

"I have enjoyed my tenure as a board member with PCSSD, through our challenges and accomplishments over the last two years. However, after much deliberation and prayer, I have decided to resign my position as the Zone 2 board member. In no way does this reflect the confidence I have in Dr. Hopson as superintendent, who I believe has shown great leadership. He is uniquely capable -- because of his willingness to progressively think outside the box -- to lead this district where it needs to go.

I have enjoyed seeing first-hand the passion for excellence by our teachers and students, who I believe are the backbone of the district. And, I have met many families and community members who believe, like I do, that there is great promise for this district. I hope in some small way I have helped support education in the city that I love, but, because of family and work obligations, it is time for me to refocus my energy elsewhere.

My biggest consideration with my resignation is that somehow it will be a distraction to the district at a time when major decisions, which I respect, are being made by state leaders in education. That is not my intent.

Instead, I want to reprioritize in my life and dedicate more time to my work and family."

-- Sandra Sawyer