

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw
Members absent:	Stevens
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 6.2 Thank you from Tammy Meyer; 10.3 Concrete in batting cage; 11.3 Resignation of Casey Jones as high school varsity boys' basketball coach

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes, bills, payroll) as presented. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Daisy Ratcliff, February High School Student of the Month, was not able to attend.

Thank yous were read from Astoria Fire and Rescue and Tammy Meyer for a memorial donation in memory of Don Smith.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to approve the FY23 audit. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve paying all non-CDL employees \$17.50 per hour to drive the activity bus or van to school sanctioned events. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to approve the 2024-25 school calendar. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the following boat captains for the fishing team: Frank Clark, Danny Chenoweth, Braxton France, Noah Gorsuch, Garret Hulett, and Whitney Davis. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- On Wednesday, February 14, our 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades attended the Smithsonian Traveling Museum in Havana. It was well received by the students and teachers.
- We have 12 days left until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- We are hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade regional next week, February 26-28.
- The regional for 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball will be in Mt. Sterling. Seedings will be completed later this week.
- Junior high track will start on March 7.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At seven months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 58.31%. As of January 31, our Ed Fund is 50.21%; Building Fund is 39.44%; and Transportation Fund is 46.44%. Our overall budget is at 52.69%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$58,000.
- The school play will be held on Friday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. The title of the play this year is Born to Be Wild.
- FFA week is in progress. Mr. Carithers and FFA members have organized special days this week, and the week will culminate in a fun afternoon on Friday with a fish fry and games. The annual FFA banquet will be held Saturday, February 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the high school gym.
- We are hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade junior high volleyball regional from February 26-28 in the high school gym.
- Fine Arts Week will run from March 4-8 this year.
- The athletic co-op will meet at VIT on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Fortnite Duo (Nolan McCombs and Cooper Davis) made it to the finals for 1A. They consistently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place all season for 1A and will be in online finals next Tuesday against the top 16 teams from each division, all playing together for top ranking in the state of Illinois.
- Our basketball teams have concluded their season, losing in their first round of regional play. Our track team has started practice and has an indoor meet on March 2. Softball and baseball will start practicing on February 26. Games will start in the middle of March.

An update was given on the locker rooms.

The co-op board meeting will be March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the VIT school library.

Discussion was held about pouring a concrete pad for the batting cage.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 6:25 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.

Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 6:25 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the closed session at 7:03 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve the minutes of the closed session. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to accept Dylan Cantu's resignation from junior high boys' basketball and junior high cross country coaching positions. Cameron, Egleton, France Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, to hire Madisen Coulter as the assistant softball coach for the 2024 season. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to accept Casey Jones's resignation from high school boys' basketball coach. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.