

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw
Members absent:	Stevens
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Michele Koopman, Jude Thiner, Matt Thiner, Shaina Thiner

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jude Thiner, son of Matt Thiner and Michele Koopman, was introduced as the January High School Student of the Month. Jude talked about the activities he has been involved in and his plans on attending college to major in architecture.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Prather, to approve the following press policies: 2:105; 2:120; 4:30; 4:60; 4:170; 5:10; 5:20; 5:90; 5:120; 5:125; 5:230; 6:60; 6:135; 6:270; 7:10; 7:100; 7:200; 8:10. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Prather, seconded by Shaw, to approve the board resolution to support Vision 2030. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, and Shaw voted aye. Motion passed.

Stevens came in at 6:14 p.m.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Seventh grade boys' basketball regional starts Saturday, January 25, in Stronghurst.
- Eighth grade boys' basketball regional starts Saturday, February 1, in Colchester.
- The seventh and eighth grade volleyball season has started, and each team is 1-1.
- Jostens came to talk to our eighth graders. They do a promotion shirt that has each student's signature.
- PTO is hosting bingo on Sunday, January 26, from 3-5 p.m. at the school.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At six months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 49.98%. As of December 31, our Ed Fund is 46.96%; Building Fund is 60.55%; Transportation Fund is 39.01%. Our overall budget is at 53.12%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- The newly installed vape detectors should be operational by the end of this week. The technicians have been here since Monday installing the wiring and sensors. It is the hope that these sensors will deter students from vaping at school. In turn, the consequences will be swift and meaningful if students continue to vape at school.
- We hosted our annual bus driver refresher course in our library last Thursday night to ensure our bus drivers and other local drivers keep their bus CDL current.
- There is no school on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- Some of our FFA members will be attending a leadership workshop at WIU at the end of the month.
- Both of our boys' and girls' basketball teams are competing hard and are in the midst of their seasons. The boys will be participating in the Triopia Tournament at the end of the month. Best of luck to both teams as they prepare for regionals next month.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m.

The Astoria Lion's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Saturday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. This is before the high school boys' basketball game against North Mac which starts at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.