

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 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:	Tessa Egleton, Mandy Friedrich, Stephanie Carithers, Casey Welscher, Jarrett Bollinger, Jaron Bollinger, Evan Miller, Landon McCombs, Jaxson Batterton, Courtney Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 5.2 Request to use buses for after prom; 5.3 Request from fishing team for improvements for the program; 11.8 Recommend hiring Kynlee Stambaugh as a one-on-one paraprofessional.

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.

Cami Cleavinger, March High School Student of the Month, was not able to attend.

Stephanie Carithers talked to the board about providing buses to take students to Scotties in Quincy for after prom.

Tim Stevens and the fishing team talked to the board about improvements they would like for the school boat.

Thank yous were read from the family of Nedra Bollinger and Astoria Fire and Rescue for a memorial donation in memory of Nedra.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to approve membership into the IHSA for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to move \$2 million from the Education Fund to new CDs with Ipava State Bank. One million plus the balance in the old CD will be put into a new two-year CD, and the other million will be put into a new four-year CD. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the purchase of concrete for the outside batting cage area. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by France, to provide two buses to transport students to Scotties in Quincy for after prom. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- IAR testing will begin in April.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, March 14.
- Eighth grade volleyball lost in the Super Sectional to Mendon Unity.
- Junior high track has 42 participants.

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 66.64%. As of February 29, our Ed Fund is 57.98%; Building Fund is 44.42%; and Transportation is 51.93%. Our overall budget is at 59.00%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$58,000.
- We received confirmation today that we have been awarded a \$50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant to assist in covering costs of the window project.
- On the morning of March 26, high school students will take a practice PSAT and SAT in preparation of the official test on April 10. All the tests have moved to digital, so this practice testing is two-fold: 1) to ensure our students have experience taking this test digitally and 2) to make sure that we have the technical issues worked out prior to the official testing day.
- We will be on spring break from Thursday, March 28, through Tuesday, April 2. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 3.
- On April 4, a representative from Spoon River College will be here to register our seniors who will be attending SRC in the fall of 2024.
- On Monday, April 15, our National Honor Society will be sponsoring their spring blood drive in the high school gym. The blood drive will run from 8:30 – 1:30 on that day.
- It appears that the IHSA will require a shot clock for high school basketball games starting in the 2026-27 season.
- Our spring sports are all underway! Both our baseball and softball teams have a couple of games under their belt already in this early season. Track has their first meet next week.

An update was given on the locker rooms.

The window project should get started the end of May.

Statement of Economic Interest forms were given to the board members.

Pete Egleton will hand out diplomas for junior high promotion, and Brady France will hand out diplomas for high school graduation.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to go into closed session at 6:45 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, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to convene into closed session at 6:45 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the closed session at 7:52 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve employment in 2024-25 for all third year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Anastasia McCombs, Dylan Cantu, Teresa Egleton. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Egleton abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2024-25 for all second year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Natalie McCombs. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to approve employment in 2024-25 for all first year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Carri Bridges, Wes Carithers, Eric Hanneman, Michele Koopman, Braden Wherley. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to approve employment and grant tenure in 2024-25 to staff as listed: Courtney Wherley. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to rehire Stephanie Carithers as the Student Health Care Provider and Academic Advisor for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to hire Brianna Dean as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2024-25 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Shaw, to hire Braden Wherley and Courtney Wherley to mow the school grounds for the 2024 season. Cameron, Egleton, France, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Musson voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve JD Wilson and Josh Grant as volunteer track coaches. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to hire Kynlee Stambaugh as a one-on-one paraprofessional. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

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