PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Plymouth, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2021

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187.

President McCoin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Allen DuBois Little Theatre.

Present: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and, Sidhu
Absent: Members Chastang and Wilson

Administrators Present: Ms. Monica L. Merritt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Ms. Deborah Piesz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer
Ms. Bethany Rayl, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Executive Director of Student Services
Mr. Nick Brandon, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing

Others Present: Ms. Heather Fitchpatrick, PCEA President
Dr. Michael Lance, President of ExceLance Information Technology Services

Member McCoin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2021-2022 Budget Hearing

The 2021-2022 Budget Hearing (also called Truth and Taxation Hearing) was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Deborah Piesz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer, gave a presentation to provide an overview of the 2021-2022 P-CCS Proposed Budget, which must be adopted by June 30 of each year. She provided a current financial update, reviewed revenue and expenditures, and provided details regarding enrollment projections. She shared that the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate are currently reviewing legislation, which may potentially award additional funding to local school districts.

Citizens' Comments on the 2021-2022 Budget

- Michael Krot spoke about funding for the Geer School field trips.

President McCoin adjourned the Budget Hearing at 7:38 p.m. and moved into the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

A. Adoption of the Agenda/Approval of Consent Agenda

Action Item #21-06-75: It was moved by Member Sidhu and seconded by Member Brooks to adopt the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of Resignations, Retirements, Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021, and Special Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2021.

Ayes: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and Sidhu
Nays: None
The motion was carried 5-0

Resignations

Peterson, Hannah	Elementary Classroom Isbister Elementary School	Resignation Effective 6-18-21

Retirements

Brackett, Karen	Elementary Classroom Field Elementary School	Retirement Effective 6-11-21

Buhro, James	Math Pioneer Middle School	Retirement Effective 9-10-21
Depentu, Catherine	Music Secondary-MS Orchestra Canton High School	Retirement Effective 8-20-21
Dinan, Robert	Language Arts Liberty Middle School	Retirement Effective 6-11-21
Easterbrook, Mary	Speech Correction Farrand Elementary School	Retirement Effective 6-18-21
Leiting, Rebecca	Elementary Classroom Tonda Elementary School	Retirement Effective 6-30-21
Luedy, Connie	Elementary Classroom Bird Elementary School	Retirement Effective 6-30-21
Pence, Joan	Biology/Zoology Salem High School	Retirement Effective 6-30-21
West, Kathleen	Resource Room Isbister Elementary School	Retirement Effective 7-30-21

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021, and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2021, were approved as presented.

B. Celebrating Success

Member Kehoe presented the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award to Scott Milam, Plymouth High School Chemistry Teacher, who is one of three statewide finalists for the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Scott is a creative problem solver that thinks outside the box, teaches his students complex topics in an understandable way, makes science accessible and fun, and is a deserving recipient of this award.

C. Board Committee Reports/Action

President's Report - Patti McCoin

On behalf of the Board, President McCoin thanked P-CCS staff members for their dedication and hard work during this school year and wished everyone a relaxing summer. She congratulated the class of 2021 and mentioned that Board members will be participating in the Starkweather graduation ceremony on Wednesday, and the P-CEP ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday. She also mentioned that Board members will be attending tomorrow's virtual retirement celebration.

Student Performance and Achievement Committee (SPA) - Anupam Sidhu

Member Sidhu shared that the SPA Committee met on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, and reviewed the Panorama tool, which will enhance social-emotional supports for students and provide data that will assist staff members. The committee also reviewed summer school programming and fall learning plans. The next meeting will be held in August and details will be available on the school district website in late July.

Policy Advisory Committee - Patti McCoin

Member McCoin shared that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Canton High School in room #201. Everyone is welcome to attend this in-person meeting.

Finance and Operations Committee - Patrick Kehoe

Member Kehoe shared that the Finance and Operations Committee met on Thursday, June 3, 2021, and reviewed the P-CCS Public Budget Hearing Presentation as well as security equipment and copier purchases. The next F&O meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the E.J. McClendon Center and everyone is welcome to attend.

