

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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

Members present:	Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	Adkins
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Jeremiah Simmons

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to Agenda: 8.6 We received two different bids for the playground upgrade, concrete and water line projects

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

Deegan Bollinger, son of Sara Bollinger, is the April/May High School Student of the Month. Deegan was not able to attend.

Jeremiah Simmons gave a presentation on a potential land lab on school property.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve membership into the IHSA for the 2022-23 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the land lab for ag classes and FFA on the school's west property, contingent on the property being suitable. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to approve two busses to transport students to and from Prom, which will be held in Rushville on Saturday, April 30. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to set the Amended Budget hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to accept the bid from Otto Baum and Son's, Inc. for playground upgrade and concrete for \$199,214.82. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to accept the bid from Kinsel Trucking and Excavating for waterline project for \$17,700.00. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Elementary and junior high are finishing up IAR testing. The science test will continue for the next week in the junior high.
- Elementary and junior high students did a great job raising funds for the high school bed build project. Audrey Briggs did a great job organizing this for our students.
- The PTO has provided an opportunity for five of our 1st -5th grade students to win a trip to Barnes and Noble in Peoria. Each student drawn will get \$50.00 to spend on books. Students will also be treated to Pizza Ranch. Thank you to our PTO for providing this opportunity.
- Field trips will be in full swing in May...kindergarten to Playhouse Museum in Peoria, sixth grade to Lincoln Museum and seventh grade to Mark Twain Caves.
- The eighth-grade trip will be on Thursday, May 19th, after promotion practice. They will be going to the Rushville Fitness Center and then to the Mexican restaurant.

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 67.61%; Building Fund is 77.14%; and Transportation Fund is 97.06%. Our overall budget is at 70.05%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$64,500.
- The playground project should start on or around May 2. We are excited for this project as it has been in the planning stages for a long time. It will change the look of the elementary entrance, and our pre-k playground area will now be fenced in. New, wider sidewalks will lead to the building and more seating space will be a nice addition to the area around the pre-k playground.
- The Astoria Alumni Banquet will be held in the high school gym on Saturday, May 7.
- Senior's last day of school will be Tuesday, May 10.
- High school awards night will be Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.
- High school graduation will be Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym.
- Our May board meeting will be moved back one week to Wednesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m.
- All our athletic teams are fighting with mother nature to get games or meets in over the last month. The weather has been very uncooperative up to this point, so many games and meets have been postponed or cancelled.

We are in good shape with our Regional Office of Education Mini-Compliance.

Steve Musson will hand out diplomas during the 8th grade promotion. Brady France will hand out diplomas during the high school graduation.

We received information from DCFS about the daycare.

The teachers met last Wednesday and made a few changes to the Student Handbook.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Shaw, to convene into closed session at 8:02 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 8:27 p.m. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, 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 Natalie McCombs as an elementary teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to hire Caitlin Griffin as a junior high/high school language arts teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to accept Kathy Jones's retirement notification from her janitorial position effective at the end of the school year, with regret and thanks. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to hire Keith Skiles to mow for 2022. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.