

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

Members present:	Egleton, France, Musson, Prather
Members absent:	Shaw, Stevens
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Jim Bormann, Tori Capps, Mandy Friedrich, Tessa Egleton, Courtney Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Addition to the Agenda: 6.1 Jim Bormann and Tori Capps from Beardstown Christian Academy

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve Austin Cameron as a new board member. Egleton, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Motion passed.

Chris Shaw entered at 7:02.

The oath of office was taken by the new board member, Austin Cameron.

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

Jim Bormann and Tori Capps from Beardstown Christian Academy presented on the possibility of their junior high and high school students joining the South Fulton sports co-op.

A thank you note was read from the Murphysboro Food Pantry for a donation made in memory of Joan Bastien.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve an increase to the breakfast price by 10 cents to \$1.20 and lunch prices by 10 cents for the 2023-24 school year. K-5 = \$2.65; 6-12 = \$2.90; adults = \$3.10. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to approve Press Policies 2:110; 2:150; 3:40; 4:40; 4:60; 5:30; 5:90; 5:125; 5:150; 5:260; 5:285; 6:135; 6:210; 6:230; 8:20; 8:70. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve the 2023-24 handbook. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve renewal with Unland Companies for building, vehicle and liability insurance for the 2023-24 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve a \$2,500 donation to the South Fulton Marching Band. Cameron, France, Musson, and Prather voted aye. Egleton and Shaw voted nay. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Our spring MAP testing in language, math, and reading concluded today. These results show us growth, or lack thereof, in these three subjects.
- Junior high awards were this afternoon in the elementary gym.
- Eighth grade promotion is Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m.
- The town library is providing a Wildlife Exotics assembly for our students on Friday, May 19th, at 8:30.
- Friday is our picnic and fun activity day for our students.
- Monday is our music program.

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 30, our Ed Fund is 63.75%; Building Fund is 65.18%; and Transportation Fund is 65.84%. Our overall budget is at 61.81%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$63,500.
- Faith's Law is a new law that goes into effect on July 1, 2023, to ensure that persons hired by school districts do not have a background of any sexual misconduct at their prior employment. Each new employee will be provided a form to have their former employer fill out and submit to their new employer to ensure there is no knowledge of previous improprieties.
- The district is looking to hire part-time bus drivers. The district will pay for all aspects of obtaining the bus CDL. If you are interested, contact the high school office at 329-2156.
- Our last student day is an 11:30 dismissal on May 22nd. Our teacher's last day is on May 23rd.
- Online school registration will open on July 10th for all students.
- Our softball team finished up their season this week. Congratulations to our baseball team on winning their first-round regional game against West Prairie. They are playing BPC in the regional semi-finals tonight. Our track teams have done very well this year. Our boys are competing in the sectional meet today. Congratulations to Meg Simmons on making it to the state track meet in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races.

The budget has been amended. The Amended Budget Hearing is set for June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Eighth grade promotion is May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

High school graduation is May 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Massaglia received an \$850 Secretary of State District Library Grant.

Our bed build was a success. Nineteen beds were made.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 7:47 p.m. for the following purpose:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

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

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the closed session at 8:27 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to hire Michele Koopman as a junior high math teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to accept the resignation from Garry Bastien, with thanks, as high school math teacher effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to hire Devin Boggs as IT help for the summer of 2023. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to recommend a 4% raise for support staff for the 2023-24 school year. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.