



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 20, 2022**

OPEN SESSION

11:30 PM AM

**Point Arena High School
270 Lake Street
Point Arena, California 95468**

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Section 1: OPENING OF THE BOARD MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Board President Shimon called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM

1.2 Roll Call

All members present

1.3 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Shimon and seconded by Cione to approve the Agenda

MSC: Shimon/Cione

Board Vote: 6-0-0

1.4 Public Comments on item to be heard in Closed Session

Isis Skarra-Pergler read a letter from High School staff members who questioned placing an individual on leave for referencing a controversial author, setting a disturbing precedent of censorship and infringement on their rights. They share concerns about the school, students and ability to retain teachers if they are not able to

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communicate openly. The PAHS staff requested more transparency, to be involved with decision making and to come together as a whole.

1.5 Recess to Closed Session

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 11:38 PM

- a. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

1.6 Adjourn to regular meeting.

OPEN SESSION

1:00 PM

Point Arena High School and Zoom

270 Lake Street

Point Arena, California 95468

Section 2:

2.1 Call to Order

Board President Shimon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2.3 Tribal Land Acknowledgement: "We acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, un-ceded lands and Sovereignty of the Manchester Band of Pomo Indians and the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, whose historical relationship with the land continues to this day."

2.4 Roll Call

All Members Present

2.5 Report any agenda changes previously approved under Item 1.3

2.6 Announcement of reportable action if any from Closed Session

ADDENDUM ITEM:

Section 3: PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING OPEN SESSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3.1 Individual speakers shall be allowed **three minutes** to address the Board on each item not on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time as appropriate. Government Code 54954.3 prohibits the Board from taking action on matters not on the agenda. The Board may briefly respond to such public comment by asking questions to clarify the speakers' comments and refer the speaker to the Superintendent for further clarification.

While we recognize each person's free speech rights to talk at a board meeting, we are requesting that speakers do not express a complaint against an identifiable employee of the district without giving the board an opportunity to meet its legal obligations regarding the processing of complaints. If you do have a complaint, please contact the Superintendent at (707) 882-2803, or if the

complaint is about the Superintendent, please contact the Board President Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126. This notice will allow us to meet our legal obligations and your complaint will be heard and reviewed in accordance with the law and the district process.

So as to not inhibit public participation, persons attending Board meetings shall not be requested to sign in, complete a questionnaire, or otherwise provide their name or other information as a condition of attending the meeting. **Speakers are asked to e-mail anything to be read to the Board to the district office: lriboli@mcn.org or the Board President, rshimon@mcn.org.**

Members of the audience may feel free to arrive and depart at any time during the meeting. Please do so quietly. Point Arena Schools adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations, or more information about accessibility, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (707) 882-2803. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations (Government Code Section 54953.2, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 202 (42 U.S.C. 12132).

Board President Shimon called members from the audience to speak to the board.

Caitlin Huse, former student board representative shared she is disappointed in the decision regarding Mr. Wilkes. He changed the attitude about PAHS over the last 4 years for the better. Student Andrea Spangler read her letter she submitted to the board earlier this week stating she believed Mr. Wilkes was forced out and that Mr. Wilkes advocated for students and guided them to care about their education. Isis Skarra-Pergler, PAHS school counselor, again read the letter from PAHS staff for the public meeting. Kathleen Huse voiced concern over recent actions by the superintendent and a few board members and for the students. Vikki Robinson shared Mr. Wilkes was the most visible and available Principal in her 39 years of education and she is disappointed to see him leave.

President Shimon addressed the visitors and told them the board cannot respond to their comments, though they are being heard. Jennifer Spangler told the board she has four children who do/have/or will attend PAHS and she spoke of lack of accountability. "Kids are talking about losing their favorite principal instead of starting the new school year. Students want accountability, rules, discipline and guidelines that Principal Wilkes provided to students". Ms. Spangler asked the board what they are now expecting and how many seats are available on the board in the November election?

Section 3 4: PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING OPEN SESSION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4.1 Individual speakers shall be allowed **three minutes** to address the Board on each item on the agenda. This may occur during this section of the agenda or after the Board has had its discussion, and prior to taking action on each item on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time as appropriate.

