

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

Members present:	Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	Prather
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Tessa Egleton, Courtney Wherley, Josh Miller, Jennifer Willard, Eric Willard, Ethan Rodgers

Derek Prather entered at 7:10.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Addition to the Agenda: 5.1 Thank you from the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro

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

Results of the school board election: Brady France, Steve Musson and Tim Stevens were re-elected.

The Oath of Office was taken by the newly elected board members.

Superintendent Willett was selected as President Pro-Tem.

Shannon Adkins was recognized as the departing board member. She was thanked for her many years of service.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

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Members present:	Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Tessa Egleton, Courtney Wherley, Josh Miller, Jennifer Willard, Eric Willard, Ethan Rodgers

Pete Egleton, president; Derek Prather, vice-president; Brady France, secretary.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes, bills, payroll) as presented. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Ethan Rodgers, son of Jennifer and Eric Willard, was introduced as the March-April High School Student of the Month. He talked about the activities he has been involved in and his plans on attending college to obtain a computer science degree.

Garrett Drane, the April-May High School Student of the Month, was not able to attend.

Josh Miller gave a presentation on Athletic PE.

A thank you note was read from the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro for a donation made in memory of Joan Bastien.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve CO-OP renewal for 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve membership into IESA for the 2023-24 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to appoint Kim Prather as the District Treasurer. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to appoint Robbins, Schwartz LTD as the district's legal counsel. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to adopt all current board policies, rules, regulations, procedures and practices. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to appoint the Superintendent to hear all concerns regarding Title IX, sexual harassment, homeless students and other duties as carried out by the position that previous board required. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to adopt and confirm all current contracts, obligations and regulation of previous Board. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to establish board meeting times as the third Wednesday of each month to start at 7:00 p.m. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to establish district financial depositories at Better Banks and Ipava State Bank, both of Astoria. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

First reading of the following Press Policies was held: 2:110; 2:150; 3:40; 4:40; 4:60; 5:30; 5:90; 5:125; 5:150; 5:260; 5:285; 6:135; 6:210; 6:230; 8:20; 8:70.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the bid from Laverdiere Construction for \$734,423 for high school window project. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to approve the quote from Heart Technologies for entry door fob quote for \$9,792.03. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- The elementary students had IAR testing last Tuesday-Thursday.
- The junior high students' IAR testing is this Tuesday-Thursday.
- The eighth graders participated in the Reality Store at Spoon River College. Students picked a job and learned about living expenses.
- On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be participating in Reading the Most from Coast to Coast.
- Teacher's Institute is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Junior high track to doing well.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At nine months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 74.97%. As of March 31, our Ed Fund is 56.43%; Building Fund is 59.95%; and Transportation Fund is 58.96%. Our overall budget is at 55.90%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$63,500.
- The National Honor Society held their spring blood drive on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. They were able to get 22 units of blood for their efforts. The NHS earned a grant for \$272 from ImpactLife for their efforts. They are thankful to all who donated.
- Once again, our school will participate in a bed build in conjunction with Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Our National Honor Society members and our students will build bed frames on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, in our parking lot. The Astoria Lion's Club will also be here to assist in the build and provide supervision and hands-on help. We are looking forward to the build, as it is a rewarding community project.
- The district is looking to hire part-time bus drivers. The district will pay for all aspects of obtaining the bus CDL. If you are interested, contact the high school office at 329-2156.
- We will have our last teacher institute on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. No school for students on that day.
- Our baseball, softball, track and fishing teams have been competing and showing improvement as the season has progressed.

The state provided the school with air purifiers.

The budget will need to be amended.

We are working on the Student Handbook for next year.

The board agreed to make a \$2,500 donation to the South Fulton Marching Band for uniforms.

An ad will be placed in the Argus to announce a school board opening. Any person interested will have to resident in one of the following townships: Browning, Hickory-Kerton, Pleasant, or Woodland.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 8:19 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 8:19 p.m. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 8:59 p.m. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to hire Carri Bridges as a full-time high school business teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to rehire Jenna Lindholm as a part-time Spanish teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to hire Steve Kelly as COOP Athletic Director for the 2023-24 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to hire Eric Hanneman as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to hire Keith Skiles to mow for 2023. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to accept the resignation of Jeremiah Simmons from his agriculture/industrial art and FFA position effective May 12, 2023. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to accept the resignation of Sadie Dabney from her school counselor position at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

