

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

Members present:	Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather
Members absent:	Shaw, Stevens
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:	Paul Miller, Evan Miller

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to agenda: 10.3 Discuss CDs; 11.6 Recommend Landon McCombs, Grayson Spires and Todd Stambaugh as fishing team boat captains; 11.7 Recommend accepting Laurie Robertson's resignation from her paraprofessional position at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year; 11.8 Recommend accepting Tiffany Holliday's resignation from her paraprofessional position effective March 21, 2025

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

Evan Miller, son of Paul Miller and Bianca Miller, was introduced as the March High School Student of the Month. Evan talked about the activities he has been involved in and his plans to attend Spoon River College to obtain a CDL and join the Heavy Equipment Operator's Union.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has been working with the teachers on training for the new elementary math curriculum; she certified child count for special ed; she has attended a homeless liaison training, a special ed law conference, and will be attending the WIU Roundtable in April.

The Office of the Secretary of State awarded an \$850 library grant to Mrs. Massaglia.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve membership into the IHSA for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve two buses to be used for prom on April 26. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- IAR testing will begin in our building on April 8 for 3rd through 8th grades.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held Thursday, March 13. Elementary saw 66% of students and junior high saw 38%
- Seventh and eighth grade volleyball seasons have come to an end. Both teams played well in their respective regionals.
- Junior high track practice has started. There are 38 kids out for track.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At eight months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 66.64%. As of February 28, our Ed Fund is 62.07%; Building Fund is 71.47%; and Transportation Fund is 52.01%. Our overall budget is at 66.24%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- This week has been Fine Arts Week. Ms. Quigley and her students have set up some fun dress-up days, and she has implemented her famous “duck” find every day this week for students and staff. The week will culminate on Friday afternoon with a talent show in the gym which will include all the students.
- Mr. Klaska has reached out to me to confirm that they will be starting up their welding certification program next year. Students will need to dedicate two years to this program to come out at graduation with a welding certification as well as other opportunities. Space is limited, but we are excited about the opportunity.
- Mrs. Carithers has been meeting with classes this week to start preparing students for their individual class registration for the 2025-26 school year.
- The National Honor Society will have their spring blood drive on Monday, April 14, from 8:30 to 1:30 in the high school gym.

Our spring sports have been practicing for the past couple of weeks and will start meets and games this next week. Good luck to all our coaches and athletes.

The Statement of Economic Interest form is due May 1.

An update was given on the baseball field. Roofs have been put on the dugouts. They have been working on the batting cage.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to go into closed session at 6:33 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to convene into closed session at 6:33 p.m. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Motion passed.

Stevens came in at 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 7:33 p.m. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2025-26 for Carri Bridges as second year non-tenured certified staff. Cameron, Eggleton, France, and Prather voted aye. Musson and Stevens voted nay. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to approve employment in 2025-26 for Wes Carithers as second year non-tenured certified staff. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2025-26 for Eric Hanneman as second year non-tenured certified staff. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2025-26 for Michele Koopman as second year non-tenured certified staff. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Stevens, to approve employment in 2025-26 for Braden Wherley as second year non-tenured certified staff. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2025-26 for all first-year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Brianna Dean, Ty Otto, and Monica Stutsman. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, to approve employment and grant tenure in 2025-26 to staff as listed: Natalie McCombs. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to rehire Stephanie Carithers as the Student Health Care Provider and Academic Advisor for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Stevens, to hire Braden Wherley and Courtney Wherley to mow the school grounds for the 2025 season. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the following boat captains for the 2025 fishing team: Grayson Spires, Landon McCombs, and Todd Stambaugh. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Stevens voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to accept Tiffany Holliday's resignation from her paraprofessional position effective March 21, 2025. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to accept Laurie Robertson's resignation from her paraprofessional position at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.