

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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

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| Members present: | Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw |
| Members absent: | Stevens |
| Administrators present: | Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick |
| Community members present: | None |

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to Agenda: 8.2 Suggested resolution to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings; 10.8 Mower purchase; 10.9 Co-op Meeting; 11.6 Recommend approving Tim Stevens and Dan Chenoweth as fishing team captains.

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

Dale Belville, son of Clinton and Heavenly Belville, is the March High School Student of the Month. Dale was not able to attend.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the school calendar for the 2022-23 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to approve the resolution to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Erin's Law presentations are being held during PE times. Erin's Law requires each school to do these presentations to effectively address the issue of child sexual abuse. In Illinois, all public schools should implement a child sexual abuse prevention program with students in grades pre-k through 5th.
- I received an e-mail from Giving Gadgets, an organization with the following mission..."Our mission is to ensure every child has access to usable technology at school. Giving Gadgets is committed to closing the technology gap and promoting a more egalitarian educational system. We hope that your school benefits from our donation and your students improve their learning with the technology." I passed this on to Mrs.

Massaglia and Mrs. Wherley who researched it and found it was worthwhile. We could receive ten 2013 Dell Laptops as a donation. We are offering these computers to our seniors who do not have a computer at home. Any that are left will be distributed based on need.

- All Winter sports have concluded, and junior high track has begun. There are 38 athletes currently on the track team.
- Hearing and vision re-screenings for pre-k through 12th grade students are this Friday.
- Girls on the run program starts Monday, March 21st. All the coaches have been trained for this program. Just a reminder that this is for our 3rd through 5th grade girls who choose to participate.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At eight months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 66.64%. As of February 28, our Ed Fund is 60.48%; Building Fund is 69.28%; and Transportation is 90.05%. Our overall budget is at 65.31%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$64,500.
- Astoria schools are participating in a bed build sponsored by the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization. Audrey Briggs, who is a senior this year, has taken this project on and is working with the FFA, Astoria Lion's Club and Astoria students and faculty on this cause. On April 1st, the bed build will commence under the guidance of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace leaders. It is our hope that any student in the Astoria area who currently does not have a bed will benefit from this project.
- Our junior class will be taking the SAT on the morning of March 23rd. On March 24th, our sophomores will be taking the Accuplacer test, which is a placement test used by Spoon River College.
- The National Honor Society will be hosting their annual spring blood drive on Monday, April 4th, in the high school gym.
- Our high school baseball and softball teams are in action starting next week. The high school track team has their first meet the last week of March.

Discussion was held about if hosting a daycare at the school would be worthy of further investigation.

Mrs. Massaglia has received an \$850 library grant.

We met with the architects about the playground and concrete projects. Bids have gone out.

Discussion was held about replacing the water main line into the building.

The budget will be amended.

Discussion was held about a Land Lab fruit tree plot on school property. It could be used as a fundraiser for FFA.

We received a pretty good report from our HLS Inspection.

The new mower cost \$400 more.

Tim Stevens and Pete Egleton will be on the Coach Committee for the Co-op Board.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 7:48 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Purchase or lease of real property

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 7:48 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 8:26 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2022-23 all 3rd year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Madison Gale, Demri Cameron, Eric Follman, Holly Wesley. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2022-23 all 2nd year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Courtney Wherley. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve employment in 2022-23 all 1st year non-tenured certified staff as listed: Anastasia Crowe, Dylan Cantu, Teresa Egleton. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve employment and grant tenure in 2022-23 to staff as listed: Mandy Friedrich, Christy Quigley, Janee Seitz. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to approve Jeremiah Simmons as fishing sponsor. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adkins, seconded by France, to approve Tim Stevens and Dan Chenoweth as fishing team captains. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.