



PERRIS UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES January 20, 2021

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Jose Luis Araux, President
Trustee Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., Vice President
Trustee Randall Freeman, Clerk
Trustee David Nelissen, Member
Elizabeth Vallejo, Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Grant Bennett, Superintendent; Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent – Business Services; Dr. Charles Newman, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services; Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources; Joseph Williams, Executive Director – Technology; James Heckman, Assistant Director – Technology; Audrey Mitchell, Director – Nutrition Services; Rick Linsalato, Field Supervisor – Nutrition Services; Julie Zierold, Director – Curriculum and Instruction; Amil Alzubaidi, Director – Special Education; Dr. Casaundra McNair, Coordinator – Special Education; Jennifer Thomasian, Principal – Paloma Valley High School; and Dr. Igor Milosavljevic, Principal – California Military Institute

Others Attending:

Josh Rushing, Christopher Tinajero, Juno Fernandez, Deatra Lee, Jennifer West, Sarah Rico, Anna Fetzner, 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

1.2 PUBLIC NOTICE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the public meetings of the District's governing board, please contact the office of the District Superintendent at (951) 943-6369, ext. 80102. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accommodation and accessibility to this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The President of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 3:34 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 PUPIL MATTERS - Pursuant to Education Code §48912 and §48918
- 4.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT – Pursuant to Government Code § 54957
- 4.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE - Pursuant to Government Code §54957
- 4.5 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. Randall Freeman)** 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:

- 4.2 PUPIL MATTERS - Pursuant to Education Code §48912 and §48918
- 4.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT – Pursuant to Government Code § 54957
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 - Employee Group: California School Employees Association (CSEA), Agency Representative: Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources."

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (cont.)

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	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 5:01 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

6.1 INVOCATION: Trustee Freeman

Trustee Freeman requested a moment of silence for Mr. Brad Crager, English teacher at Perris High School who passed away from COVID and for his brother in law Dennis McClurry who has been in a medically induced coma the last three weeks due to COVID.

RECESS

7.1 RECESS: The Board President Will Recess the Meeting at Approximately 5:01 p.m. to Conduct the Regular Board Meeting of the California Military Institute Charter School

The President of the Board of Trustees called for a recess of the meeting at 5:05 p.m. to conduct the regular Board Meeting of the California Military Institute charter school. The regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

8.1 REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA: January 20, 2021

ORIGINAL - Motion

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA (cont.)

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(David Nelissen)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve any revision/adoption/ordering of the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Perris Union High School District Board of Trustees for January 20, 2021."
Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

ORAL REPORTS

9.1 Report Out of Closed Session

There was no report out of Closed Session.

9.2 District Update by the Superintendent

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Superintendent Grant Bennett introduced Kirk Skorpanich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources who introduced the 2020-21 District Employee of the Year recipients.
 - Juno Fernandez - District Classified Employee of the Year
 - Angelica Osuna - Teacher of the Year
 - Jennifer West - Teacher of the Year
 - Grant Bennett - Certificated Administrator of the Year
 - Rick Linsalato - Classified Administrator of the Year
 - Jennifer Thomasian - Principal of the Year
 - Christopher Tinajero - Counselor of the Year
 - Deatra Lee - District Site Support Employee of the Year
 - Sarah Rico - District Confidential Employee of the Year
- Mr. Bennett congratulated Christopher Tinajero for becoming a tenured employee this past year and let him know his Apple Award will be delivered to him.
- The District is hosting a COVID Vaccination Clinic at Heritage High School.
- Mr. Brad Crager, English teacher at Perris High School passed away from COVID this past weekend.
- Dr. Edwin Gomez, Riverside County Superintendent toured Liberty High School on January 14th.
- Lastly, Mr. Bennett shared that Paloma Valley High School eSports Team is representing the entire County of Riverside in competitions.

ORAL REPORTS (cont.)

9.3 CSEA President Josh Rushing

CSEA President, Josh Rushing congratulated the returning Board members on their re-election and also welcomed Trustee Vallejo. He stated that he hopes to continue to have a nice collaborative relationship with the District and as things come up they are able to solve them without having to use this forum to take care of them. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and to please stay safe and healthy.

