

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Special Ed Coordinator/Dean of Students Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Lindy Schenk, Dr. Tori Lindeman, Brian Lindeman

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 5.3 Lindy Schenk; 10.2 Audit update

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

Hailey Bollinger, High School Student of the Month for December, was not able to attend.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has been updating spreadsheets for interventions and getting the new math curriculum to teachers.

Lindy Schenk received a \$12,000 grant from the Tracy Family Foundation. She discussed how she will use the money for the school houses.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the 2025-26 levy as presented. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve the fund balance report as required by Section 7-1.3 of the Illinois School Code. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

First reading of Press Policies 2:105; 2:120; 4:30; 4:60; 4:170; 5:10; 5:20; 5:90; 5:120; 5:125; 5:230; 6:60; 6:135; 6:270; 7:10; 7:100; 7:200; 8:10 was held.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Mrs. Staci McCombs hosted her annual pre-k night, and it was a huge success. There were over 112 family members and 29 students in attendance for the student's program.
- Our Winter MAP testing was completed this week. We are able to compare these scores throughout our three benchmarking periods.
- Junior high volleyball has started the year with 17 girls between the 7th and 8th grades.
- Both 7th and 8th grade boys had County Tournaments with the 8th grade getting 4th place.
- Mrs. Schenk applied and received a \$12,000 grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.
- Attendance percentages are K-1st grade (95%), grades 2-5 (92%) and junior high (95%). Second through fifth grades have our greatest number of students.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Vision 2030 is a collaborative effort by Illinois educational organizations, IASA, IPA, IASB, IASBO, IARRS, AIRSS and others to create a comprehensive plan for K-12 education in the state by 2030. The plan aims to shape the future of education in Illinois, focusing on four main tenets:
 1. Keeping Students Safe: Ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.
 2. High-Quality Professionals: Attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff, with a focus on diversity and equity.
 3. Enhancing Post-Secondary Opportunities: Preparing students for success in post-secondary education and the workforce.
 4. Effective Measurement and Accountability: Developing timely and meaningful measures to evaluate school performance and inform data-driven decision-making.
- Our high school students raised \$638.20 for the Astoria Community Food Basket Fund this year. Thanks to all who participated in the fund raiser. Local families will benefit from their efforts.
- School will be dismissing at 2:00 on December 19 and 20.
- Teachers return to work on Monday, January 6, for a teacher institute. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 7, from Christmas break.
- Our girls' basketball team will be playing in the Beardstown Tournament on December 26-28 and December 30. Our boys' team will begin the Greenview Tournament on December 27 and 28.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.

The Astoria Lion's Pancake and Sausage Supper will be Saturday, January 18, during the high school boys' basketball game against North Mac at 11:00 a.m.

A representation letter from the auditor was discussed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.