

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

The Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present: Adkins (by Zoom), Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw (by Zoom), Stevens

Members absent: None

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse  
Supt/HS Principal Don Willett  
Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Jennifer Wherley

Superintendent Willett presented the 2021-22 tax levy. Discussion was held.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Egleton to adjourn the hearing at 7:06 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present: Adkins (by Zoom), Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw (by Zoom), Stevens

Members absent: None

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse  
Supt/HS Principal Don Willett  
Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Jennifer Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Stevens, to approve the 2021-22 levy as presented. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to accept the HVAC bid for \$543,276 from Peters Heating and Air for the 2021 summer Health Life Safety project. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the first reading of Press Policies 3:40; 3:40-E; 4:80; 4:90; 4:150; 5:270; 6:20; 6:300; 6:310; 6:320; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- The House Project distributed Health Care Hero Signs to thank local health care workers.
- Thank you to everyone, including the churches, for making this school year possible to this point! It has been terrific to have our students in school!

The Principal/Superintendent report from Mr. Willett included:

- We have made it through the first semester with most of our educational time classified as in-person teaching and learning! Frankly, it is quite an accomplishment! I would like to thank the entire staff for their dedication and hard work over the past semester. There was much sacrifice and extra work to make this process all come together. We would also like to thank the churches and their leadership for their willingness to open their doors for our students. Without their help, our process would have been much different and not as beneficial of an educational experience for our elementary students. I also want to thank the school board for their flexibility and guidance over the past few months. Our students and families have been tremendous throughout, and they should be recognized for their patience and understanding. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Crouse for his vision and dedication to the students and school district during this difficult time. This entire process has been a collaborative effort for the good of our students.
- We will be preparing for our second semester as a continuation of our plan for first semester. Churches will still be utilized, and we will continue with in-person teaching and learning as much as we are able to carry out. Without question, the best education we can provide our students is having them in classrooms with a teacher. I have encouraged all of our full-time remote learners to return to in-person school starting in January if medically possible.
- The new doors to the junior high exterior will be installed this weekend. The new water heaters will be installed over the holiday break. We still do not have concrete on the north side of the junior high.
- Happy holidays and have a nice Christmas break!

When we come back after Christmas break, January 4 will be a Teacher's Institute day. Elementary students will be in-person learning starting January 5, while junior high and high school students will be in remote learning from January 5-8. Meals will be delivered to those who sign up.

Snow removal at the churches was discussed. Jared Trone will assist at the Methodist, Christian and Grace Bible churches. Jason Bollinger will take care of Woodland Church.

The roofing project pre-bid meeting will be in January.

The ROE was here today for the HLS Inspection. The fire marshal was not able to attend. There are a few little changes we need to make around the building. All in all, the building is in great shape.

Our audit is not finished yet.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Shaw, to accept the resignation from Kayla Cleland from her paraprofessional position. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8: 04 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.