



PCCS Remote Board of Director's Meeting Approved Meeting Minutes - Open Session

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 697 198 8979
Password: 159304

Call to Order – Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:34pm CST.
- In Attendance
 - PCCS Board:
 - Nell Anen – President
 - Marcelo Chiodi – Vice President
 - Stacey White – Treasurer
 - Jim Mertz - Secretary
 - Abe Janis
 - Dan Fedor
 - JoAnn Stewart
 - Demetri Georgatsos
 - Devon Mann – joined 6:40pm
 - Staff:
 - Geoff Deigan – Executive Director
- Public:
 - Dayna Lorentz
 - Andy and Becky VanDeWeghe

Discussion Agenda

1. COVID19 Update for Opening FY21
 - *ISBE released new guidelines ~2hrs ago re: in person learning.*
 - *Parent survey went out. ~50% response rate.*
 - *Faculty/Staff survey went out.*
 - *Set up two working committees over the summer. Looking at blended and remote learning options. Guidelines with what ISBE put out today are in line with what the committee have been discussing.*
 - *If ISBE downgrades us back to phase 3 then we will return to remote learning.*
 - *Question asked if PCCS will communicate to parents in advance what the different learning methods will be. Target is before July 4th to share this information with the community.*
 - *64 page ISBE provided document that outlines various scenarios and how to respond.*
 - *Suggestion made to use single source software vs having multiple platforms for ease of use. The key driver being that the learning has to be flexible to the learner.*
 - *Discussion around what the face mask requirement will look like and potential considerations for those that chose not to wear them. Awaiting official guidance from ISBE.*
2. Update of Budget Scenarios
 - *PCTC numbers have been released and have not been affected by COVID yet. House and Senate have passed Governor's budget and there have not been any cuts made. House will reconvene in August and revisit. This could have impact on education spending as they look to balance the budget. We are currently confident that the budget approved for PCCS will not be impacted.*
 - *In April budget we forecasted a 1% PCTC increase. The actual may be closer to 3%*



****Motion made by Nell Anen to move Public Comment next. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.***

Public Comment

- Dayna Lorentz – Attended the February meeting to discuss walkers and concerns with student safety. Understands that school closures due to COVID may have put this on the back burner, but now with schools potentially opening back up, she would like to ensure the safety of the children is a priority in the long term goal planning. Also wanted to discuss continuity of learning. Has two students in the same grade band and each had different learning programs. RESPONSE: Geoff acknowledged e-learning program for the fall has not been finalized. Parent survey results have just come in and are being reviewed. With regard to safety, he indicated that he will be reaching out shortly.
- Andy/Becky – Indicated that they have two children who had very different platforms for their e-learning. Also echoed the concern on safety.

***Return to Discussion Agenda**

3. Board Goals for FY21

- Geoff suggested board do self-evaluation that may help lead us toward goals. Nell noted that INCS may have information available from the learning library.
- Reviewing how to best leverage the long-term financing surplus.
- Renewed focus on outreach within the community and with Woodland.
- Exploratory committee with regard to expanding PCCS learning outreach.
- Reflecting on how we can support underprivileged school districts
- Reflect on recruiting new members for the board.
- Investigate how board can get better parent involvement.
- Items to consider; What are the demographics of Lake County in 5 years? Who is our 2025 pool of students? How do we prepare the school for this vision? How do we pay down our debt?

4. Closed Session Minutes - 6 Month Review

- *Twice a year we need to review if our closed session minutes need to stay under closed session or can be released.*

Closed Session:

Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

5. New Employees

****Did not go into closed session. Staffing changes were discussed in open session.***

- Chris Hershiser will move to 7th grade math and science.
- Ruthann Shambaugh accepted offer for 6th grade. Contingent on background check
- Elizabeth Pondelik accepted offer. Contingent on background check.



Consent Agenda:

6. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings
 - *Motion made by Marcello Chiodi. Second by Demitri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

7. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda
 - n/a

Public Comment: *There was no additional public comment.*

Action Agenda:

- 4A. Approve Action Related to Closed Session Minutes Review
 - *Motion made by JoAnne Stewart. Second by Demitri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

- 5A. Approve New Teachers for 6th Grade and Special Education
 - *Motion made by Jim Mertz. Second by Abe Janis. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

- 8A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - *Motion made by JoAnne Stewart. Second by Devon Mann. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

New Business:

- On June 19th the injunction filed by Woodland, which had delayed the finalization of our re-charter, was dismissed.

Adjourn:

- *Motion to adjourn made by Stacey White. Second by Devon Mann. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Meeting adjourned at **8:04pm CST***

Respectfully Submitted,
James Mertz
Board Secretary