

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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 Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Lindy Schenk, Alyssa Campbell, Erica Davis

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 6.1 Letter from the Astoria Lion's Club; 10.4 Practice on no school days; 11.2 Resignation of Heather Malott as junior high cheerleading sponsor

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.

Alyssa Campbell, daughter of Erica Davis and David Campbell, was introduced as the January High School Student of the Month. Alyssa talked about the activities she has been involved in and her future plans to attend Lincoln Land College.

Lindy Schenk gave a presentation on our reading program.

A thank you for a memorial donation was read from the family of Chester Lien.

A letter was read from the Astoria Lion's Club supporting no athletic activities on Sundays.

Approval of the 2022-23 audit was tabled until next month.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Eighth grade students went to Bloomington today for the Challenger trip.
- Junior high boys' basketball is getting ready for regional play. Seventh grade will play at the Colchester regional on Monday, January 22, at 6:15 vs Bushnell. We are the third seed. Eighth grade will play at the Abingdon/Avon regional. The time is not available yet.
- Junior high volleyball is in full swing. Their first home game was canceled yesterday. They will play in the Triopia tournament this weekend.
- The PTO Penny Carnival is this Saturday, January 20, from 2-4.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Our ESSER III Grant has been approved! We are able to purchase technology, curriculum, cleaning supplies, pay for some salaries and benefits, new cafeteria tables, new shower stalls and lockers for the locker rooms and classroom furniture with this grant. We need to have it spent by the end of September.
- Calendar items: We took a snow day on Tuesday, January 9; a 2-hour delay on Wednesday, January 10; and an e-learning day on Tuesday, January 16. We were luckier than most, not having to take several snow days/e-learning days last week.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Massaglia for being awarded the School District Library Grant in the amount of \$850 from the Secretary of State and State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulas.
- The Lion's Pancake and Sausage Dinner will be held in the school cafeteria on Saturday, January 27, from 4:30-6:30. Tickets are \$10 for 11 years and older, \$8 for kids 6-10, and kids under 5 are free for all you can eat! All funds raised stay local.
- Congratulations to our boys' basketball team for being selected as the FM 95 Radio Station Hometown Hero's prior to Christmas break. Additionally, they earned a second-place finish in the Greenview Holiday Tournament. Our JV boys' basketball finished second in the South Fulton Rebel Tournament last week. Our high school girls' basketball team played in the weather interrupted Camp Point tournament last week.

The Astoria Lion's Pancake and Sausage Dinner will be held at the school cafeteria on Saturday, January 27, from 4:30 to 6:30.

Lockers and shower stalls have been ordered for the locker room project.

The full compliance visit from the ROE will be at the end of the month.

Discussion was held on having practice on no school days.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to approve maternity leave for employee 1/2024. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to accept the resignation of Heather Malott as junior high cheerleading sponsor at the end of this season. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.