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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Board Meeting (Budget)

Date and Time
Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Location
Gilbert Hall, Palisades Charter High School
15777 Bowdoin Street Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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Trustees Present

Andrew Paris, Avi Massaband, David Pickard IV, Karen Ellis, Maggie Nance, Monica Batts-King, Peter Garff, Sara Margiotta, Sarah Crompton

Trustees Absent
Melissa Schilling, Robert Rene, Saken Sherkhanov

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee, Juan Pablo Herrera

Guests Present
Jeff Roepel

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Sara Margiotta called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Tuesday Jun 6, 2023 at 5:10 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Nancy Goodstein: I've learned that some Pali students avoid certain science courses due to their aversion to the required cat dissection. I then learned that local shelters euthanize animals unnecessarily as they are paid money for the animals sold for this kind of scientific experimentation. Basic research shows that Pali would not only save money by purchasing reusable simulated models for dissection practice, which many consider to be more effective in teaching biology, and also avoid what I fear is a teaching of a lack of empathy by the method employed currently. I am happy to do a well-researched comparison report on viable options if this something which would be considered.

Kyle Finch: Kindness, tolerance, and respect for other sis one of the most important things we can teach our students. As it pertains to vaccine mandates that were pushed on so many of us. It was a miserable failure on part of the school to force a medical treatment on young people. We have come so far that we don't have to look back. Children's lives were really impacted by this. There are kids that never made it back to Pali because you forced them out because you mandated it. Those kids have many mental health issues and I hope that you take time over the break to evaluate your COVID vaccine mandate.

Monica Batts-King: Senior parents are a little confused that there were not yard signs and the senior advisor said there were many left over from last year and there was not

interest. Parents are also upset that students cannot take their backpack to the restroom. Pali also needs to to look at a black graduation, where black students have their own ceremony, which many other schools in the area do. I think this is something that TVN or some leader needs to look into. Ticket limitations for graduation are an issue and this is something else the school sneeds to figure out so every family members and friends can attend. We had a scholarship ceremony last week and only students are notified, but not parents. Some students got an award and parents were not even aware of the event.

D. Approve Minutes

Karen Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-16-23.
Andrew Paris seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent
Karen Ellis	Aye
David Pickard IV	Aye
Avi Massaband	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Sarah Crompton	Abstain
Maggie Nance	Abstain
Peter Garff	Aye
Robert Rene	Absent
Melissa Schilling	Absent

II. Board Committees (Stakeholder Board Level Committees)

A. Budget & Finance Committee Update

Sara Margiotta: We went through what is in the budget yesterday and are making recommendations to the board for contract renewals. Budget and Finance Committee minutes are available in the board materials.

Sarah Crompton: One board meeting we discussed the increase in bus fare and the scholarship money for families. The increase in the bus fare ended up being lower than what was expected. What happens to that money?

Sara Margiotta: We adjust everything to the CPI and we can look at any cost savings, which ended up saving every rider money.

III. Board Committees (Board Members Only)

A. Board Members Only- Committee Updates

Grade Appeal Committee: One where we upheld the teacher's grade and one still in process and will report out at the next meeting.

IV. Finance

A. 2023-2024 CharterSAFE Insurance renewal

Juan Pablo Herrera presented the CharterSAFE Insurance renewal proposal, which can be found in the board materials.

Sarah Crompton: Why did we have less enrollment for students?

Juan Pablo Herrera: Every student that we have enrolled, which affects our insurance rate. We have lower students than what was projected, so that lower number adjusted the insurance rate.
Avi Massaband made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 CharterSAFE insurance renewal.
Maggie Nance seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Avi Massaband	Aye
David Pickard IV	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye
Sarah Crompton	Aye
Robert Rene	Absent
Peter Garff	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Karen Ellis	Aye
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent

B. 2023-2024 American Transportation System renewal

Juan Pablo Herrera presented the 2023-2024 American Transportation System renewal proposal.
Sara Margiotta made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 American Transportation System renewal with the correction on the April CPI.
Maggie Nance seconded the motion.
Sarah Crompton: Where is it written that the lower cost will be reflected?

Sara Margiotta: It is all reflected in the budget that Budget and Finance Committee approved.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Robert Rene	Absent
David Pickard IV	Aye
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent
Sarah Crompton	Aye
Avi Massaband	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Karen Ellis	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Peter Garff	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye

C. Director of Discipline, Activities, Athletics & Security Contract

Juan Pablo Herrera presented the Director of Discipline, Activities, and Security Contract.
David Pickard IV made a motion to approve the Director of Discipline, Activities, Athletics & Security Contract.
Monica Batts-King seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Robert Rene	Absent
Maggie Nance	Aye
Avi Massaband	Aye
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Karen Ellis	Aye
Peter Garff	Aye
David Pickard IV	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Sarah Crompton	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent

D. APEX/Acellus

Juan Pablo Herrera presented the APEX/Acellus and the recommendation is to stick with Acellus.
Monica Batts-King made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Acellus license.
Sara Margiotta seconded the motion.
Sara Crompton: I use Acellus currently and we have used APEX before?

Juan Pablo Herrera: Yes, we switched about 4 years ago from APEX.

Sarah Crompton: What is going to be the vetting process?

