

# **Board Briefs**

A brief synopsis of the P-CCS Board of Education Meeting

# **Board of Education**

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# June 11, 2024

# 2024-2025 Budget Hearing

**Jill Minnick**, Chief Finance & Operations Officer, gave a presentation to provide an overview of the P-CCS 2024-2025 Proposed Budget and provided an opportunity for citizens' comments.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

## **Action Items/Discussion**

- Approved the New Hire of Kayla McDaniel (Administrative Building)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of **Brent Archer** (Isbister)
- Approved the Resignation of Carolyn Hodge (Eriksson),
  Caitlin Kowalski (Salem), and Molly Merryman (West)
- Approved the Retirement of Catherine Avis (Liberty)
- Approved the Tenure Recommendation of Amy Anderson (Hulsing), Gordon Copee (Canton), Kailey Deweever (Hoben), Rachel Dooley (Plymouth), Kelsey Drewyor (Canton), Nicholas Grosz (Hulsing), Lauren Johnson (Smith), Vena Karana (Pioneer), Mayssam Khorbatly (Discovery), Matthew Knezek (Canton), Maria Laporte (Farrand), Ashlee Lengyel (Miller), Courtney MacDonald (Bird), Alyson Mann (Tonda), David McCormick (Canton), Kristen Piraine (Field), Jacqueline Popp (Liberty) Danielle Pusilo (Allen), Chrystelle Rasolonjatovo (Canton), Andrew Raven (Plymouth), Narmeen Razzaqui (Salem), Tamona Reese (Field), Oliver Rodriguez (Plymouth), Alayna Sotherland (Salem), Sarah Street (Canton), Brianna Vaughan (Tonda), Dominic Walker (Salem), and Victoria Weatherspoon (Tonda)
- Approved out-of-country field trips to France and Germany (Salem), Italy (Canton), and Peru (Plymouth)
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024, and Special Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024
- Considered Policy #2340-Field Trips & Overnight Travel and Policy #2370.01-Online/Blended Learning (First Readings)
- Considered a Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution to Adopt the 2023-2024 Final Budget Amendment (First and Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Bid Package #HS-4A Canton High School Innovation Hub/Robotics Addition (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution to Replace a Salem High School Chiller (Final Reading)

#### **Celebrating Success**

**Member Picard** presented the STARS Award (Students with Tenacity Achieving & Reaching Success) to the student staff members of P-CCS Radio Station 88.1 the Park. The station was recently recognized as the 2024 High School Station of the Year

by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, marking the seventh consecutive year it has been honored with this award. Station Managers **Bill Keith** and Assistant Manager **John Kreger** were also honored with Mary Beth Extra Miler Awards for their dedication and mentorship to 88.1 students and for contributing to the radio station's broadcasting success over the years.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Merritt** highlighted the recent P-CCS graduation commencement ceremonies and thanked the many staff members who organized these outstanding events. She congratulated the class of 2024 and wished them success in their future endeavors.

She announced a new initiative at Hulsing Elementary to promote emotional well-being and foster a supportive learning environment. This fall, Hulsing will welcome Acey, a certified Good Citizen Dog who will become a Therapy Dog, thanks to a \$6,000 donation from the Plymouth Community United Way. Acey will stay with Principal Jennifer Chambers and her family and join her at school each day.

She also shared that the Bosch Community Fund awarded P-CCS a \$48,000 grant to purchase LEGO science and engineering kits, providing K-5 students with hands-on STEM experiences.

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, Superintendent Merritt expressed her appreciation to our amazing students, teachers, and staff for an outstanding year and acknowledged the district's numerous recognitions and awards. She thanked P-CCS families, community partners, and the Board of Education for their invaluable support and commitment throughout the year to promote a culture of excellence and prepare our students for bright futures.

#### **Finance and Operations**

**Jill Minnick, Chief Finance and Operations Officer**, presented an overview of the 2023-2024 Final Budget Amendment.

#### **Citizens' Comments**

• Corinne Alt spoke on medical emergency procedures at P-CEP athletic events.

#### **Board Subcommittee Meetings**

- SPA Committee Next Meeting: TBD
- Policy Committee Next Meeting (June 25, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee (Next Meeting: June 20, 2024 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Next Meeting: TBD

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

- Regular Meeting June 25, 2024 7 p.m.
- Organizational Meeting July 23, 2024 7 p.m.