D. Administrative Reports/Recommendations

Superintendent's Report – Monica Merritt

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to an end, Superintendent Merritt expressed sincere gratitude to the entire P-CCS community for its resilience and strength, spoke about lessons learned, and indicated that our staff and students have grown strong through the challenges of the past year. She took the opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of our great students including National Merit Scholar Finalists, hundreds of President's Awards for Educational Excellence, and millions in monetary scholarships earned by the Class of 2021. She congratulated our graduating seniors, expressed how proud she is of them all, and shared graduation ceremony details for all high schools, which are scheduled for the upcoming week. She spoke about the accomplishments of our athletic teams, which include championships at the league, district, regional, and state levels at all three high schools. She also highlighted the success and recognition earned by students in the P-CEP Photography Program, the P-CEP Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and the P-CEP Student-Run Radio Station (88.1 The Park). She encouraged everyone to visit the LPT Spotlight page on the P-CCS website to read additional stories of student accomplishments and the innovative learning that occurred during this year of challenges. She also expressed how proud she is that all three P-CEP high schools were ranked in the top 50 across the state by U.S. News Best Schools.

Superintendent Merritt also spoke about the robust summer enrichment programs and learning opportunities available to support students at all levels and thanked everyone who planned and prepared to assure that learning continues at P-CCS in the coming weeks and months.

Finally, she expressed sincere appreciation to the amazing educators, administrators, and support staff across the district who showed the dedication, commitment, and passion that it takes to succeed during challenging times. As we approach the end of this pandemic, she stated that she looks forward to the future with an invigorated sense of hope, optimism, and enthusiasm.

Teaching and Learning – Bethany Rayl

2021-2022 Instructional Delivery Model Presentation

Superintendent Merritt shared the recommendation for fall learning, which includes the return to full five days of in-person learning at all grade levels. She indicated that everyone is excited to return to some sense of normalcy in the fall and that the district is ready to embark upon innovative and creative ways to meet the varied needs of our students. This recommendation is based on the work of the P-CCS Building Learning Design Teams, District Learning Design Teams, and the Reentry Task Force and includes a Virtual Academy option at all levels. Ms. Bethany Rayl, Chief Academic Officer, and members of the Teaching and Learning Team provided an overview of the fall learning plans:

Early Childhood (Pre-K) Model for 2021-2022

- Fully in-person model parallel to pre-pandemic learning
- A Virtual Academy option will also be offered for families that prefer this choice

Elementary Model for 2021-2022

- In-person five full days per week for students in grades K-5
- Includes in-person specials classes (art, physical education, music, and media) and will continue with daily SEL lessons.
- A Virtual Academy option will also be offered for families that prefer this choice

Middle School Model for 2021-2022

- In-person five full days per week for students in grades 6-8
- Six separate lunches by grade-level
- Daily advisory for SEL and academic supports will continue based on feedback from students and parents.
- A Middle School Virtual Academy option will also be offered for families that prefer this choice

High School Model for 2021-2022 (P-CEP)

- Return to in-person five full days per week for students in grades 9-12
- Six class periods per day with enrichment, support, and advisory (ESA) built into the schedule
- A High School Virtual Academy option will also be offered for families that prefer this choice

High School Model for 2021-2022 (Starkweather Academy)

- Continue with current in-person schedules – Four classes per day with one being an academic support seminar
- Remain on the current quarter system

Special Education Program for 2021-2022

- GOALS and Madonna Programs - Five full days per week
- Cognitively Impaired (CI), Emotionally Impaired (EI), and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) programs will follow the elementary, middle school, and high school schedules.

P-CCS is committed to being in a five day per week in-person plan this fall. Based on valuable lessons learned through the pandemic, the district shared recommended hybrid and remote plans in the event they were ever necessary. Additional fall information will be shared in early August including transition opportunities between in-person and virtual academy options, daily schedules, and all other information that is traditionally communicated during the summer. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is currently working to update its COVID-19 guidance for schools. The district will provide updates to the school community on fall mitigation strategies once guidance is received from the state.