Dr. Pam Magee: It will be a committee of teachers and administrators.

Maggie Nance: I am generally concerned that the education that these kids are getting from these online programs is not the same experience they are getting in the classroom. The low quality and issue of academic integrity is an issue and it is something we need to really have to examine. We need to do better for the rigor of our online kids. This is a commonly held concern amongst department chairs and teachers of the Virtual Academy.

Monica Batts-King: We have to realize that a lot of colleges have online classes, but the way in which the world is going is a reality. We should focus on providing quality online education, rather than the small issues with cheating.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Avi Massaband	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye
Karen Ellis	Aye
Maggie Nance	Abstain
Sarah Crompton	Abstain
David Pickard IV	Abstain
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Andrew Paris	Abstain
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent
Robert Rene	Absent
Peter Garff	Aye

E. 1:1 Device Program

Juan Pablo Herrera presented the 1:1 Device Program proposal.

Maggie Nance: We are going to spend almost a million dollars on the computers, but you are only asking for what?

Juan Pablo Herrera: I am asking to use the ESSER money to cover the cost.

Sara Margiotta: $903,712 is money that was allocated for technology that we have not used.

Sarah Crompton: Why is it only $1,650 computers?

Juan Pablo Herrera: We bought about $1,500 student devices previously from learning loss money.

Sarah Crompton: Are those Chromebooks or Lenovos?

Jeff Roepel: They are yoga computers from Lenovo.

Peter Garff: The $1,500 bought in 2022 are the same as the $1,650 we are buying now?

Jeff Roepel: Yes, they are the same, just slightly newer.

Peter Garff: After the few initial years that we are taking money out of this grant, will the money then from from the general funds?

Juan Pablo Herrera: Yes, we have set about $300,000 for expected costs in the future. We have a plan to ease into the recurring costs as they begin.

Sara Margiotta: One of the things we did in our proposal was to make sure this is a sustained cost and we included language so that this would be covered for 2024-2025.

Sarah Crompton: The minutes from the budget committee say that we want 1:1 for next year, but are we also voting on the new language that is included in the proposal?

Sara Margiotta: Those minutes are not up yet and will be soon.

Sarah Crompton: The committee states that the school needs to find cost saving measures elsewhere to maintain the program. That is confusing.

Sara Margiotta: If this is a priority, we have looked in the past at other costs of the school in order to cover high priority costs to maintain the program.

Karen Ellis: We already have about half of what we need, but we are going to replace older computers as they age out?

Sara Margiotta: The plan is that on year 2 we will take the best half of what we have to get us through year 2 and replenish 25% each year after.

Peter Garff: I think there are a lot of concerns on this issue with students and ASB has been researching and discussing the benefits and the cost of this initiative and find that the benefits outweigh the cost. We have recently received a lot of clarity and student leaders in ASB are in support.

Maggie Nance: That is very different from what I am hearing from other student leaders. It is difficult to get a feel on how the students and faculty feel about this when we have not truly run a poll. People are really torn on this and I think kids really don't want this, as well as some parents that want all of the devices connected. This is a ton of money that could be spend elsewhere.

Sara Margiotta made a motion to approve the 1:1 device program as recommended by the CBO provided an additional $300,000 is set aside in 2024-2025 and it is a priority to replenish the tech reserve for future tech expenses if PCHS ever needs to use the reserve monies.
Avi Massaband seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Karen Ellis	Aye
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent
Avi Massaband	Abstain
David Pickard IV	Abstain
Maggie Nance	Abstain
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Robert Rene	Absent
Andrew Paris	Abstain
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Abstain
Sarah Crompton	Abstain
Peter Garff	Aye

V. Executive Director/Principal (EDP) Evaluation Update

A. EDP Evaluation Update

Sara Margiotta: The evaluation committee will be meeting with Dr. Magee to review the self-evaluation and all stakeholders are able to contribute through stakeholder trustees. If you are a stakeholder representative that is not on the evaluation committee, please share that with a committee member.

At the end of the evaluation process, if the review is satisfactory or better, the contract renewal will be voted on at the June 20th meeting. We are working on creating a new evaluation process that will do a better job collecting input from stakeholders.

VI. Consent Agenda: Finance Items

A. School Organized Conferences/Trips

Maggie Nance made a motion to approve the school organized Envirothon Competition on July 19-29, 2023 in Sackville, New Brunswick, chaperoned by Mr. Steve Engelmann.
Sarah Crompton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

David Pickard IV	Aye
Peter Garff	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye

Roll Call	
Karen Ellis	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Saken Sherkhanov	Absent
Robert Rene	Absent
Avi Massaband	Aye
Sarah Crompton	Aye
Melissa Schilling	Absent
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye

VII. New Business / Announcements

A. Announcements / New Business

The date of the next board meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5 p.m. in Gilbert Hall.

B. Announce items for closed session, if any.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Pickard IV

Documents used during the meeting

- Budget Com Meeting Minutes 05_31_2023.pdf
- Special Budget Com Meeting Minutes 05_30_2023.pdf
- CharterSAFE - 2023-24 Insurance Proposal.pdf
- ATS - 2023-24 Transportation Renewal.pdf
- Acellus - Board Materials.pdf
- 1 to 1 Device Program - Materials & Projected Costs.pdf