



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

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 7:00 PM

Vicky Ranney Library  
1591 Jones Point Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030

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## **Call to Order – Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by President Nell Anen at 7:02pm CST.
- In Attendance
  - PCCS Board:
    - Nell Anen – President
    - Marcelo Chiodi – Vice President
    - Jim Mertz - Secretary
    - Stacey White – Treasurer
    - Abe Janis
    - JoAnn Stewart
    - Demetri Georgatsos
    - Ankur Bhatia
  - Staff:
    - Geoff Deigan – Executive Director
  - Public
    - Theresa Mugerditchian
- Absent: Rebekka Herrington

**Public Comment** : no public comment at this time

## **Discussion Agenda**

1. Phase 5 Update
  - Question from Ankur regarding mandates
    - We are awaiting guidance from ISBE and the State of IL.
2. Board Election Timeline
  - Jim reviewed the upcoming milestone dates for the Board Appointed and Parent-Elect cycle.
  - Abe noted that if folks aren't interested in a formal board position, there will be 2 open seats on the academic committee.
3. Student Enrollment Numbers
  - Total students = 426. Down 4 in 7th, 2 in 8th. 368 from Woodland and 58 from Freemont (about avg). More than half of offered seats declined were due in some fashion due to the pandemic (moving out of state, choosing a different option than attending a public school). Expecting to see numbers continue to move upwards. Budget was built on 428. Healthy wait list for other grades.
4. Administrative and Teacher Salary Report
  - All certified staff and administrative staff
  - Nell asked for confirmation that we are in line to meet minimum teacher salaries (\$40k) as mandated by State of IL.



## Consent Agenda

1. Directors Report
2. Financial Statements
  - Awaiting update from auditors. Planning meeting with Finance Committee chair next month. Goal to approve in meeting next month and approve with ISBE in November.
3. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings.
  - *Motion to approve May open session minutes; Motion made by Marcello Chiodi. Second by Stacey White. Approved on voice vote; abstentions by Jim Mertz and Demetri Georgatsos.*
4. Motion to Accept Reports on the Consent Agenda.
  - *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on voice vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

## Closed Session:

Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the 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.

1. Legal Bills: SPED \$ 137.50 – Lawsuit \$ 357.50
2. Pending Litigation
  - No update at this time.

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. 11. New Employee(s)

Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c) (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

1. FY 22 CBA Salary Reopener (hand carried)
  - a. Geoff noted this is reviewed every year. Look at benefits and a base increase to salaries. Reduction in PCTC from districts impacted the negotiation power for union employees. 2.5% increase for union members across the board and added \$20 to the employer contribution of the health insurance. Union voted this week and approved.
  - b. Nell commented that Geoff indicated that he will not take a raise this year in effort to help offset reduced PCTC and budgetary concerns.
  - c. Marcello asked if there has been effort to form consortium with other schools
    - i. Geoff indicated it has been reviewed but unsuccessful.
    - ii. Geoff indicated 14% increase in BCBS. This is still best available option based on the current market.

Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c) 21-Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes mandated by Section 2.06.

1. Review Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings



Note: It was noted there is no reason to go into closed session this evening. No updates on litigation. No questions on closed session minutes.

<DID NOT ENTER CLOSED SESSION>

### **Public Comment**

- Theresa Mugerditchian:
  - Question regarding clarification of PCTC.
    - Geoff explained how money follows the child from district. If the expenses for a given district goes up, PCTC goes up and vice versa. The formula is “what is the cost to educate your child”. X # of dollars follows the child to their seat. Numbers are based on attendance from two years ago.

### **Action Agenda**

4A – Approve Administrative and Teacher Salary Report

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

10A – Approve Legal Bills for \$495.00

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

11A – Approve New Employees

- *Motion made by Jim Mertz. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

13A – Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings

- *Motion made by JoAnn Stewart. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved with six 'yes' votes; abstentions by Jim Mertz and Demetri Georgatsos.*

### **New Business:**

- JoAnn requested tour of the new construction. Suggestion to do prior to beginning of next board meeting.
- JoAnn inquired about putting together committee in September for review of music education program.
- Ankur asked question regarding INCS training. Nell confirmed more information should be forthcoming in the next few days. Email should be coming from INCS
- Demetri highlighted the PSO Golf Outing on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Adjourn:**

- *Motion to adjourn made by Stacey White. Second by Abe Janis. Approved on voice vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm CST*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

James Mertz  
Board Secretary