



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

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 697 198 8979  
Password: 159304

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### **Call to Order – Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:40pm CST.
- In Attendance
  - PCCS Board:
    - Nell Anen – President
    - Marcelo Chiodi – Vice President
    - Stacey White – Treasurer
    - Jim Mertz - Secretary
    - Abe Janis
    - Dan Fedor (joined 6:48pm)
    - JoAnn Stewart
    - Demetri Georgatsos
    - Devon Mann
  - Staff:
    - Geoff Deigan – Executive Director
    - Janette Siegel
  - Public
    - Kristin Bos
    - Bill Batz
    - Susan Neil
    - Jenn Ausbrook
    - Jivka Berge
    - Katie Brzezinski
    - Lynn Hahn
    - Virginie Bottero
    - Janette Siegel
    - Jim Coonan
    - Sue Ross
    - Lea-Ann Domanski
    - Kathy Lopez
    - Kristin Bos
    - Maria Anderson
    - Julie Parker
    - Marnie McKee
    - Becky Anderson
    - Jessica John
    - Dayna Lorentz
    - Agnieska Woj
    - Gabrielle White
    - Jena Mertz
    - Chenoa Kollman

*\*Note: The list above may not be a complete listing of attendees on the virtual meeting. There were 50+ participants coming in and out at various time and not all attendees had names provided.*

### **Closed Session:**

Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) - The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

1. Board -Elect Candidate(s) Interview
  - Motion to move to closed session, related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3). *Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
  - *Entered closed session at 6:45pm CT.*

### **Return to Open Session:**

Return to open session at 7:40pm CT

- Motion to move remaining closed session agenda after the Action Agenda and New Business.
  - *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*



- Motion to move up first public comments before the discussion agenda.
  - *Motion made by Demetri Georgatsos. Second by Dan Fedor. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- Return to Open Session called to order by President Nell Anen at 7:43pm CST.
- Motion to approve amended agenda
  - *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by James Mertz. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

### **Public Comment**

- Sue Ross – PCCS Parent: Would like the school to provide updated communication regarding the return to school plan.
- Dayna Lorentz – PCCS Parent: Read prepared statement in favor of reopening with special focus on the social dynamic.

### **Discussion Agenda**

1. FY20 Audited Financial Statements
  - *No questions.*
2. Legal Bills
  - *No questions.*
3. FY21 Recast Budget
  - *No additional comment.*
4. Parent Board Elect Update
  - *Ballots were distributed on 9/21/20. Parents have until 10/5/20 to submit their ballots.*
  - *Only 1 person on the ballot. Reminder that 30% of all ballots must be cast in order for the election to be considered valid.*
  - *The nominee would be seated during the October meeting should they win.*
  - *Geoff provided list of recurring board agenda events.*
5. Remote Learning Update
  - *Standing item for board agenda.*
  - *Current in 4a and will remain here until trends change. Was 4.6% in July, still is 4.6% in Lake County. Target is some consistency in the green level (under 3.0%). Have not been there since July*
  - *Geoff indicated it is likely we will remain in Phase 4A until end of 1st trimester*
  - *Question from Mr. White re: how the "Woodland Plan" would influence our decision. Response: We are monitoring what other districts are doing, but not following.*
    - *Additional comment re: focusing on skill set vs "curriculum"*
    - *Additional suggestion to consider having IEP students back in the classroom*
    - *Comment from Devon commending Geoff for sticking to a decision and shared her experience watching some school opening, then having to close again.*
    - *Question from JoAnn, asking if there have been check-ins with the staff to see how they are doing mentally and emotionally.*
  - *Question re: potential survey to parents*
  - *Question from parents re: Specials Teachers teaching Core Subjects*
    - *Geoff response: They are assisting the classrooms to help the teacher and IA. They are not teaching the core curriculum*
6. Committee Updates
  - *Election: Update was discussed earlier*
  - *Finance: Audit and Recast were already discussed*



- *Academic: Devon transitioning to Abe.*
  - *Governance: Next meeting will be in November*
  - *Outreach: Talked about mini-grant update. Outreach on helping the community. Unable to host in person events yet.*
  - *Geoff Goals:*
    - *Covid-Goal: Transition Safely*
    - *Continue to manage and oversee construction of the barn and Kennicott building*
    - *Focus on outreach of at risk students*
    - *Assisting AG with defending the Woodland suit*
7. Bi-annual Review of Closed Session Minutes/Recordings
- *No concerns expressed from members of the board*
  - *Recordings > 3/2019 can be deleted. No concerns*
8. Board Goals Update
- *Reminder that December is coming up and all training has to be complete and certificates must be turned into Janette.*

#### **Consent Agenda**

9. Leadership Team Report
- *No questions on Kim's report*
10. Financial Statements
- *No questions from the Board.*
11. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings
- *Nell noted an update needed absent*
  - *Update Kristin Bos to Bos*
  - *Motion made by Marcello Chiodi. Second by Abe Janis. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
12. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda
- *Motion made by Dan Fedor. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

*Staffing changes were discussed in open session.*

- *Resignation accepted for Matthew Johnson.*
- *Offers being made to Kyung-Ihn Shin and Laura Psimaras as full-time teachers.*
- *Offer being made to Emily Anderson as an instructional assistant.*

#### **Public Comment:**

- *Kristin Bos – PCCS Parent. Noted her appreciation of the teacher's efforts. Issued challenge to the board to "listen to the parents." Expressed concern with the "green plan" metric. Stated that PCCS should move to phase 4B.*
- *Virginie Bottero – PCCS Parent. Expressed frustration with lack of communication related to both the Covid-19 plan and the recent Woodland lawsuit.*
- *Lea-Ann Domanski – PCCS Parent. Had questions regarding the green % for reopening and how the Lake County #s are being determined.*
- *Danya Lorentz – PCCS Parent. Asked question regarding the impact of the current Woodland lawsuit now that charter commission has been dissolved.*

#### **Action Agenda:**

- 1A. Approve FY20 Audited Financial Statements
- *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by Dan Fedor. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*



2A – Approve Legal Bills for \$ 3,027.00

- *Motion made by Dan Fedor. Second by Abe Janis. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

3A – Approve FY21 Budget Recast

- *Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

7A/14A – Approve Action for Closed Session Archived Minutes

- *Motion made on 7A by Marcello Chiodi. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Motion made on 14A by Marcello Chiodi. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

13A – Accept Resignation and Approve New Employees

- *Motion made by Demetri Georgatsos. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

#### **New Business:**

- Demetri provided update on the Golf Outing last Sunday and gave thanks to those involved. ~\$1500 raised by the PSO.

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2. Board -Elect Candidate(s) Interview

Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

3. Pending and Possible Litigation

- *Motion to move to closed session, related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Entered closed session at 8:46pm CT.*

#### **Return to Open Session:**

Return to open session at 10:28pm CT

#### **Action Agenda:**

2A. Appointment of Board Elect Position(s)

- *Motion to nominate Nell Anen for Board Elect Position. Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. Nell Anen abstained.*
- *No further nominations put forth.*

#### **Adjourn:**

- *Motion to adjourn made by Stacey White. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Meeting adjourned at 10:29pm CST*

#### **Respectfully Submitted,**

James Mertz  
Board Secretary