

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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

Members present: Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens

Members absent: Adkins

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse

Supt./HS Principal Don Willett

Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Tiffanie Applegate, Trinity Taylor, Bernard Carr

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 6.1 Thank you from the United Methodist Church of Astoria; 6.2 Thank you from the family of Joanna Sager; 6.3 Thank you from As Good As Gold; 11.2 add bus aide; 11.3 Recommend approving Josh Miller as high school varsity football coach.

Adkins arrived at 7:13 p.m.

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

Trinity Taylor, daughter of Tiffanie Applegate and Rick Hamann, was introduced as the High School Student of the Month. Trinity discussed her high school activities and volunteer work at the Astoria Library. Her future plans are to attend SRC, transfer to a four-year college and pursue a master's degree in environmental science.

Thank you cards were read from the United Methodist Church of Astoria, the family of Joanna Sager, and As Good As Gold.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Egleton, to approve the health life safety amendment for a new roof on the elementary and junior high and HVAC in the amount of \$2,190,000. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by France, to approve Press Policies: 2:20; 2:70; 2:70-E; 2:100; 2:105; 2:110; 2:200; 2:220; 2:220-E2; 2:220-E6; 2:260; 3:40-E; 4:15; 4:30; 4:60; 4:80; 4:150; 5:10; 5:20; 5:20-E; 5:30; 5:50; 5:90; 5:100; 5:120; 5:200; 5:220; 5:250; 5:290; 5:330; 6:20; 6:60; 6:150; 6:300; 7:20; 7:150; 7:270; 8:30. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Report cards were sent home on Friday, January 10.
- Jr. High volleyball started their season with both teams losing to Macomb, but on Monday night, both teams beat Canton. There are 13 girls out for 7th grade and 10 girls out for 8th grade.
- Our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams have continued to show improvement. The 7th grade will start regional play on Monday, January 27, in Lewistown. The 8th grade will start regional play on Saturday, February 1st, in Bartonville.
- On Thursday, January 30th, at 8:30 a.m., we will have a "Rainforest Assembly." This assembly is sponsored by the PTO.

The Principal Report from Mr. Willett included:

- As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At six months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 49.98%. As of December 31, our Ed Fund=45.62%; Building Fund=42.91%; Transportation=75.99%. Our overall budget is at 50.77%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is about \$43,000.
 - This Friday, we will continue working on school improvement with conversations between grade levels related to state standards and mapping. The staff had some excellent discussions and informative dialog at our last teacher institute about curriculum needs and instruction.
 - Mr. Crouse and I will be attending the WIU Teacher Fair on Friday, January 24. We are not in need for teachers, but it is always good to develop communication between prospective teachers as they start entering the working world. We never know what positions we may need to fill.
 - Kurt Gibson, Associate Executive Director of the IHSA, sent me an email on Sunday night, commending our fans that attended the boy's basketball game Friday night vs. Bushnell-Prairie City. One of the referees nominated our crowd and stated: "It was the best fan base he had been around in years."
 - Our girl's basketball team continues to compete very well this season. They are currently in the Camp Point Central Tournament this week. Our boy's team is still working hard to get their first win of the season. They will be participating in the Beardstown Tournament at the end of the month.
- Our first football game next season will be against Sangamon Valley Tri-City.

The Superintendent's evaluation was in the Board's packet. Mr. Willett would like it returned by the February board meeting.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to go into closed session at 7:36 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees;
- Special Education placement and other matters relating to the individual students.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to convene into closed session at 7:38 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 8:40 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Musson, to approve Michelle Fawcett as a bus aide/paraprofessional. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve Dawn Bushong as a bus aide/paraprofessional. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to approve Josh Miller as high school varsity football coach. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.