9.4 PSEA President Jason Miller

Jason Miller, PSEA President submitted the following video statement:

A moment of silence, please, for Brad Crager an English teacher, PSEA officer, friend and an all around great guy that passed away from COVID this last weekend. Thank you. Yesterday, the representative council approved a resolution that contains this message and believes it is time to go to virtual learning for the rest of this semester. We asked that the Board and Cabinet consider this, we understand that this item will not be considered until a later Board meeting. Other local districts have gone to virtual learning for the rest of the semester. Virtual learning is what a majority of members want to continue to remain safe in the classroom. Our latest survey shows seventy-seven percent of the PSEA members that voted want to continue on virtual learning. These results have been consistent since July 2020, among the PSEA members, as we have had ongoing surveys with this same question. Going to Distance Learning for the remainder of the semester has some advantages. First and foremost, it keeps staff and students safe. There has been an increasing number of PUHSD educators and students and students' families coming down with COVID. Virtual learning for the semester also helps with planning. It helps with keeping confusion and chaos out of the classroom for our students. Students are getting used to the virtual learning environment, and it would not be good practice to have sweeping changes for the students during the semester. And, of course, virtual learning comes with costs. Virtual learning for the rest of the semester is what is best for staff and students, both for their education and their safety. You may hear the argument that COVID is a hoax and that the numbers are not real, COVID is not a hoax and the numbers are real. I know some individuals personally that are working in health care, some very close to me, and they have told me the conditions of local hospitals over the last several months. I hope that no one has to find out the hard way how real it is. The hospitals are surging way past capacity. They're filling up beds, converting cafeterias into beds and filling those beds, bringing extra refrigerated trucks to hospitals because they're morgues are full. Nurses are caring for far more patients than legally allowed because of state waivers for COVID. Hospitals are having to bring in more and more traveling nurses and even sometimes calling on National Guard nurses because they are overwhelmed. Some people that have caught COVID have reported two to three hour waits in ER's, even with fairly serious symptoms in some local counties. Paramedics have been told they cannot transport patients to a hospital if they are not resuscitated in a certain amount of time. Even patients that do not have COVID or COVID related conditions are having to wait for medical care. Different local districts have had to continuously roll back their reopening plans, we understand vaccines are being rolled out. That does not end the pandemic overnight and vaccines may be hard to come by. Our county is nowhere near getting out of the purple tier and the County will probably still be in the purple tier by semester's end. The bottom line is that we are not likely to have conditions that allow for a safe reopening until after this semester. Please consider in the next few meetings going to virtual learning for the rest of the semester.

ORAL REPORTS (cont.)

9.5 Comments by the Board of Trustees

Trustee Freeman stated there are many people going through a difficult time and we should be there for each other. He also stated this District is a family and that it needs to continue to be a family and be there for one another.

Trustee Nelissen stated how everyone was hopeful the new year was going to be better than the previous year. However, he reminded everyone that COVID doesn't operate on any calendar. Everyone's safety needs to be taken into account even with the vaccine rolling out. COVID will not disappear overnight and it's something that has to be dealt with. He asked that everyone take care of their physical, mental, and emotional health; and, to stay safe, adding that the Board will continue to make decisions in the best interest of the students, employees, parents, and community.

Trustee Vallejo shared that she was able to tour Liberty High School and thought it was amazing, stating she was a little jealous that she wasn't able to attend a school like Liberty. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year and to stay safe.

Trustee Stafford wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Superintendent Bennett for his leadership and Cabinet for their hard work and dedication. He asked that everyone stay safe and if anyone felt lonely, to pick up the phone and call someone.

Trustee Araux welcomed staff members, students, and families to the second semester of the school year, stating it's going to be a challenging semester. But, he is confident if everyone has the resilience and commitment to overcome these challenges, in the end everyone is going to come out stronger. He went on to congratulate staff members who were recognized as the District Employee of the Year winners along with congratulating Superintendent Bennett on his award.

INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

11.1 CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Consent Calendar Items

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(David Nelissen)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the items listed under the Consent Calendar categories of General Functions, Curriculum, Business and Board Policies."

CONSENT CALENDAR (cont.)

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

11.2 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for December 16, 2020

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2020.

11.3 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Amended 2021 Board Meeting Dates

The Board of Trustees approved the amended 2021 Board Meeting dates.

11.4 CURRICULUM: Agreement With Bloom Software, Incorporated to Provide an Online System of Social and Emotional Support for Students (funded through Title IV Funds in the amount of \$27,000.00, not the General Fund)

The Board of Trustees approved the Agreement with Bloom Software, Incorporated to provide an online system of social and emotional support for students.

11.5 BUSINESS: Annual Renewal of Services Agreement for Membership in the Super Co-Op for the United States Department of Agriculture Foods for the 2021-22 School Year (funded through the Nutrition Services Fund in an amount not to exceed \$155,000, not the General Fund)

The Board of Trustees approved the annual renewal of Services Agreement for membership in the Super Co-Op for the United States Department of Agriculture Foods for the 2021-22 school year.

