

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Stevens
Members absent:	Shaw
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett GS/JH Principal Dave Crouse Board Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Mandy Friedrich, Tessa Egleton, Casey Welscher, Brylee France, Brandon France

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 8:10 Consider the approval of no South Fulton coaches contact with players on Sundays effective December 1, 2023, pending VIT approval; 8.11 Consider the approval of privatizing the athletic hall of fame effective immediately, pending VIT approval; 10.3 Working Cash CD

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

Shaw came in at 7:02 p.m.

Brylee France, daughter of Brady and Brandon France, was introduced as the November High School Student of the Month. Brylee talked about the activities she has been involved in and her plans to attend college to become a dental hygienist.

Landon McCombs, the October High School Student of the Month, was not able to attend.

Casey Welscher gave a presentation on what her role is as Special Education Coordinator and Dean of students.

A thank you was read from the family of Carl Cable.

A thank you was read from Jeanie and Paul Sager.

A thank you was read from the family of Earl Seitz.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to approve a resolution to abate the 2023 bond payment using \$50,00 of facility tax funds. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the high school graduation for Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to approve applying for a School Project Maintenance Grant for \$50,000 matching towards the Health Life Safety window/siding replacement project. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve the locker room repair. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve a bid for tree removal on the south side of the building for \$2,800 from Hollenback Tree Removal. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

First reading of the following Press Policies was held: 2:20; 2:120; 2:200; 2:220; 2:220-E2; 2:220-E6; 4:10; 4:30; 4:60; 4:130; 4:130E; 4:160; 5:30; 5:190; 5:200; 5:210; 5:220; 5:250; 5:330; 6:15; 6:30; 6:50; 6:60; 6:230; 7:60; 7:70; 7:160; 7:190; 7:270; 7:285; 7:290; 8:30.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve raising volleyball officiating rates for South Fulton home contests to \$75 for junior high games and \$90 for high school games effective immediately, pending VIT approval. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, for an immediate pay rate increase for ticket taker, scorer and clock operator for home South Fulton contests to \$30, pending VIT approval. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve matching the booster's amount of \$1,000 (\$500 from each school) to go towards the purchase of track record boards for each school. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion to consider the approval of no South Fulton coaches contact with players on Sundays effective December 1, 2023, pending VIT approval, was tabled.

Stevens made a motion, there was no second, to consider the approval of privatizing the athletic hall of fame effective immediately, pending VIT approval. No second motion was received. No action taken.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Due to the weather, our Halloween parade for parents was held in the gym, on Tuesday, October 31.
- The vision and hearing screenings were on Monday for all pre-k through third grade students, all eighth-grade students, then any IEP students.
- Junior high basketball is currently in full swing. Seventh grade is 5-0, and eighth grade is 2-3.
- We will have our winter MAP testing the week of December 11-15. One test a day for math, reading, and language.

- Junior high will attend the Rivermen hockey game in Peoria on Thursday, December 14, weather permitting.
- The Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 19, from 10:30 -11:15. We have an 11:30 dismissal that day to start winter break.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Our second annual ACE Day was yesterday at the high school. Stephanie Carithers did a fantastic job contacting attendees and organizing the whole event for high school students and eighth grade students. We had over 30 presenters here from colleges, entrepreneurs, military, healthcare, cosmetology, operators' union, CAT, and DOT to name a few. Our students were able to learn about these entities and what opportunities they can provide them after graduation as a career or schooling. Also, a big thanks to our staff who assisted in the event. It was a terrific morning of learning and expanding knowledge about careers and opportunities for our students in their near future.
- Our high school students provided labor for the town Christmas tree event on the square. This is a good community event for our students to participate in, and they are great help to get this project accomplished. We had about 60 students assist in the project. It took about an hour to prepare the 50 Christmas trees. Thanks to all who helped!
- The auditor will be here in the district this Thursday and Friday.
- Student progress reports go out this Friday.
- There is no school next Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving break.
- Our high school girls' basketball team started their season last night in the Fulton County tournament, playing at Spoon River Valley against Lewistown. Our high school boys' basketball team will begin their season in the Fulton County tournament at Farmington vs Lewistown at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 21. Good luck to our teams this season!

Superintendent Willett presented information on the levy.

The December board meeting will be on December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

A discussion was held about the Working Cash CD which matures this month.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the closed session at 8:41 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by France, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.