

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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

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

Members absent: None

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse

Supt./HS Principal Don Willett

Community members present: Jennifer Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 8.1 Press Policies - Add 4:180-AP3. 11.3 Recommend hiring Devin Boggs as summer IT help.

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

The High School Senior of the Month is Loren Miller, daughter of Ben and Lori Miller.

First reading of 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.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to approve an increase in lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year by 10 cents. K-5 will be \$2.35; 6-12 will be \$2.60; adult price will remain at \$2.90. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to approve the student handbook for the 2020-21 school year with adjustments. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the 2020-21-2021-22 COOP agreement for junior high cross-country with IESA. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Egleton, to approve the renewal with Unland Companies for building, vehicle, and liability insurance for the 2020-21 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Musson, to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. 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 10 months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 83.3%. As of April, our Ed Fund = 77.41%; Building Fund = 69.89%; Transportation=101.09%. Our overall budget is at 79.48%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is about \$43,000.
- Both Mr. Crouse and I will be having staff meetings via Zoom on Thursday, May 21, to officially end this school year. We will be discussing many topics such as grading, availability of the building during the summer, professional development, and what things may look like in the fall with the beginning of the school year.
- In June, we will be forming a committee to prepare for what our school will look like in the fall. We will include teachers, parents, social worker, counselor, board members, and community members. The goal is to make sure we have perspective from the stakeholders in our area to assist in the transition to whatever school will look like.
- There was some good news on the state budget regarding K-12 education funding. It appears the budget adopted will be for the entire fiscal year. There was much talk about a 6-month budget or lump sum budget, but prudent thinking prevailed. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide sufficient appropriations to ensure that the Base Funding Minimum amount, and no more, is distributed, so there is a good chance it will. K-12 education will be held harmless and receive flat funding. The proposed budget includes flat levels for early childhood funding and mandated categorical payments. It also increases special education reimbursement for this year (FY20) by \$11.2 million. I was concerned that we would have a proration of the budget again, but it doesn't sound like that is going to be the case.
- The janitorial staff has been working throughout the building and are now focusing on the elementary wing with cleaning rooms and floor preparation.
- We will push back the June Board Meeting to Wednesday, June 24, to possibly assist in having a better picture of what things might start to look like in the fall.

The Federal CARES Act was discussed.

Discussion was held about fall plans.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Egleton, to adjourn closed session at 9:05 p.m. All voted in favor.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to accept the letter of resignation from Rob Buchanan as PE teacher effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to accept the letter of resignation from Jennifer Kendrick as School Psychologist/Special Education Coordinator effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, to hire Devin Boggs as summer IT help. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Egleton, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. s