

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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:	Stephanie Carithers, Casey Welscher, Courtney Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 10.3 Sports Hall of Fame requirements

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.

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

Stephanie Carithers gave a presentation on what she has done in her position as academic advisor and healthcare coordinator.

Courtney Wherley gave a presentation on improvements her class would like to do to the locker rooms.

A thank you was read from The Baby Fold for a donation on behalf of Kay Bennett.

A thank you was read from Don Bennett.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- House sorting was today.
- Fifty-five students participated in the Miles of Smiles traveling dentist program.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Red Ribbon week is next week, October 23-27.
- Junior high boys' basketball has started. We have 15-seventh graders and eight-eighth graders. Their first game is Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Junior high girls' basketball is wrapping up, with both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade regionals being hosted at VIT. Seventh grade starts on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and eighth grade on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- At the IESA state cross country meet, Kailyn Chenoweth placed 104<sup>th</sup> out of 230, while Karter Chenoweth placed 28<sup>th</sup> out of 230.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- I attended my yearly workshop on the levy process today. I will present our levy information at the November board meeting.
- We completed our yearly bus evacuation drill on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The students did a fantastic job listening to our drivers and completing the drill without incident.
- We are slated for a full compliance from the ROE this year. I have been working on the documentation needed to fulfill the requirements. This process will take a couple of months to complete, culminating in a visit from the ROE.
- Red Ribbon Week will be next week at the high school. The SWAT club has set up some fun student activities for the week.
- I have been asked by our auditor to request our ROE for an extension to provide our Annual Financial Report as the audit has not been started. John Meixner has given us that extension.
- Our juniors will be taking a practice SAT exam in late November this year. The state has moved this exam to an on-line format, so it is completely different. The purpose of the practice exam will be to learn about the new format, experience the content of the exam, figure out timing for each test, and work through any IT issues that come about.
- Our football season will conclude with a contest at Rushville/Industry this Friday. Our volleyball team will have Senior Night tomorrow versus Rushville/Industry. They will start regionals at Augusta Southeastern on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. versus Liberty. Our cross-country teams will be running in their regional meet at Quincy this Saturday. Good luck to all our athletes as the fall season winds down.

We are waiting on an estimate from Hollenback Tree Service for the removal of four trees.

Discussion was held about purchasing new lunchroom tables.

The board was given a list of sports Hall of Fame requirements.

Steve Kelly, South Fulton Athletic Director, gave the board an update from the Big 5 meeting.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.