

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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

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

Members absent: Musson

Administrators present: Supt/HS Principal Don Willett

Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Jennifer Wherley

Superintendent Willett presented the Amended Budget.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by France, to adjourn the hearing at 7:04 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Members absent: Musson

Administrators present: Supt./HS Principal Don Willett

Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Jennifer Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 8.7 Recommend approving a loan from the Ed Fund to the IMRF Fund for \$26,000; 8.8 Recommend approving updated Technology Acceptable Use Agreement; 10.11 Prom.

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

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Stevens, to approve the amended budget for the 2019-20 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Musson arrived at 7:15 pm.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the Consolidated District Plan. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Stevens, to approve Press Policies: 2:125; 2:125-E; 2:160; 2:160-E; 4:50; 5:60; 5:60-E1; 5:60-E2; 5:150; 5:280; 6:135; 6:280; 7:70; 7:90; 7:130; 7:235; 8:10; 8:80; 8:110; 4:180-AP3. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by France, to approve to let bids for bread, dairy and waste removal. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Stevens, to approve a loan from the Ed Fund to the IMRF Fund for \$26,000. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by France, seconded by Musson, to approve the updated Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

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, our Ed Fund = 84.52%; Building Fund = 77.8%; Transportation=94.94%. Our overall budget is at 86.19%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is about \$43,000.
 - Our first Transition Committee meeting will be Thursday morning at 8:30. We will be using ZOOM as the platform to meet and discuss our school plans for the fall. Since the state is moving to Phase IV of Restore Illinois, it is our hope that we will be able to have face-to-face meetings in July and August. We have about 20 members on the committee.
 - ISBE has pushed out guidance on what the fall brings for schools in Illinois. There are many regulations and recommendations that we will be required to follow. We will utilize the guidance to fine-tune our plans moving forward. I have emailed the document to everyone in the district so that they may look it over to get an idea of what the fall might look like for us.
 - Our CARES Grant has been approved, and we have ordered technology to prepare us for the fall and coming school years. I will be submitting our Consolidated District Plan in the morning and also have our Title Grant and Pre-K Grant ready to submit. This year, each school district is in charge of their IDEA Grant, and I nearly have that ready to submit. All of the funds from this grant will pass through our district to our special education coop for services they will provide us in the 2020-21 school year.
 - The janitorial staff continues to work around the building preparing rooms and floors. Most of the elementary rooms are completed, and they are working in the high school now. The high school gym floor has been scrubbed and waxed and will be ready for use at the beginning of July.
- An update was given on the Transition Committee.

Discussion was held about the options the school can use for the fall.

The greenhouse addition was discussed.

The Board was given a list of Board meeting dates for 2020-21.

Registration this fall will be on-line.

The roof/HVAC project for the summer of 2021 was discussed.

We are working on updating the school's website.

Putting up an electric school sign was discussed. We will get some prices.

Our health insurance will be going out for bids.

The gym floor has been scrubbed and waxed.

Discussion was held about Prom on August 1.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to go into closed session at 8:51 p.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn closed session at 9:30 p.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Egleton, to approve the minutes of the closed session. All voted in favor.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Egleton, to accept the letter of resignation from Kathy Cheatum as high school special education teacher effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year, with regret and appreciation. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Egleton, to hire Lexi Danner-Clark as assistant high school volleyball coach. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Prather, to approve a 3% raise for support staff for the 2020-21 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:39 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. s