

PONTIAC ACADEMY for EXCELLENCE
School Board Meeting
196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac, MI. 48342
July 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order – B. Anderson called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call – M. Richardson

Present: B. Anderson, P. Carroll, M. Richardson, T. Layman,
P. Karsten, L. Trafton and G. Graham

Absent: A. Patrick

We have a quorum

Approval of Minutes for the June 6, 2017– School Board Meeting

17-07935 - B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. T. Layman motioned to approve.

L. Trafton seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved

Approval of Minutes for the June 6, 2017– Budget Hearing

17-07936 - B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. P. Karsten motioned to approve.

P. Carroll seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved

(A) Non-Action Items

- Correspondence and Communication
- Pledge of Allegiance

1) Superintendent/CAO Report

Dr. Spruill reported on the following:

- Summer School
- Meet up and Eat Up
- Pop Up Sports
- Re-enrollment
- Contacted Parents Re: Enrollment
- Construction in Restrooms & Conference rooms
- Infrastructure
- Fiber Optic Access
- Civil Rights Deadline
- Transportation
- Teen Clinic
- Teachers Needs
- 1.3 Years of Growth
- Restorative Practices
- School & Prison Pipeline
- Catching our Students up
- **Points of Pride:** Introduced Ms. Shelly Chapman (SPED Coordinator/Director)

Discussion Followed

- 2) Elementary, Middle and High School Principal *Did Not Report*
- 3) Special Services Report *Did Not Report*
- 4) Parent Involvement and Athletics *Did Not Report*

New Business

- Added three resolutions to the board agenda action items: Kagan, GPS and Restoration Practices.

Public Comment

- Ms. Evans – reports cards and changes with the staff.
- Mr. Coleman – changes in the staff and middle school.
- Ms. Nix – disappointed that our parent liaison, Mr. Nick Williams will not be returning; transportation, subs and principals.
- Ms. Dristy – disappointed that our parent liaison, Mr. Nick Williams will not be returning; graduation issues, spoke about losing staff and her 18 year history with the school; spoke about Mr. Saripalli and him not being a CPA. Also, stated that she will be sticking around even though she no longer has students at the school.

Board Member Comments

- Anderson: Asked Dr. Spruill to meet with the parents that spoke after the board meeting.
- Anderson: Our children our advancing; we are doing better than most students on our level.
- Anderson: Our students are going to be the best in the State.
- Anderson: We need to find a way to share our GPS numbers with the parents.
- Carroll: The numbers are looking good for students.
- Carroll: Our growth is better than some schools in certain areas.
- Carroll: We owe GPS a great round of applause for their work.
- Carroll: Is GPS comfortable with our staffing for the upcoming year?
- Carroll: Will you (Dr. Plum) still be with us this upcoming school year?
- Graham: Who has had Restorative Practices training?
- Graham: Is the merit/retention pay a one-time payout
- Richardson: Spoke about Culture University.
- Richardson: Who is following up on the summer school testing?
- Spears-Boothe: How does Restorative Practices help our students?

GPS Presentation/Dr. Swiecki

- Instruction Learning Cycle (ILC)
- Thank you for having GPS back
- 1.3 Years Growth
- Introduction of new team member Ms. Caldwell
- Building Capacity and Best Practices
- Weekly Notes
- Project Report
- Hitting all targets
- Looking at every student
- Cohort Data
- Reading
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Data Minded Team
- What do we need to do to meet the needs of all our students?
- Build Capacity in our staff
- We need to applaud our teachers
- I am comfortable with the staffing
- Board can call her at anytime

GPS Presentation/Dr. Plum

- Excited about coming back
- Excited about the new leaders

(B) Action Items

- 17-07937 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve Financial Reports. P. Karsten motioned.
S. Spears-Boothe seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07938 – B. Anderson recommended receipt and acceptance of new hires report from CSSM. P. Karsten motioned.
S. Spears-Boothe seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07939 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the Schedule 5 Description of Education Program and Educational Goals.
P. Carroll motioned.
S. Spears-Boothe seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07940 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the 2017-18 MHSAA Resolution. T. Layman motioned.
P. Karsten seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07941 – B. Anderson recommended a reiteration of approval for the 2017-18 General Budget (Board approved on June 6, 2017).
P. Karsten motioned.
T. Layman seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07942 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the Kagan Professional Development Contract. P. Karsten motioned.
S. Spears-Boothe seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07943 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the BIG Group, PLC for Restorative Practices. P. Karsten motioned.
T. Layman seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved
- 17-07944 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the Global Psychological, PLC performance for the 2016-17 school year.
P. Karsten motioned.
T. Layman seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved

Adjournment

- 17-07945 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. L. Trafton motioned.
S. Spears-Boothe seconded Ayes 8 Nays 0 Approved

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Mary Richardson, Secretary


Date