

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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

Members present:	Egleton, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	Adkins, France, Musson
Administrators present:	JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse Supt/HS Principal Don Willett
Community members present:	Jennifer Wherley

Musson arrived at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 10.4 Governor Pritzker's State of the State and Budget address

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

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Stevens, to accept the roofing bid for \$668,276.00 from Roofing Associates, LLC for the 2021 summer Health Life Safety project. Egleton, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Prather, seconded by Egleton, to approve the 2019-20 audit. Egleton, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Junior high boy's basketball has seven-seventh graders and nine-eighth graders.
- Junior high girls' volleyball has 10-sixth graders, four-seventh graders and five-eighth graders.
- He presented a wrap-up from the teachers on what they have been doing in their classes.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At seven months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 58.31%. As of January 31, our Ed Fund is 48.72%; Building Fund is 60.64%; Transportation is 41.03%. Our overall budget is at 50.55%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is about \$49,000.
- Between 40-45 members of our staff have received their first Covid vaccination. By the end of the first week in March, these staff members will have received their second dose of the vaccine. The CDC now is recommending that once a person receives the second dose, they will no longer need to quarantine if they are exposed to Covid unless they develop symptoms, IDPH has not adopted the recommendation of the CDC.
- I have spoken to our natural gas provider about the spikes in charges of natural gas due to the weather conditions in the Midwest. From my conversation, we are in better shape than some other districts based on who our provider is. Ameren and Panhandle are two of the companies

our rep mentioned as being supplied with ample gas supplies currently. He said that if we can get through the next two-three days, things should calm down due to the weather getting back to normal. Despite our conversation, we are going to lower the temps, particularly at night, in the high school wing and all areas that have the newer furnaces in the building to help reduce our usage.

- Boys and girls high school basketball seasons are underway. Junior high volleyball and junior high boys' basketball are in the middle of their shortened seasons.

Discussion was held on moving money to the Working Cash CD.

Homecoming week was held at the high school last week.

We received our HLS report with minimal issues.

Superintendent Willett discussed Governor Pritzker's State of the State and Budget address.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 7:43 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

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

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Egleton, to adjourn the closed session at 8:33 p.m. Egleton, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.