

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Stevens
Members absent:	Musson, Shaw
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Stephanie Ewing, Jennifer Stevens, Catharine Reavley, Mandy Friedrich, Courtney Wherley

Shaw arrived at 7:28 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the Astoria Federation of Teachers/IFT/AFT and the Astoria School Board for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, was tabled.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to accept the bid for disposal service from GFL for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the purchase of weight equipment for the weight room for approximately \$1,700.00. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by France, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2025. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Stevens, to approve the Annual Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Everything has been ordered for the next school year.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At 11 months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 91.63%. As of May 31, our Ed Fund is 80.31%; Building Fund is 59.09%; and Transportation Fund is 72.31%. Our overall budget is at 77.54%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$58,000.
- Our new cafeteria tables have been delivered and will be a nice addition for the 2024-25 school year for all our students.
- Our IT crew is updating laptops, desktop computers, and iPad's during the summer. They will also be preparing new laptops to be issued to the freshmen students.
- Our locker rooms are progressing. The girls' locker room has been painted, and we are ready to install the shower partitions and new fixtures. Our new lockers will be ready to install in short order as well. Our boys' locker room is getting power washed this week and is preparing for new paint. Later this summer, new shower partitions and plumbing will be installed as well as the new lockers.

Discussion was held on pouring concrete by the shop entrance. Also discussed the concrete for the batting cage.

Discussion was held on incentive for support staff who indicate retirement.

Health insurance rates for the 2024-25 school year were discussed.

Using Teledoc is an option for health insurance.

The window project is moving along well.

The process by which the board wants to search for a new superintendent was discussed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 8:03 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 8:47 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by France, seconded by Prather, to recommend employment of Casey Welscher as Special Education Coordinator, Dean of Students, and Instructional Coach for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Cameron, to recommend employment of Ty Otto as music teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Recommendation for a \_\_\_ % raise for support staff for the 2024-25 school year was tabled.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.