

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

Members present:	Cameron, Eggleton, 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:	Stephanie Carithers, Wes Carithers, Casey Carithers, Charlee Pittman, Catharine Reavley, Bryan Parker, Taylor Schisler, Casey Welscher

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Casey Carithers, daughter of Wes and Stephanie Carithers, was introduced as the October High School Student of the Month. She talked about the activities she has been involved in and her plans on attending college to major in education.

Stephanie Carithers updated the board on her activities. As academic advisor, she has worked on scheduling and freshman orientation; running eligibility each week for after school activities; has talked to each high school class; has talked one-on-one with each high school student about their future and helped them apply for college; attended Career Spark in Peoria with the eighth graders; is preparing for ACE day in November. As Health Coordinator, she has updated emergency needs binders and has arranged for Moreland and Devitt to come and give flu shots.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has received all the new math curriculum and is organizing it before giving it to the teachers. She is finishing up teacher evaluations. Students have been sorted into houses. Next year, they would like to include high school students. She will be attending the IPA Conference next week.

SWAT members gave a presentation on vaping in school and the use of detectors.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve Press Policies 2:260, 2:265, 5:100, 7:20, and 7:185. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Parent/Teacher Conference was held on Thursday, October 10. Elementary had 105 of 143 (73%) attend, and junior high had 13/46 (28%)
- Vision and hearing testing will be on Monday, October 21, and Tuesday, October 22. This is for pre-k, kindergarten, IEP students in first-twelfth grades, all sixth graders, as well as any students who failed in a previous year.
- I will be attending the Illinois Principal Association Conference in Peoria on Monday, October 21.
- Red Ribbon Week is Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 1.
- Kailyn Chenoweth, Karter Chenoweth, and Kate Simmons qualified for State for junior high cross country. They will run this weekend in Bloomington.
- Junior high football wrapped up the season with a win over Rushville. Their overall record was 5-1.
- Both junior high girls' basketball teams are 1-9. There are five eighth graders and eight players on the seventh grade team (using fifth-seventh graders.)
- The first game for junior high boys' basketball is Wednesday, November 6.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- A big thank you to the Student Council, Mrs. Ewing, and Mrs. Stevens for organizing a memorable homecoming week and dance. Also, thanks to Tessa Egleton and Courtney Wherley for providing DJ services for the dance. We had a tremendous turnout, and the students enjoyed the week and dance!
- The Astoria Chapter of the National Honor Society will be holding their fall blood drive on Monday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is welcome to give blood.
- We will be hosting our annual Veterans Day program at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 8, in the high school gym. All veterans and community members are invited to attend.
- I attended the annual workshop on developing our school levy today in Peoria. It was a productive workshop. I will be presenting the tentative levy at the November board meeting.
- Stephanie Carithers has coordinated with Moreland and Devitt to administer flu shots to staff on the afternoon of October 22.
- A couple of calendar items: Monday, November 4, is a teacher institute day, so students do not have school. Tuesday, November 5, is a no school day due to election day.
- Calendar item: The COOP Board Meeting will be at VIT at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The board toured the locker rooms.

The floors for the dugouts have been poured and the blocks are up.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to hire Megan Trone as an elementary paraprofessional. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

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