

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

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

Members absent: Adkins

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse

Supt/HS Principal Don Willett

Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Kendall King, Jennifer Wherley

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Addition to the agenda: 6.2 Thank you from Sharon Musson

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

Christina Kling, daughter of Lisa Kennedy and Chris Kling, was recognized as the High School Student of the Month.

Thank you notes were read from Sharon Musson and the Bob Boggs family.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Egleton, to approve a resolution providing for the issue of \$2,189,400 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, of the District for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchasers thereof. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to accept the bus bid for \$1,553.00 from Crispin Auto for the sale of bus #7. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The first reading of Press Policies 2:260; 2:265; 5:10; 5:20; 5:100; 5:220; 5:330; 7:10; 7:20; 7:180; 7:185 was held.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Impedance Screenings were held for the elementary students.
- We had picture retakes.
- Our Jr. High cross-country team finished a very successful season. In regional contest, Emma Gorsuch won the girls race and Aidan Parks placed second. Congratulations on a great season!

The Principal/Superintendent report from Mr. Willett included:

- We are thankful to be in-person teaching every day. Many schools around the area are having to go with a variety of schedules that don't always include seeing and working with their students on a daily basis. We are thankful to the local churches who have allowed us to make our plan work for the betterment of our students!
- Near the end of the month, we will find out how our winter sports programs will proceed. IHSA is working in conjunction with IDPH to determine if winter athletic contests will be possible. IHSA has allowed contact days for football, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball over the past couple of months. Governor Pritzker tipped his hand a bit during his press conference on Tuesday when asked about winter sports, saying that the state is trending the wrong way, and at this point they were going to be very careful when pushing out guidance about winter sports in the state.
- As a reminder, for this year only, all schools will not be in session on Tuesday, November 3, which is Election Day. Governor Pritzker has deemed this day as a state holiday for some public entities.
- The Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's waiver extensions will allow schools to operate Summer Meals programs through the end of the 2020-21 school year, offering free meals to students. This changes the expiration from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- We are in dire need of substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals. At this point, we have no paraprofessional subs and one teaching sub. We would be grateful to anyone interested in applying for these positions. Please contact one of the offices at the school.
- Our High School Cross Country teams will compete in their regional contests this weekend in Liberty. Best of luck to our runners, and congratulations on a successful season!

ISBE designated all three buildings as commendable this year.

FFA will be attending the National Convention virtually this year.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Musson, to accept the resignation from Dawn Bushong as a paraprofessional. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to hire Kayla Cleland as a paraprofessional. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Stevens, to approve maternity leave for employee 12020. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Egleton, to approve maternity leave for employee 22020. Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by France, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.