Section 4 5: DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

5.1 **Discussion with possible action:** consideration of and possible action to adopt Point Arena Schools District Resolution No. PAS 22-6116, Authorizing Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to California Government Code 54953(e), a Provision of AB-361n (Pg. 1).

<http://pointarenaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2.-Item-4.1-Pg.-1.pdf>

A motion was made by Martinez and seconded by Cione to adopt Point Arena Schools District Resolution No. PAS-22-6114, Authorizing Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to California Government Code 54953(e), a Provision of AB-361

MSC: Martinez/Cione

Board Vote: 6-0-0

5.2 **Discussion with possible action:** consideration of and possible action on Complaint against Trustee Visher for alleged Brown Act violation.

Board Member Cione read the portion of her complaint against Member Visher regarding a breach of confidentiality from the June 22, 2022 closed session meeting, stating there is solid information Cindy's name was breeched with inaccurate information in a Brown Act violation. Member Cione requested a Special meeting to discuss the confidentiality breach, and stated it is now difficult to share openly in closed session. Member Visher wrote a response statement admitting she did contact the Principal after being advised not to by the Superintendent. Visher was asked to not share her statement as it potentially made reference to the closed session

discussion. Elected Official violations need to be handled in open session. Visher explained she has not violated the Brown Act prior to this and she will never do it again. She felt it was urgent to slow down the process of getting rid of Principal Wilkes and was considering the welfare of our students.

A motion was made by Shimon and seconded by Martinez to direct Superintendent Galletti to meet with Legal Counsel and write a letter of censure to Mary Visher for violating the Brown Act.

Superintendent Galletti read letter from School and College Legal Services, re: violating Brown Act – with 3 options including a censure resolution passed in open session, and Brown Act training.

Roll Call Vote:

Shimon	- Yes
Hillscan	- No
Martinez	- Yes
Gardiner	- Yes
Visher	- Abstain
Cione	- Yes

MSC: Shimon/Martinez

Vote: 4-1-1-0

Section 5 6: DISCUSSION

6.1 Back to School Board Breakfast

The welcome back board breakfast will be on Tuesday, August 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the PAHS gym. The Board members will prepare the breakfast and Superintendent Galletti will also help.

Board took a 5 minute break

6.2 District Priorities for the 2022-2023 school year (Pgs. 2-5).

<http://pointarenschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/3.-Item-5.2-Pgs.-2-5.pdf>

President Shimon called the meeting back to order at 1:59 PM. Superintendent Galletti suggested keeping the district priorities and updating the subgoals:

- Goal 1 Increase attendance for staff and students,
Measure ELA and Math growth (MAP testing, ELPAC)
Local graduation rate (how many we start with and how many graduate).
- Goal 2 Intruder on campus drill in fall.
Improve engagement – CHKS, Strength based survey
PBIS and NTN
Improve the athletic fields – NCS has brought the liability into question
\$100k can get the fields in good shape using local labor
- Goal 3 – Increase participation
Increase DELAC and possibly hire a ELD liaison
NAEAC attendance is good – continue to focus
School Site Council – Improve participation

The Board agreed to appoint board members Hillscan, Visher, Martinez, Principal Egger and representatives from PAHSTA and AUTO to an ad hoc committee to work on modifying priorities and bring them to the August 10th board meeting. The board report calendar can be modified to lessen the principal reports.

Section 6 7: CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

A. Personnel

- A.1 Approve the employment of Elizabeth Greene, Primary teacher at Arena Elementary School, effective 8/12/2022.

A motion was made by Cione and seconded by Gardiner to approve the Consent Agenda

MSC: Cione/Gardiner

Board Vote: 6-0-0-0

Section 7 8: ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING/NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Items for Next Board Meeting

8.2 Next Regular Meeting: August 10, 2022

8.3 Adjournment

A motion was made by Shimon and seconded by Hillscan to Adjourn at 2:30

MSC: Shimon/Hillscan

Board Vote: 6-0-0-1

Approved and entered into the official minutes of the Point Arena Schools on this 10th day of August, 2022.

Clerk of the Board

Date

Mr. Warren Galletti, Secretary of the Board

Date