Board members were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

Final Reading Resolutions

- **Action Item #21-06-76:** It was moved by Member Brooks and seconded by Member Kehoe to Approve a Resolution to Purchase High School Practical Law Curriculum Resources at a cost of $14,967.00. This purchase includes textbooks, teacher materials, and online components (Final Reading).

  Ayes: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and Sidhu
  Nays: None
  The motion was carried 5-0

- **Action Item #21-06-77:** It was moved by Member Brooks and seconded by Member Kehoe to Approve a Resolution to Purchase High School Social Studies Curriculum Resources. The cost for purchasing the recommended learning materials is $417,150.24. This total includes a classroom set of textbooks, teacher training materials, and digital access for all students for six years (Final Reading).

  Ayes: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and Sidhu
  Nays: None
  The motion was carried 5-0

- **Action Item #21-06-78:** It was moved by Member Brooks and seconded by Member Kehoe to Approve a Resolution to Purchase Elementary Media Curriculum Resources for $104,354.90. This purchase will ensure that all students will have access to the same materials and experiences (Final Reading).

  Ayes: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and Sidhu
  Nays: None
  The motion was carried 5-0

In-Person Learning Survey for P-CCS Safe Start Students (Presentation)

Dr. Michael Lance, President of ExceLance Information Technology Services, gave a presentation to provide an overview of the data collected from the May survey that was sent to the parents of P-CCS Safe Start parents. He indicated that this survey was sent from district emails to avoid spam designations and that parents also received reminder emails. Trends from the March, April and May surveys were reviewed. He stated that the overall response rate was 25% and that this is considered a perception survey. Superintendent indicated that this data will continue to be provided to school principals so they can respond to the results.

Board members were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

Finance and Operations – Deborah Piesz

First Reading Resolutions

- Consider a Resolution to Award Contracts for Paging and Security Needs BP-EL to SoundCom Systems in an amount not to exceed $99,120.00 and to Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed $112,559.32. The total awarded amount will be $211,679.32 and will be funded with 2020 Bond proceeds. Mr. Mark Salzer, Director of Integrated Technology Systems, was present to answer questions (First Reading).

- Consider a Resolution to Purchase 38 Multi-Functional Printers (Copiers) from Konica Minolta Business Solutions, U.S.A., Inc. in an amount not to exceed $295,761.55 funded by the 2020 Bond proceeds and purchased via the Association of Educational Purchasing. Additionally, an amount not to exceed $63,750.60 from the general fund will also be contracted with KMBS for the renewal of continued facilities management of the Canton Print Shop (First Reading).

- Consider a Resolution to Approve 2021 Bond Refunding of 2012 and 2013 Bond Issues Proposal. Ms. Deborah Piesz, Chief Finance and Operations Director, indicated that new legislation allows outstanding bonds to be refinanced to take advantage of current, low interest rates. Refunding these bonds will reduce taxes to the community (First Reading).

Board members were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

E. Citizens' Comments

- A Canton High School student spoke about block scheduling at P-CEP.
- Jennifer Kompoltowicz and Mike Kompoltowicz spoke about mask requirements.

F. Action Items/Discussion

Future Agenda Topics

- The Board discussed possibly adding Mandatory Expulsion Training to a future Board meeting.

Discussion

- The Board discussed and proposed scheduling the annual Organizational Board meeting for July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- It was decided that Board officer positions for the 2021-2022 school year will be discussed at the June 22, 2021 Board meeting. Any member who would like to serve in this capacity will come prepared to discuss their interest.

Action Items

- **Action Item #21-06-79:** It was moved by Member Kehoe and seconded by Member Brooks to Approve a Resolution for a Cooperative Education Program Agreement between Wayne-Westland Community School District and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year (First and Final Reading).

  Ayes: Members Brooks, Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, and Sidhu
  Nays: None
  The motion was carried 5-0

G. Follow-up Board Questions

- None

H. Adjournment

President McCoin adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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Doug Brooks
Secretary, Board of Education

*Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on 6-22-21.