

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      6:01 – 8:27 p.m.      April 19, 2023

### Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer  
Bill Brockob  
Charles Zona  
Becky Walters  
Mary Lenzen  
Tarryne Marchione  
David Negrón

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### ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Kathleen Tomei, and Brianne Malatt. Community members Kyriaki Sierra and Erick Sierra.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Nayali Negrón who served on the student interview committee to hire the new Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

### OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

### ACTION NO. 27

#### Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of March 15, 2023 Board meeting; closed session minutes of March 15, 2023; payment of March payroll/April warrants; April personnel report; amendment of superintendent's contract, superintendent contract 2023-2028. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Negrón).

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Facilities Development

Dr. Palzet informed the Board that due to ongoing issues with the LTHS Willow Springs property, the district has been forced to seek out alternative locations and consider alternative projects to improve the school experience for our students. Despite these delays, the district is still on track to meet quarter two goals.

#### Freshman Preparedness/Outcomes

The LTHS class of 2026 completed a survey on how well-prepared they felt they were for the rigors of high school. 90% of Pleasantdale graduates completed the survey. Dr. Palzet presented this information and an overview of our graduates' first-semester grades to the Board. Our graduates rate themselves high, with over 90% of students rating themselves as either "great" or "good" when asked how well

prepared they are for the academics of high school. Likewise, most of our students earned As and Bs in their core classes.

*Professional Learning Update*

Dr. Jennifer Ban provided the Board with an update on our professional development program and summer learning for our staff. She shared that our professional development program centered around three main areas: Differentiated Instruction, Social/Emotional Learning, and Instructional Technology. Additionally, Dr. Ban explained the curriculum projects and teacher learning that will take place this summer.

*Summer Construction/Maintenance Update*

Griffin Sonntag provided the Board with an overview of the summer maintenance projects and building improvements that are set to begin in June. The projects fall into three categories: Improved Instructional Spaces, School Safety, and Operational Improvements. These include upgrades to classroom furniture, improved classroom technology, painting and flooring projects, and improvements to our HVAC systems.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 28

Closed Session

Motion by Walters, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:09 p.m. to discuss the following items: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); student disciplinary cases 5 LCS 120/2(c)(9); Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8). Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Cabana, Lenzen, Zona, Walters, Brockob, Marchione, Negron).

The Board came out of closed session at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Negron, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:27 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_