

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Members present:	Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett Special Ed Coordinator/Dean of Students Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Bobbie Wright, Neil Wright, Neelie Wright

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 10.5 Fence supports; 11.1 Recommend approving Matt Davis as a volunteer high school boys' basketball coach

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

Neelie Wright, daughter of Neil and Bobbie Wright, was introduced as the November High School Student of the Month. She talked about the activities she has been involved in and her plans after high school.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has been troubleshooting with teachers, working on teacher evaluations, and filling in where needed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to approve a resolution to abate the 2024 bond payment using \$50,000 of facility tax funds. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to approve high school graduation for Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Shaw, to approve the installation of vape detectors in the high school and junior high at a cost of \$14,949.06. Cameron, Eggleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Our Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 8, was very well received.
- Progress Reports went out Friday, November 15.
- Our Leader of the Month Assembly will be on Tuesday, November 26.
- The seventh grade girls' basketball regional was this past Saturday. Our girls lost to Mendon Unity to end their season.
- The eighth grade girls' basketball regional is this Saturday, November 23, in Virginia.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Our Veteran's Day program held on November 8 was a great success. Our students and staff were able to honor some of our local veterans with speeches and special music. The event culminated with a receiving line where all staff and students were able to personally thank the veterans who were here. The veterans were very appreciative and thankful for the program.
- Several of our high school students helped set up Christmas trees on the square today. It has become a nice tradition for the students to help in this community event.
- Our second round of MAP testing for the high school will be from December 4-6.
- Thanksgiving break will run from November 27 through December 1, with classes resuming on December 2.
- On December 19 and 20, school will be dismissing at 2:00.
- Our girls' basketball team started their season last night in the Fulton County Tournament, hosted at VIT this year. Our boys' team will begin the Fulton County Tournament in Havana at 7:30 p.m. on November 26.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Willett discussed the tax levy.

ACE (Astoria Connection Event) Day at the high school was last Friday. It was a huge success. Students from eighth grade through high school were able to talk to different organizations about future careers. Thanks to Stephanie Musson for organizing it.

All three schools earned a commendable rating per ISBE.

Our 2023-24 audit is in progress.

The bottom of the pre-k fence is rolling up. Support bars have been ordered to fix the problem.

Courtney Musson is taking four members of our high school Valorant team to the E-Sports IHSEA LAN 1A finals at NIU in DeKalb on Sunday.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 7:26 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 Prather, seconded by Musson, to convene into closed session at 7:26 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn the closed session at 8:09 p.m. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson, 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 Cameron, to approve Matt Davis as a volunteer high school boys' basketball coach. Cameron, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.