



PERRIS UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 30, 2020

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., President
Trustee Dr. Jose Luis Araux, Vice President
Trustee Edward Garcia, Jr., Clerk
Trustee David Nelissen, Member
Trustee Dr. Randall Freeman, Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Grant Bennett, Superintendent; Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent – Business Services; Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources; Dr. Charles Newman, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services; Joseph Williams, Executive Director – Technology; Julie Zierold, Director – Curriculum & Instruction; Amil Alzubaidi, Director – Special Education; Robert Brough, Director – Pupil Services; and James Heckman, Assistant Director – Technology

Others Attending:

Anna Fetzner, Sarah Rico and others

PUBLIC NOTICE

1.1 PUBLIC NOTICE: The writings, documents, or public records described in SB No. 343 are available at the District Office, currently located at 155 East Fourth Street, Perris, CA 92570

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 CALL TO ORDER: The President of the Board of Trustees Will Call the Perris Union High School District Special Meeting to Order

The President of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

3.1 INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Closed Session Items Only

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees on Closed Session Items.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4.1 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: The Board of Trustees Will Discuss Items Listed in this Section

- 4.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
 - Employee Group: Perris Secondary Educators Association (PSEA), Agency Representative: Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources;
 - Employee Group: California School Employees Association (CSEA), Agency Representative: Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Jose Luis Araux)** moved, Member **(David Nelissen)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adjourn into Closed Session to discuss the items listed in this section:

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Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**, Absent: **1 (Edward Garcia, Jr.)** The motion **PASSED 4 - 0 - 1.**

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Yes |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Yes |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Absent |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5.1 RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board Meeting Will Reconvene at Approximately 5:00 p.m.

The President of the Board of Trustees reconvened the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6.1 INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Non-Agendized Items

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

STUDY SESSION

7.1 STUDY SESSION: The Board of Trustees Will Conduct a Study Session Regarding the Reopening Plans for the 2020-21 School Year

Grant Bennett, Superintendent, read the following questions / statement from Pinacate Middle School teacher, Vickey Mueller:

If the decision of the board is to return to school with no changes in the schedule and/or hybrid sessions, what will the district do if someone tests positive for the virus?

What will happen if someone is ordered to quarantine?

Will they use their sick days?

Will we shut down for cleaning?

How will we be notified if that happens?

What is the plan for sports, PE, art and music where students share materials and work together?

If students are not allowed to share materials how will we manage the number of students with no materials every day?

With the budget cuts of the last few years resulting in teachers purchasing pencils, paper and other materials for students to borrow, I cannot imagine that they will be prepared to purchase enough for students every day.

What assurances can we get from the board that materials will be available for students?

STUDY SESSION (cont.)

While I understand the need for our students to return to school, I am concerned for the teachers and staff members that could be affected by an asymptomatic carrier.

Grant Bennett, Superintendent, Dr. Charles Newman, Assistant Superintendent, Julie Zierold, Director - Instruction & Curriculum, Robert Brough, Director - Pupil Services, and Amil Alzubaidi, Director - Special Education, gave a presentation to the Board outlining several education options for the reopening of the 2020-21 school year.

Trustee Araux thanked the educational team for the work done on the presentation. He did address on the following:

Clarification on AB77 which states that in-person instruction should be offered to the greatest extent possible, only allowing distance learning under two circumstances: (1) As a result of an order or guidance from a state or local public health officer and (2) For pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19.

Trustee Araux also requested clarification on the survey sent out to parents and students asking which option was preferred. He understood that approximately 52 percent of parents surveyed were in favor of a traditional model with students being slightly higher.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Charles Newman, confirmed that the vast majority of parents did choose the traditional model of learning.

Trustee Araux then asked if teachers started addressing the essential standard form of assessments that are designed for a distance learning model.

Dr. Newman responded that the teachers started working last school year with the standards based grading. Departments like Math and Language Arts are in a good place with other departments working hard to identify those standards. There will be continued training and support to help the teachers as well. Julie Zierold, Director of Instruction & Curriculum, also confirmed that both the English and Math departments have already identified essential standards per their grade level. The Science department is currently in the process of identifying standards, and the middle school teams are already finished with the high school teams about 75 percent done.

Trustee Araux asked what are the expectations, or what can they expect coming from the parents view? Are we prepared for parents who are requesting distance learning? Based on AB77 recommending traditional learning, is the District able to enforce the 6 ft distance learning with 36 students in the classroom. Is the District looking at staggering schedules?

Dr. Newman reported that currently AB77 has been pushed back to the Senate for a third reading. Administration will continue to monitor its progress and proceed with making adjustments as needed. He also clarified that at this time the District is able to offer distance learning.

STUDY SESSION (cont.)

Superintendent, Grant Bennett, reminded the Board that students can attend the District's online school, Scholar+ as another learning option.

Joseph Williams, Executive Director of Technology, added that prior to schools going out due to COVID, a lot of the teachers were already doing authentic assessments. One example is the English department using journaling and utilizing technology tools. This will also work into a blended or hybrid model of learning. The World Language department has been doing formative assessments in a face-to-face model using online tools.

Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent, stated that SB98, which is the education trailer bill, and AB77 have some similar language in that the education trailer bill allows school districts their instructional minutes through a combination of traditional and face-to-face hybrid. However, AB77 then goes into those additional complexities that Dr. Newman addressed. She did clarify that there is no relief in instructional minutes with regard to annual or calendar days so it remains at 180.

Trustee Freeman shared the following statement that was sent out by CSBA explaining that the state is not trying to be difficult about using distance learning, or even hybrid. Their preference is that school districts try to do as much as possible on the traditional model.

"Responding to concerns from CSBA and other education organizations, Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) clarified that the intent is to encourage as much in-person instruction as possible given the circumstances, and not to preempt hybrid learning models. "This section is intended to grant flexibility to and LEA to determine what instructional model the LEA will adopt during the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into account the needs of their students and staff, and their available infrastructure, provided the model adheres to an applicable state or local public health order or guidance."

Trustee Nelissen shared that although he agrees with other trustees' comments, the District needs to be prepared if AB77 goes through. Unfortunately, that does limit PUHSD's ability to deliver on-line instruction if necessary. In reference to Ms. Mueller's previous statement, Trustee Nelissen asked if there were precautions in place in the event someone does come down with COVID-19 in the classroom.

Candace Reines shared that as more is being learned about the disease, things are always changing. One of the next steps is to continue working with the District's various task forces including Health & Wellness, Campus Access, and Campus Environment. The District is working on developing, through the various committees, a flow chart. As an example, from the teacher's perspective and the health tech, what are the signs and symptoms that you're looking for? What do you do if you observe, or think you might observe this? What's the next step? If there's a student in the classroom with a fever, that is handled differently. Everyone is working on making real clear guidelines, flow charts for teachers and staff along with the guidelines and recommendations. At the moment the District is just dealing with staff members. If a person is infected with COVID, they become a case and go into isolation. A person who is in contact with that case will go into quarantine.

Trustee Nelissen asked if AB77 does not go through, and schools are allowed to have parents opt out of traditional to go into online learning, will the District have teachers designated at each site to deliver

STUDY SESSION (cont.)

instruction? Would they have to just be online teachers or will they be all under the umbrella of online schools?

Dr. Newman explained that administration is looking at individual school sites. He reiterated the importance of obtaining exact numbers to see what the demand is at each site.

Trustee Nelissen asked if the 36:1 ratio would still fall under the distance learning model. Dr. Newman clarified that yes, it would.

Trustee Araux followed up on what Mr. Nelissen was commenting on in that each site is going to have the teachers provide distance learning. But, are the teachers going to be teaching both formats? Will a teacher be teaching three sections online and three sections face-to-face? Based on that question, since this would be a change in working condition, will this be negotiated with the union?

Dr. Newman confirmed that it is a possibility that teachers will be teaching in both models. However, that depends on the number of students that elect to go into a distance learning model.

Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, explained that the District has been working very closely with both bargaining units. Conversations will be ongoing as statuses are updated.

Trustee Stafford asked if another survey will be going out to the parents and students.

Dr. Newman replied that pre-registration will be going out to parents tomorrow. It is similar to the survey as the schools will be able to get hard numbers in regards to the percentage of parents requesting to go all digital distance learning for next year. The student would then be placed on a schedule. He added that although there is some flexibility built in, once the student is on a set schedule, that has to be maintained due to class sizes requiring a 36:1 contractual ratio. The ratio cannot go over.

Mr. Garcia asked if a student went to the school directly without pre-registration, would they be turned away or allowed to sit in a classroom?

Dr. Newman explained that the goal is to work with each individual family to determine what the student needs in regards to their education. With face-to-face learning, there's some flexibility. However, that would have to be a part of their schedule. As an example, if there is a lab class, that would be taken into consideration and worked into their schedule. However, he reiterated that once the student is on their set schedule, it needs to be maintained due to class size restrictions.

7.2 STUDY SESSION: The Board of Trustees Will Conduct a Study Session Regarding the State Budgetary Update

Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent, provided the Board an update on the State / District budget.

Trustee Araux asked if there is a timeframe in terms of how the budget will affect PUHSD specifically.

STUDY SESSION (cont.)

Ms. Reines stated that she will be able to provide more accurate information at the July 30th special board meeting. There are still many unknowns and variables that need to be formulated into the final budget.

Trustee Garcia asked if the unions had buy in with regard to reopening.

Mr. Skorpanich assured that the unions have been a part of the entire process.

ADJOURNMENT

8.1 ADJOURNMENT: Special Meeting June 30, 2020

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Edward Garcia, Jr.)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adjourn the June 30, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees" at 6:41 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**, Absent: **1 (Dr. Randall Freeman)** The motion **PASSED 4 - 0 - 1.**

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| Dr. Jose Luis Araux | Yes |
| Dr. Randall Freeman | Absent |
| Edward Garcia, Jr. | Yes |
| David Nelissen | Yes |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. | Yes |

Grant Bennett, Superintendent

Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., President

Edward Garcia, Jr., Clerk