and Partner Assurance Form between Teach for America, Inc. (TFA) and Pueblo School District No. 60. TFA is providing highly qualified teacher candidates that will work in the District for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the District Educational Professional Services Agreement and Partner Assurance Form between Teach for America, Inc. and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**14. Contracts and Agreements: Amended 2022-2027 Exclusive Sponsorship and Beverage Agreement Between Swire Pacific Holdings, Inc. doing business as Swire Coca-Cola, USA Coca-Cola and Pueblo School District No. 60**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Amended 2022-2027 Exclusive Sponsorship and Beverage Agreement Between Swire Pacific Holdings, Inc. doing business as Swire Coca-Cola, USA Coca-Cola and Pueblo School District No. 60.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Amended 2022-2027 Exclusive Sponsorship and Beverage Agreement Between Swire Pacific Holdings, Inc. doing business as Swire Coca-Cola, USA Coca-Cola and Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**15. Out-of-State Travel Request: Central High School JROTC to Rapid City, SD on April 28-30, 2023**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Central High School JROTC to Rapid City, SD.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Out-of-State Travel Request for Central High School JROTC to Rapid City, SD as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**16. Out-of-State Travel Request: East DECA to Orlando, FL April 21-26, 2023**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for East High School DECA to Orlando, FL on April 21-26, 2023 for International Career Development Conference.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the Out-of-State Travel Request for East High School DECA to Orlando, FL as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**17. Proposed Amended 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar**

The Board of Education was asked to consider and approve the proposed amended 2023-2024 instructional calendar.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education considers and approves the proposed amended instructional calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **18. Juul Labs, Inc. Litigation Settlement**

Based upon the Board of Education's observation of the detrimental impact of vaping on our students and the community, it supports actions to restrict the marketing of and access to vaping products by students. To that end, the Board on June 11, 2020, approved the engagement of national legal counsel and its participation to pursue the class action litigation against Juul Labs, Inc., a manufacturer of e-cigarettes and delegated to the Superintendent or her designee the authority to make all decisions necessary in the litigation, and keep the Board apprised of these activities. The attorneys have now reached a settlement with Juul Labs, Inc., on behalf of the participants in the class action litigation, including Pueblo School District No. 60. To share in the proceeds of the settlement, the parties must elect to approve the settlement and sign a release.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the District's participation in the settlement and authorizes each of the officers of the Board and the Superintendent to sign and submit a release and to take any other necessary action to participate as described in the above March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **19. Erate - Wide Area Network and Internet Service Renewals, Vendor: Unite Private Networks**

The Board of Education was asked to approve two expenditures, both with the vendor Unite Private Network (UPN) for Wide Area Network (WAN) Service and Internet Service for the district for the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. The agreements are multi-year with optional annual renewals.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves expenditures of \$273,144 for WAN and Internet Services and appropriates the funds from the General Fund as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **20. ESSER II Expenditure: Consent for UnBoundEd Standards Institute for Pueblo School District No. 60 Educators**

The Board of Education was asked to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$319,800.00 for 130 Pueblo School District No. 60 educators to attend the UnBoundEd Standards Institute in Denver, CO June 12-16, 2023. The Standards Institute is an immersive and transformative 5-day in-person learning experience for teachers, coaches, and leaders.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the expenditure in the amount of \$319,800.00 for 130 Pueblo District 60 educators in Denver, CO June 12-16, 2023 as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **11.1 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON SEPARATELY**

#### **12.0 ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Expulsion of Student #152971**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #152971 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 #152971 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #152971 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

#### **Expulsion of Student #158304**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #158304 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, JICDA - Code of conduct

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #158304 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

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

Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #158304 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

#### **Expulsion of Student #157225**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #157225 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, JICDA - Code of Conduct, JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education expels Student #157225 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

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

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #157225 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

#### **Expulsion of Student #154739**

It is requested that the discipline matter, involving Student #154739 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 #154739 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

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

Member **(Anthony Perko)** Moved, Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education expels Student #154739 for one calendar year, pending review in 45 days as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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

The Board of Education was asked to approve the superintendent's recommendation for administrative leadership appointments/reassignments of Principal, Morton Elementary School; Assistant Principal, Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School; and Assistant Principal, South High School.



1. Kristie Lopez, previously Assistant Principal Roncalli STEM Academy, to Principal Morton Elementary School effective August 1, 2023.
2. Daryl Johnson previously Dean of Students South High School, to Assistant Principal South High School effective August 1, 2023.
3. Darlene Duarte previously Elementary Math Specialist, to Assistant Principal Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School effective August 1, 2023.

Comment by Board Vice President DeNiro prior to her vote: "I want to make sure that these... I'm going to vote aye. But it's clear that these positions are building positions and not administrative central administrative positions, so I'll vote aye on that. Thank you."

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments of Principal, Morton Elementary School; Assistant Principal, Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School; and Assistant Principal, South High School as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Thomas Farrell)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments/reassignments of Principal, Morton Elementary School; Assistant Principal, Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School; and Assistant Principal, South High School as presented in the March 14, 2023 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

### **13.0 BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA**

Board Member Perko recommended that the start time of the Board work session scheduled on August 10, 2023 be moved to 5:00 pm, as the original start time conflicts with the Sunset Park Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Additionally, Board Member Perko requested a discussion on the ESSER funding as well as agenda practices be included on the upcoming Board Retreat.

Board Vice President DeNiro recommended that the superintendent's evaluation and a discussion on Title I funding be included on the upcoming Board Retreat agenda.

Board Member Sandoval Tafoya recommended a means to provide the community, educators, and principals a way to acknowledge individuals for their time and efforts given to support our students and staff and to recognize them publicly during the meeting.

### **14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

March 17, 2023, 5:30 pm, Parkview Foundation 42nd Annual Starlight Gala, Pueblo Convention Center March 18-22, 2023, Spring Break April 1-3, 2023, National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference, Orlando FL April 5, 2023, 7:00 pm. Centennial Combined Concert April 6, 2023, 2:00 pm, Special School Board Meeting, Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room April 12, 2023, 6:30 pm, FIMS 1st Grade Musical, East High School April 19, 2023, 6:00 pm, Belmont 4th Grade Music & Art Performance on South America April 22, 2023, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, 1st Annual Pueblo and Southern Colorado College Fair, Pueblo Convention Center April 25, 2023, 5:30 pm, School Board Meeting, Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room April 25, 2023, 6:00 pm, Baca - 1st and 2nd Grade Music May 1, 2023, 9:00 am, New Centennial High School Walk-Thru May 1, 2023, 12:00 pm, New East High School Walk-Thru May 15, 2023, 9:00 pm, New Sunset Park Elementary School Walk-Thru May 15, 2023, 12:00 pm, New Franklin School of Innovation May 16, 2023, 5:30 pm, School Board Meeting,

Administrative Services Center, Arapahoe Room May 18, 2023, 4:30 pm, Colorado Teacher of the Year Awards May 24, 2023, 5:30 pm, Academic Excellence, Southwest Events Center May 25, 2023, 6:00 pm, Paragon Learning Center Graduation May 26, 2023, 3:00 pm, East High School Graduation, Southwest Events Center May 26, 2023, 7:00 pm, Centennial High School Graduation, Southwest Events Center May 27, 2023, 8:00 am, Central High School Graduation, Southwest Events Center May 27, 2023, 12:00 pm, South High School Graduation, Southwest Events Center June 30, 2023, 9:00 am, Nettie S. Freed Expeditionary K-8 School Walk-Thru

## **15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommendation:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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