

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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

Members present:	Cameron, Egleton, 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
Other school staff present:	Stephanie Carithers
Community members present:	None

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to agenda: 10.2. Recommend approving Stephanie Nicks as cheerleading sponsor;  
10.3 Recommend hiring Janee Seitz as junior high volleyball coach

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

Results of the school board election: Jill Easley and Patrick Skiles were elected. Austin Cameron and Derek Prather were re-elected.

The Oath of Office was taken by the newly elected board members.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by France, to select Superintendent Willett as President Pro-Tem. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Pete Egleton and Chris Shaw were recognized as departing board members. They were thanked for their many years of service to the school district.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

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Election of officers was held.

Motion by France, seconded by Prather, to nominate Tim Stevens as Board President. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by France, to nominate Derek Prather as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to nominate Brady France as Board Secretary. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to approve the consent agenda (minutes, bills, payroll) as presented. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Tucker Stambaugh, son of Todd and Nicole Stambaugh, Kisha Stambaugh, and Jeremy Taylor, is the April High School Student of the Month. Tucker was not able to attend.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to appoint Kim Prather as the District Treasurer. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to appoint Robbins, Schwartz LTD as the district's legal counsel. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adopt all current board policies, rules, regulations, procedures and practices. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to appoint the Superintendent to hear all concerns regarding Title IX, sexual harassment, homeless students, and other duties as carried out by the position that previous board required. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adopt and confirm all current contracts, obligations and regulation of previous Board. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to establish board meeting times as the third Wednesday of each month to start at 7:00 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to establish district financial depositories at Better Banks and Ipava State Bank, both of Astoria. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Casey Welscher and Stephanie Carithers gave a presentation on having ninth hour be a study hall or enrichment period for the high school next school year.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to approve the school handbook for the 2025-26 school year, pending a majority agreement to changes to the attendance policy. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to approve a three-year contract with GFL as the waste management company for the school. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to approve changing terms on two CDs to 24 months at 3.75% with Ipava State Bank. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- IAR math, language, and reading testing was completed last week for our third-eighth grade students.
- IAR science testing will be completed next week for our fifth and eighth grade students.
- Reading Coast to Coast was a HUGE success, with the students putting over 1,200 balloons in my office.
- Eighth grade promotion is Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At eight months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 74.97%. As of March 31, our Ed Fund is 69.40%; Building Fund is 76.14%; and Transportation is 58.97%. Our overall budget is at 72.43%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- We have been in contact with Ameren to perform some assessments of our buildings. This process will take two or three months to complete with the hopes of energy savings, thus cost savings in the future for the district.
- Next month will be a busy one. Our students will have MAP testing in early May. We have several end-of-year field trips; high school awards night will be on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m.; eighth grade promotion is Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.; the last day of school is May 16; and high school graduation is Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. School will be dismissed at 2:00 on May 15 and 16.
- Our spring break will be April 18 – 21.

An update was given on the baseball field. The pad has been poured for the batting cage, and rock has been spread around the dugouts.

Our REAP funds will be used for classroom computers.

We will be renewing our E-learning plan at the May board meeting.

The Astoria Board would like to congratulate our eight South Fulton athletes who signed at Student College Signing Day.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 8:22 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to convene into closed session at 8:23 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the closed session at 8:40 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the minutes of the closed session. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by France, to rehire Jenna Lindholm as part-time Spanish teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to approve Stephanie Nicks as high school cheerleading sponsor for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to hire Janee Seitz as junior high volleyball coach for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.