



PCCS Board of Director's Meeting
APPROVED OPEN SESSION MINUTES
September 26, 2023, at 6:00PM
Vicky Ranney Library
1571 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Board Present

Stacey White Ankur Bhatia
Jim Mertz Matt Earl
JoAnn Stewart Rebekka Herrington

Staff Present

Geoff Deigan
Tony Zamiar

Public Present: Jennifer Diehl

Call to Order by Stacy White at 6:02 PM

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve by Nell Anen, seconded by Gabi White. On a voice call vote, all "ayes." Motion Passed.

Motion to Enter in to Closed Session for:

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-Appointed Candidates Interviews
 - Candidate 1
 - Candidate 2
 - Candidate 3
 - Candidate 4

Motion to approve by Matt Earl, seconded by Ankur Bhatia. On a voice call vote, all "ayes." Motion Passed.

Enter Closed Session at 6:07 PM

Return to Open Session at 7:36 PM

Public Comment: None

Discussion Agenda

2. 1st Reading of the Policy *500.1 Student Discipline*

Rebekka Herrington provided context and highlighted proposed changes to the policy.

3. Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings

Geoff Deigan and Stacey White reminded the board that OEM requires the review of closed session meeting minutes and verbatim records every 6 months, and that the destruction of verbatim records is standard procedure when the need for confidentiality still exists.

4. ROE Annual Inspection

Geoff Deigan outlined the purpose of the annual inspection.

5. Update on Charter Renewal

Stacey White provided an update on the application status and upcoming site visit from ISBE on September 28, 2023. ISBE will host a Town Hall in the gymnasium at 4:30 PM. Stacey White will make a statement on behalf of the board at this time; all members of the public are invited to speak for or against the recharter. ISBE is to vote on the renewal at the December Board Meeting which will be held in Springfield, IL.

6. Committee Updates

Finance Committee Ankur Bhatia provided an update on the budget recast for board review and the efforts to optimize returns from money market funds in collaboration with the bank.

Governance Committee Rebekka Herrington presented updates on Governance, which included policy changes, committee composition, and plans for a board training material watch party on November 7, 2023, at 6 PM in the Barn. The watch party will be open to the public.

Academic Excellence Committee Matt Earl discussed the recent committee topics, specifically addressing the fine arts subcommittee and its potential impact on meeting schedules.

Tony Zamiar addressed recent changes regarding social-emotional support and classroom assistance. Firstly, due to a statewide shortage of qualified candidates, the State of Illinois adjusted its minimum school social work standards. Consequently, PCCS hired a Wellness Coordinator with training akin to a social worker to support students' social and emotional needs. Secondly, PCCS has introduced rotating IA schedules for grades 3-8 to tackle IA shortages and improve classroom coordination.

Outreach Committee Geoff Deigan covered Outreach matters, focusing on transportation and opportunities related to the barn.

Election Committee Jim Mertz discussed the current board-appointed cycle timeline and plans for the committee's transition when he steps down.

Consent Agenda:

7. Recast FY24 Budget and August Financial Statements
8. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings
9. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda

Motion to approve open session minutes by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Jim Mertz. On a voice call vote, all "ayes." Motion Passed.

Motion to accept reports minutes by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Navin Chatlani. On a voice call vote, all "ayes." Motion Passed.

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.

10. Pending Litigation

11. Legal Bills

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

12. Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings from Previous Board Meetings

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.

13. One or More Classes of Employees

Motion to end closed session by Rebekka Herrington, seconded by JoAnn Stewart. On a roll call vote, all "ayes." Motion Passed.

Enter Closed Session at 8:35 PM

Return to Open Session at 8:53 PM

Public Comment none

Action Agenda:

1A. Approve Board Appointed Candidate (s)

Motion to approve the appointment of Ankur Bhatia to a second term by Matt Earl, seconded by Jim Mertz. On a roll call vote, all “ayes,” except for Ankur Bhatia who abstained. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve the appointment of Rebekka Herrington to a second term by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Navin Chatlani. On a roll call vote, all “ayes,” except for Rebekka Herrington who abstained. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Heroux to a first term by Jim Mertz, seconded by JoAnn Stewart. On a roll call vote, all “ayes.” Motion Passed.

2A. Action on Policy 500.1

No action required.

3A/12A. Approve Action for Closed Session Archived Minutes

Motion to retain the confidentiality of closed session minutes and destroy closed session meeting records more than 18 months old by Matt Earl, seconded by Nell Anen. On a voice call vote, all “ayes.” Motion Passed.

11A. Approve Legal Bills for \$ 1.821.50

Motion to approve by Gabi White, seconded by JoAnn Stewart. On a voice call vote, all “ayes.” Motion Passed.

New Business none

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Navin Chatlani. On a voice call vote, all “ayes.” Motion Passed.

Meeting ended at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekka Herrington, Secretary

A copy of the board documents for this meeting is available for viewing on the school web site.