

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

Members present: Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent: None
Administrators present: Supt/HS Principal Don Willett
GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse
Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present: Mandy Friedrich, Tessa Egleton, Courtney Wherley, Adrienne Davis, Matt Davis, Carina Kapraun, Franki Clark, Alisha Otto, Libby Albers, Jordyn Davis and children, Debra Derry, Justin Albers, Bobbi Batterton, Kisha Stambaugh, Ledena Clark, Darci Hammack, Sydney Williams, Kolby Batterton, Sibyl Jones, Linda Derry, June Ireland, Rachel Lindsey, Sarah Ireland, Twila Batterton, Heather Cox, Tim Cox, Jeri Peters, Travis Peters, Gage Peters, Nathan Abernathy, Joe Briggs, Caileb Beard, Tara Sherrard, Damon Sherrard, Stephanie Briggs, Janelle Ratcliff, Joe Ratcliff, Brandy Schaeffer, Dalton Taylor, Liz Coulter, Tina Haney

Hearing was held on the 2022-23 school calendar utilizing WFS days (Full Institute Days) as part of the school year.

Superintendent Willett and Mandy Friedrich, union president, discussed the proposed changes to next year's school calendar and the reasons it would benefit the teaching staff.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the hearing. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present: Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent: None
Administrators present: Supt/HS Principal Don Willett
GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse
Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
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The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to Agenda: 5.2 Audience to Visitor – Adrienne Davis

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

Koda Clark-Batterton, son of Patti Clark and Andy Batterton, is the February High School Student of the Month. Koda was not able to attend.

Adrienne Davis and other parents discussed reasons for a mask optional plan in school.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Adkins, to approve the 2020-21 audit. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the purchase of a backstage curtain from Brent Theatrical Lighting Inc. for \$3,688.70. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to approve the purchase of sound equipment for the stage from Advanced Audio and Lighting for \$13,775.00. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- 8th Grade Night for volleyball will be Tuesday, February 22, against Lewistown.
- The PTO pork chop and baked potato meal during the Senior Night basketball game was a huge success. They sold out of chops and potatoes.
- Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization for girls in grades 3rd-5th and will start on March 14. We will meet for 75 minutes twice a week. The program is designed to enhance girls' social, emotional and physical skills and behaviors through interactive lessons that incorporate physical activity. The girls will participate in a 5k in Springfield at the end of the season. Flyers will be going home to parents next week to get kids registered for the program. Carri Bridges, Janee Seitz and Casey Welscher will be volunteering as trained coaches.
- The vision and hearing re-screenings were canceled on Tuesday and will be at a later date.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: 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 52.28%; Building Fund is 64.28%; and Transportation is 83.54%. Our overall budget is at 59.56%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$64,500. The 5-Essentials parent survey is posted on our Facebook page and the front page of our website. We encourage parents to go to the link and take the survey to provide feedback to the district. The survey is open until March 11. This process is a yearly requirement of ISBE.
- We took three snow days this year on February 2, 3 and 4. These days will be made up on May 24, 25 and 26. Our Teacher Institute will now be on May 27. In the future, if we have weather events, we will take remote learning days. Students will be given packets or will be assigned materials via technology depending on the class they are in. Additionally, when/if we have remote days, meals will be provided. If we are afforded the opportunity, we will hand out meals prior to the weather event. If it is a surprise storm, we will deliver meals and have the school open to pick up meals on the day(s) that we are not in session. The calendar has been updated on Facebook and our website.
- Our high school girls' basketball season concluded in a loss against North Fulton on Saturday night in regional play. Our boys' team starts regional play on Saturday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. against Illini Central at Mason City. Boys' and girls' high school track practice has started.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed,

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.