

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Dean of Students/Special Ed Coordinator Casey Welscher Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Tessa Egleton, Jason Bollinger, Mary Ann Bollinger, Jarrett Bollinger

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 6.1 Thank you from Astoria Fire and Rescue Squad

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.

Jarrett Bollinger, son of Jason and Mary Ann Bollinger, was introduced as the December High School Student of the Month. Jarrett talked about the activities he has been involved in and his plans to join the operator's union.

Courtney Wherley gave a presentation on E-Sports.

A thank you was read from the Astoria Fire and Rescue Squad for a donation in memory of Jeannette Stambaugh.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve the 2024-25 levy as presented. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the fund balance report as required by Section 17-1.3 of the Illinois School Code. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve moving \$45,000 of working cash funds to a new working cash CD at Ipava State Bank. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to approve an E-Sports program at Astoria High School and the purchase of five gaming stations. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the following Press Policies: 2:20; 2:120; 2:200; 2:220; 2:220-E2; 2:220-E6; 4:10; 4:30; 4:60; 4:130; 4:130E; 4:160; 5:30; 5:190; 5:200; 5:210; 5:220; 5:250; 5:330; 6:15; 6:30; 6:50; 6:60; 6:230; 7:60; 7:70; 7:160; 7:190; 7:270; 7:285; 7:290; 8:30. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- We had our vision and hearing re-screenings on Monday. We had 18 students rescreened.
- Junior high volleyball is underway with 27 girls between both squads.
- Junior high boys' basketball is currently in full swing. The 7th grade team got 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County Tournament, and the 8th grade team got 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The PTO hosted Santa's Secret Shoppe for our students.
- We will have our Winter MAP testing during the week of December 11-15. One test a day for math, reading, and language.
- Junior high students will attend the Rivermen Hockey game in Peoria tomorrow, December 14.
- The Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 19, from 10:30 -11:15. We have an 11:30 dismissal that day to start our winter break.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Our high school students participated in our annual fund raiser to assist financially to purchase ingredients for food baskets for some of our local families. Our students raised \$700 for the cause this year. Thanks to all who organized and donated. It was a great success for a needy cause!
- Amber Rector and Stephanie Carithers set up our three new AED's today. The new devices will be installed this week in the high school gym and elementary gym. We also have a mobile device that will be able to travel with any groups or teams when needed.
- Final exams at the high school will begin this Friday and conclude on Monday, December 18. Christmas break begins at 11:30 Tuesday, December 19. Students return to school Thursday, January 4, 2024, to start our second semester.
- The Christmas concert will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, in the high school gym.
- Our high school girls' basketball team will be playing in the Beardstown Holiday Tournament from December 26-29. Our high school boys' basketball team will play in the Greenview Holiday Tournament from December 26-29. Good luck to our teams in their tournament play.

Astoria Lion's Pancake and Sausage Dinner will be held at the school on Saturday, January 27 starting at 4:30 in the school cafeteria.

An update was given on the locker room project.

They plan to start on the window project in May.

The Astoria teacher's union has communicated their intent to bargain.

Motion by Musson, seconded by France, to go into closed session at 6:50 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 Shaw, seconded by Cameron, to convene into closed session at 6:50 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.