



Board of Education Meeting Minutes

[Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.]

In Attendance: Tina Ward, Alicia Gillen, Brian Maune, Dr. Linda Remele, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney

Absent: Eli Keller

Call to Order

Dr. Linda Remele

Dr. Remele called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Stephen Delaney

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Public Comments were received by email and read aloud by Board members: Dr. Linda Remele, Brian Maune, Alicia Gillen and Tina Ward regarding the Middle School Block Scheduling changes. Though not required, Dr. McNulty responded to each concern contained in the letter(s) relating to Block Scheduling.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Vote to approve Last Meeting's Minutes

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward,

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Certified P.P.C. Presentation

Brenda Robinson, Certified PPC Chairperson, greeted the Board and emphasized that we are nearing the end of the school year with only 13 days left. She expressed that our professional staff had done a tremendous job this school year through all the ups and downs of a pandemic. Ms. Robinson stated that the PPC had taken into consideration Ms. Ward's suggestion of honoring the employees of the District and are working on a plan for a stipend for all the hard work accomplished this school year. She gave a shout-out to the Education Support Professionals, Teacher of the Year nominees as well as the School Nurse Staff. Ms.



Robinson concluded that there were a lot of lessons learned, getting rid of some of the old and applying some of the new educational resources that support ALL students. She then thanked the Board and the Central Office for all of their support.

Classified P.P.C. Presentation

Emry Chesterfield, Classified PPC Chairperson, greeted the board and emphasized the closing of another school year that had been rough, due to the pandemic. He asked that the Board now show their appreciation to the employees of the District. Mr. Chesterfield wished each board member a great summer vacation.

Reports

Teacher of the Year

Jessica Duff, Executive Director of Communications, presented the names of those teachers in the District nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award. She shared that they would be honored Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the Awards Breakfast and the winner announced.

School Nurse Week Presentation

Dr. Warren presented each School Nurse a certificate and souvenir in recognition of School Nurse Week. She acknowledged their hard work and dedication to the students of the District through the sometimes difficult and trying times of a pandemic.

Inspiration in Education Award

Jessica Duff presented the Inspiration in Education Award to Nurse Amber Abbott who served as the COVID-19 response team leader.

Unitary Status and Mills University Studies High School Update

Devin Bates, one of the District's desegregation attorneys, shared with the Board that the District had been declared Unitary in the areas of Student Achievement, Discipline and Monitoring. He stated that Judge Marshall acknowledged that there was progress and good faith efforts being made in the District. Mr. Bates shares that the Board should be proud of all the hard work done by the administration to get to this point. He then shared that in the area of Facilities, the Judge compared the Mills High facility to that of Robinson Middle and that the District would need to bring it up to par. Mr. Bates added that a proposal, with input from the Intervenor, approval of the Board and fully funded would have to be submitted to the Court by August 1, 2021. Board members gave suggestions as to how they think the proposal should be developed.

Financial Updates

Ms. Rowlett

Construction Updates

Mr. Johnson

Action Items - Old Business

There was no old business.



Action Items - New Business

2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook - Dr. Janice Warren and Ryan Burgess

Vote to approve 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook

- Motion by Shelby Thomas

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Board Policy 5.26 Alternative Learning Environments - Dr. Yolaundra Williams

Vote to approve Board Policy 5.26 Alternative Learning Environments

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Replacement Computers - Pam Black

Vote to approve purchase of Replacement Computers

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



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Maumelle High School Football Field Replacement Turf - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Maumelle High School Field Replacement Turf

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Stephen Delaney

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Sylvan Hills High School Parking Lot Extension - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Sylvan Hills High Parking Lot Extension

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Maumelle High School Track and Field Design and Pricing Process

Vote to approve Maumelle High School Track and Field Design and Pricing Process

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Mills University Studies High School DRIVEN Program Design and Pricing Process

Vote to approve Mills University Studies High School DRIVEN Program Design and Pricing Process

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



Chromebooks for PreK Staff and Students - Nikki Stolzer and Scott Young

Vote to approve Chromebooks for PreK Staff and Students

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

District Classified Staff Allocation Changes for 2021-2022 - Shawn Burgess

Vote to approve Classified Staff Allocations

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Comments from the Board

Ms. Ward acknowledged the College Station Elementary Appreciation celebration for their community partners on May 7, 2021. She expressed her thanks for the hard work that was done by Ms. Evans, Ms. Nash and Ms. Carpenter for putting the celebration together. Ms. Ward added that each grade level made signs thanking the community for their support and for the increase in support for that school/area. She then thanked Senator Chesterfield for her acknowledgement of the Mills High School Basketball team championship on the Senate floor and gave a shout to Coach Cooper.

Mr. Thomas shared that he had attended the Sylvan Hills High School Student Voice meeting and was impressed with the dialogue and communication between students and school staff. He stated that these students are our future leaders and suggested the Student Voice club be started in all PCSSD schools.

Mr. Maune shared his thoughts concerning the petition from the Robinson area parents regarding the Block scheduling changes. He stated that the families intentions are pure and asked the administration to plan a follow-up with these parents and suggested a community event, a flyer with more details or an in-person meeting.

Mr. Delaney added that the administration should interface directly with the community or figure out how to do so. He stated that he felt that the concerns brought forth were organic and the administration should consider meeting with



the Robinson community and focus on the mechanics of how this block scheduling will work and explain the schedule in a practical way.

Dr. Remele gave kudos to the administration for their hard work and testimony during the Federal Desegregation Court Case this past summer. She also thanked Judge Marshall for acknowledging the District's willingness to make things right.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. McNulty began by acknowledging the new information that was published regarding COVID-19 vaccines for the 12-15 age group and stated that the District would be reviewing the information to determine if it would be feasible to provide a vaccination clinic for our students. He added that he loves the community responses and believes that the best decision will be made for all PCSSD middle schools and that the decision will not solely be a Robinson Middle School decision. Dr. McNulty appreciated the discussions surrounding Algebra I in middle school and the dialogue with all of the PCSSD communities. He announced each High School graduation schedule and that the events would be livestreamed by KATV, Channel 7. Dr. McNulty also recognized the new employees recommended for hire: Dr. Justin Luttrell, Director of STEM and Blended Learning, Michelle Camp and Teresa Moka, Assistant Principals.

Consent Agenda

Vote to approve the Consent Agenda

- Motion by Shelby Thomas

- Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

The Board took a brief recess at 8:40p.m. before beginning the Waiver/Employee hearings.

Waiver Hearings

Waiver Hearing - Raphael Farmer

Vote to approve Waiver of a Disqualifying Offense for Public School Employment for Raphael Farmer

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



Waiver Hearing - Henry Hunter, Jr.

Vote to approve Waiver of a Disqualifying Offense for Public School Employment for Henry Hunter, Jr.

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Employee Hearings/Level III Grievances

Vote to approve the recommended termination of employment contract of Erica Edmondson

Vote to approve the recommended termination of employment contract of Erica Edmondson

- Motion by Brian Maune

- Seconded by Stephen Delaney

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Adjournment

Vote to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53p.m.

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Alicia Gillen, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney

Opposed

(None)