

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60 Thursday, October 13, 2022 (2:00 PM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Vice President Farrell called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Clementi

Kathy DeNiro

Thomas Farrell

Anthony Perko

Margaret Wright (joined the meeting at 3:44 pm)

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 October 13, 2022 as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Kathy DeNiro**) Moved, Member (**Barbara Clementi**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is requested that the Board of Education adopts the agenda for October 13, 2022 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Absent: **1 (Margaret Wright)**. The motion (**CARRIED**). **4 - 0**

WORK SESSION

Safe Routes to School Grant for Park View Elementary School

Robert Lawson, Executive Director of Facilities & Construction Management, presented information to the Board of Education regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant for Park View Elementary School. Executive Director Lawson reported that the District has been working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop safe routes to schools. The federal grant program provides for improvements to sidewalks, bike and pedestrian paths, and traffic controls to create safe corridors to schools. The City of Pueblo will submit an application for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant on behalf of Pueblo School District No. 60.

Eva Coselyn of the Metropolitan Planning Organization stated that a grant was awarded to Haaff Elementary School in 2020, but Park View Elementary School was not funded at that time. The goal of the Safe Routes to School Grant is to create designated pedestrian and

bicycle routes. A one-mile to two-mile crash data along with speed and pedestrian and vehicle count data was compiled. The Pueblo Health Department Communities that Care Coalition, a community coalition to prevent youth substance abuse surveyed 90 youth asking them to identify the places they would like to visit along the Monument corridor visit. A major barrier cited was transportation. By creating a bicycle & pedestrian corridor on Monument Avenue, it would encourage individuals to use transit routes.

The project proposal base bid included 12th Street to 7th on Monument Avenue Safe Street Corridor Pedestrian Safety and 10th Street Bump-out w/mid-block crosswalk w/ADA curb ramps. Base Bid Alternate #1 extends the safe street corridor to 5th Street and Base Bid Alternate #2 extends the safe street corridor to 2nd Street.

Community Schools Update

The Board of Education heard an update about the implementation of the Community Schools Model at two of the elementary schools: Baca Elementary and Beulah Heights Elementary. Ted Johnson, Executive Director of Continuous Improvement and Innovation, introduced the team of Justina Carter, Kathleen Vujcich, and Breanne Escobar. Beulah Heights Principal Jonathan Dehn and Baca Principal Julie Griego were present in the audience.

Justina Carter gave an overview of Community Schools model, which connects students to supports, partnerships, coordinators coordinate assets. Executive Director Johnson stated that the Community Schools model will be implemented at Beulah Heights and Baca Elementary Schools. In 2019, the Community Schools Exploratory Committee, in agreement with the PEA, was formed and included members of PEA, school, and community members. Prior to the COVID pandemic shutdown, several members visited Community Schools. The pilot programs at Beulah Heights and Baca are funded by ESSER funds.

Kathy Vujcich reported that she began her work as the Community Schools Coordinator at Beulah Heights. A food pantry and clothing store are accomplishments of the Community School initiative. A Needs and Assets Assessment will be conducted. Breanne Escobar, Community Schools Coordinator at Baca Elementary, reported that a Kick-Off was held on August 12, 2022. A Back-to-School Night was held on September 14, 2022. On-site services include free haircuts, submission of Housing Authority housing applications, vision support through Academy Kids Vision, and Food Pantry referrals. Upcoming events include lessons on vision and dental care, community giveaway, In-N-Out Cookout Truck for Fall Festival, Villa Pueblo Senior Living Community Winter Performance, and Cooking Matters classes. Updates are presented to the Community Schools Advisory Committee.

District 60 Professional Development Update

Kelly Warren, Director of Professional Development, and Ted Johnson, Executive Director of Continuous Improvement and Innovation, updated the Board on Professional Development opportunities for teachers, administrators, and classified staff. Director Warren reported that teacher learning opportunities were offered through calendared professional development days (7), choice professional development and Summer Institute. Customized learning paths were offered to new teachers: Building Strong Classroom Cultures Series, Engaging Academics Series, and Teach Like A Champion Online Series. Special Education Paths

included: Special Education Series and online classes for Special Service Providers based on their job role.

2022 CASB Proposed Resolutions for Discussion

Board Member and CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) President-Elect Barb Clementi gave an overview of the Delegate Assembly. There are ten resolutions that strengthen the long standing resolutions. Twenty new resolutions submitted by a member local boards are included on the subjects of governance and finance, and student academic growth and academic. The Board of Education engaged in discussion regarding the 2022 Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Proposed Resolutions.

