ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Members present: Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw

Members absent: Cameron, Stevens

Administrators present: Supt/HS Principal Don Willett

JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse

Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Tiffanie Applegate, Keira Taylor, Dr. Tori Lindeman

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Addition to agenda: 11.2 Recommend accepting resignation from Madisen Coulter as assistant softball coach

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

Keira Taylor, daughter of Tiffanie Applegate and Rich Hamann, was introduced as the February High School Student of the Month. Keira talked about the activities she has been involved in and her plans on attending Monmouth College to major in music production and composing.

A thank you from the Sam Porter family was read.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the 2025-26 calendar. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to approve the following boat captains for the 2025 fishing team: Frank Clark, Braxton France, Danny Chenoweth, Noah Gorsuch, and Dennis Belville. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Middle ear examinations were held today for our pre-k, kindergarten, and any other student who was a previous concern. A total of 60 students were seen. This is a service provided through our cooperative.
- Mid-term reports went out last Friday.
- We have our second round of parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, March 13.
- Both seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams were eliminated from their regionals.
- Seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams continue to compete for the next two weeks before their regionals.

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 54.06%; Building Fund is 66.53%; and Transportation Fund is 44.81%. Our overall budget is at 59.35%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- FFA week is in progress. Mr. Carithers and the FFA members have several fun activities planned for the week, culminating in a fish fry this Friday followed by Ag Olympics in the afternoon.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.
- Mr. Kelly informed us that the baseball team will be playing a game at Dozer Park in Peoria this year on Monday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m. versus the LVC Miners.
- Our girls' basketball team concluded their season on Saturday with a loss to Illini
 Central at regionals. Our boys' basketball team will start post season play on Monday,
 February 24, at Illini Central (Mason City) against Illini Central at 6:00 p.m. Track
 practice started this week. Baseball and softball practice will begin the week of March
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- The South Fulton Co-op meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Astoria school library.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to accept the resignation from Steve Kelly from the co-op athletic director position effective May 31, 2025. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to accept the resignation from Madisen Coulter as assistant softball coach. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.