

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Special Ed Coordinator/Dean of Students Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Brianna Dean, Kiki Kapraun, Mike Clemens, Megan Clemens, Emily Clemens

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 11.2 Recommend approving Amanda Klaska as volunteer junior high Cross country coach; 11.3 Recommend approving Carlene VanDuyne as volunteer cheerleading sponsor; 11.4 Recommend accepting intent to retire letter from Carole Sager; 11.5 Recommend accepting intent to retire letter from Georgiana Clemens

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

Emily Clemens, daughter of Mike and Megan Clemens, was introduced as the August/September High School Student of the Month. Emily talked about the activities she has been involved in and her future plans to attend Illinois State University.

Brianna Dean was introduced as our new speech language pathologist. Ty Otto, our new music teacher, was not able to attend.

Casey Welscher gave an update on her role as Special Education Coordinator and Dean of Students.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the following Press Policies: 2:70; 2:70 E; 2:125; 2:125 E1; 2:160; 2:160 E; 4:15; 4:70; 4:80; 5:130; 5:180; 5:200; 5:290; 5:310; 6:110; 6:140; 6:150; 7:170. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent Willett presented the 2024-25 tentative budget.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Cameron, to approve the tentative budget for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve setting the 2024-25 budget hearing for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve a bid from Robertson Construction for replacement dugouts block/mason work for \$15,700. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve a bid from Accu-Air for \$14,995 for refrigeration replacement for the walk-in cooler. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, to approve a bid from Accu-Air for \$36,995 to replace the walk-in freezer. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Enrollment in the grade school is 144 students - PreK (20-18), K (15), 1st (11), 2nd (18), 3rd (25), 4th (24), 5th (13)
- Enrollment in junior high is 45 students - 6th (12), 7th (19), 8th (14)
- MAP testing is Wednesday, August 21-Friday, August 23. We are testing language, reading and math.
- There will be no school on Friday, August 30, for Teacher's Institute.
- There will be no school on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.
- Progress Reports will go out Friday, September 13.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- The window project is just about finished.
- The school year is off to a good start.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Stevens, to go into closed session at 7:46 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

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

Motion by Prather, seconded by Stevens, to convene into closed session at 7:45 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the closed session at 8:12 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to hire Colbi Osborne as a paraprofessional for the high school. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Stevens, to approve Amanda Klaska as a volunteer junior high cross country coach. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by France, to approve Carlene VanDuyne as a volunteer cheerleading sponsor. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to accept the intent to retire letter from Carole Sager. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to accept the intent to retire letter from Georgiana Clemens. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.