8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution In Support Of Safe Routes To Schools Grant

The Board of Education was asked to approve a resolution of support for the City of Pueblo to submit an application for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant on behalf of Pueblo School District No. 60. The grant, if awarded, shall make pedestrian access improvements to the areas around Park View Elementary School and Risley International Academy of Innovation.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Resolution of Support for the City of Pueblo to submit an application for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant on behalf of Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the October 13, 2022, Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Barbara Clementi**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Perko**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Resolution of Support for the City of Pueblo to submit an application for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant on behalf of Pueblo School District No. 60 as presented in the October 13, 2022, Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Absent: **1 (Margaret Wright)**. The motion (**CARRIED**). **4 - 0**

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education was asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2-3.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-3 as presented in the October 13, 2022 Board materials.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Barbara Clementi**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Perko**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 2-3 as presented in the October 13, 2022 Board materials'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Absent: **1 (Margaret Wright)**. The motion (**CARRIED**). **4 - 0**

2. Capital Projects: Dutch Clark Stadium Lighting Upgrades

The Board of Education was asked to approve an expenditure of \$153,750 from the Capital Projects Fund for field lighting replacement at Dutch Clark Stadium. Robert Lawson is the Administrator in charge.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves an expenditure of \$153,750 and appropriates the funds from the Capital Projects Fund as presented in the October 13, 2022 Board materials.

3. Approval of Unified Improvement Plans Submission to the Colorado Department of Education for Priority Improvement and Turnaround Schools Strategic Plan Alignment

Schools with a Priority Improvement or Turnaround rating as part of their school performance framework must submit a draft of their Unified Improvement Plans to the Colorado Department of Education. The Board of Education is required to approve the submission of drafts on an annual basis. Submission for 2022 includes the following schools: Risley International Academy of Innovation, Beulah Heights Elementary, Pueblo School for Arts and Sciences (Jones Campus), Roncalli STEM Academy, and Pueblo Academy of Arts.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the submission of the Unified Improvement Plans, in draft form, to the Colorado Department of Education as presented in the October 13, 2022 Board materials.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Board President Dr. Margaret Wright joined the meeting at 3.44 pm. At this time, President Wright read the following statement:

Pueblo School District 60 Board of Education, Superintendent Macaluso, District 60 and Citizens of Pueblo:

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation from the Pueblo School District 60 Board of Education, effective October 16, 2022, in order that I take time to address some health-related issues.

First, I want to say that I am so very grateful. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as a school board member. I am grateful for the trust that the citizens of Pueblo had in me by electing me to the Pueblo School District 60 Board of Education. I am grateful for the members of the Board of Education who had confidence in my leadership by electing me Vice President and then President of the Board. I consider it an honor having served. I am grateful for the school administrators, deans, faculty and support staff of each school for going in every day, fighting to do their best by our students. I am grateful for every department of D60 for supporting our District by providing great service. I am grateful for Superintendent Macaluso, her cabinet and the administrative building personnel for providing leadership and service to our schools. I am grateful for Geri Patrone and Attorney Dick Bump for their service and support for the Board.

Second, I want to encourage you all to continue the great fight for all of our Pueblo students. Honor the core values that we say we believe and stand for:

- The success of every student is our most important commitment.
- Collaboration and engagement with our community, parents, staff and students are essential to our success.
- We must act with integrity, celebrate diversity, and promote equity.
- Each individual must be treated with dignity and respect.
- The social and emotional wellbeing of our students is as important as their academic needs.
- It is our responsibility to provide a safe, positive, and supportive environment for our students and staff.

- Our community heritage, traditions, and history should inform our response to future student and district needs.

Finally, speak the truth and stand for the truth and do what is right. As quoted by Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Margaret B. Wright, President of Pueblo School District 60 Board of Education

On behalf of the Board of Education and the District 60 staff, Board Vice-President Farrell expressed gratitude to President Wright for her service over the years and said that Dr. Wright's presence on the Board will be missed. Further, Board Vice-President stated the Board will take action at its October 25, 2022 meeting to accept the resignation of Board President Wright and adopt a resolution declaring a vacancy on the Board.

Board Member Clementi asked, that given the fact the Board had recently completed the process of filling a vacancy on the Board, if there was a provision for the Board to re-visit the applications that were previously submitted. Board Vice-President Farrell stated the Board would most likely discuss how to select a person to fill the vacancy at the October 25 meeting.

On behalf of School District No. 60, Superintendent Macaluso thanked Board President Wright for her service and leadership.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Barbara Clementi)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Perko)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ' There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **(CARRIED)** . **4 - 0**