11.6 BUSINESS: Declaration of Surplus Property (no fiscal impact)

The Board of Trustees approved the declared listed District property as surplus.

11.7 BUSINESS: Report of Purchases - December 2020

The Board of Trustees approved the Report of Purchases for December 2020.

11.8 BOARD POLICIES: Business and Noninstructional Operations (Series 3000)

The Board of Trustees adopted: BP 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property; BP 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance; and AR 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance.

CONSENT CALENDAR (cont.)

11.9 BOARD POLICIES: Personnel (Series 4000)

The Board of Trustees adopted: BP/AR 4113 - Assignment; BP 4113.5/4213.5/4313.5 - Working Remotely; BP/E 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notification; BP/AR/E 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens; BP/AR4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions; and BP 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation.

ORAL REPORTS (Continued)

12.1 Distance Learning and COVID-19 Update

Dr. Charles Newman, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Julie Zierold, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update to the Board of Trustees on Distance Learning and COVID-19 data.

WRITTEN REPORTS

13.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary for October - December 2020

The Board of Trustees adopted the Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the period of October through December 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

14.1 PERSONNEL: Certificated Personnel Action Items

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees ratify and/or approve the Certificated Personnel Action Items as presented."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

14.2 PERSONNEL: Classified Personnel Action Items

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** moved, Member **(Elizabeth Vallejo)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees ratify and/or approve the Classified Personnel Action Items as presented."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

14.3 CURRICULUM: Multi-Year Agreement With Instructure for the Purchase of MasteryConnect (funded through the Federal CARES Act Learning Loss Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$126,697, not the General Fund)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Multi-Year Agreement with Instructure for the purchase of Mastery Connect."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

14.4 BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Ratification of Change Order No. 22-003 for Bid Category 22 - TriMark for the Liberty High School Project (funded through Various Facilities Funds in the amount of \$98,399.65, not the General Fund)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(Elizabeth Vallejo)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order 22-003 for Bid Category 22 - TriMark for the Liberty High School Project."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

14.5 BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Award of Bids for Seventeen Categories for the Liberty High School Aquatic Facilities Project (funded through Various Facilities Funds in the amount of \$8,436,333, not the General Fund)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Award of Contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for the seventeen categories for the Liberty High School Aquatic Facilities Project."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

INFORMATION ITEMS

15.1 CURRICULUM: Revised Course: WEB Crew Leadership for Middle School

The Board of Trustees received, for its review and consideration, as part of the first reading, the revised course: WEB Crew Leadership for Middle School.

15.2 CURRICULUM: New Course: Introduction to Kinesiology PE 195 Dual Enrollment

The Board of Trustees received, for its review and consideration, as part of the first reading, the new course: Introduction to Kinesiology PE 195 Dual Enrollment.

15.3 CURRICULUM: New Science Course: Biosustainability (meets A-G requirements)

The Board of Trustees received, for its review and consideration, as part of the first reading, the new science course: Biosustainability (meets A-G requirements).

15.4 BUSINESS: Revolving Cash Report - December 2020

INFORMATION ITEMS (cont.)

The Board of Trustees received, for its information, the Revolving Cash Report for December 2020.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

16.1 CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It was not necessary to adjourn into Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

17.1 RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It was not necessary to reconvene the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

18.1 DISCIPLINE: Reinstatement of Student Discipline Matters

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** moved, Member **(Elizabeth Vallejo)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Director's recommendation for Reinstatement of Student Discipline Cases: 040/18-19; 022/19-20; and 067/19-20."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

19.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Bennett asked the Board of Trustees if they had any items that they would like to add to the upcoming Board Meeting Agenda.

Trustee Freeman requested a defined specific analysis of the Governor's Proposed Budget.

OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

20.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Stafford asked where California ranked on the National State Education Ranking List. He stated he is concerned that students are falling behind in school with Distance Learning.

Trustee Freeman stated that he had the opportunity to meet Trustee Vallejo in person and suggested that the other Board Members do the same.

Trustee Araux thanked Dr. Newman and Ms. Zlerold for their presentation and congratulated the District Employee of the Year winners.

ADJOURNMENT

21.1 ADJOURNMENT: Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for January 20, 2021

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** moved, Member **(Dr. Randall Freeman)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adjourn the January 20, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees" at 7:10 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5**, Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 – 0**.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux	Yes
Dr. Randall Freeman	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes



Grant Bennett, Superintendent



Dr. Jose Luis Araux, President



Dr. Randall Freeman, Clerk