

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

Members present: Adkins, Egleton, France (via phone), Musson, Prather, Shaw, Stevens

Members absent:

Administrators present: JH/GS Principal Dave Crouse

Supt/HS Principal Don Willett

Board Secretary Tammie McCormick

Community members present: Amy Simmons

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 6.1 Email from Coach Posey; 10.8 Special Board Meeting; 10.9 Water heaters

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

An email from Coach Posey about her plans for the volleyball team was read.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Stevens, to accept the bid for bread from Bimbo Bakeries for the 2020-21 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to accept the bid for dairy from Kimbro Dairy Products for the 2020-21 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Adkins, to accept the bid for waste removal from Area Disposal for the 2020-21 school year. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye.

Motion passed.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At 12 months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 100%. As of the end of June, our Ed Fund = 92.13%; Building Fund = 85.95%; Transportation = 98.97%. Our overall budget is at 93.22%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is about \$43,000.
  - Our Transition Committee has met twice over the past two weeks to discuss and plan for the fall. We have established a parent survey, discussed changes in protocol for the upcoming year, discussed technology for students and teachers, and listened to concerns from all stakeholders in the transition back to school. We have also brainstormed ideas that will assist all in allowing students to be outside more often during the school day. All have agreed that Google Classroom is the format that all teachers will use when we implement in-person and remote learning. We have had many discussions about the wearing of masks and the issues that will cause for students and teachers. We are thankful for the committee's input during this process. We will meet again on Tuesday, July 28, here in the school.
  - I will be meeting with representatives from First Midstate Investment Bankers and Kings Financial Consulting related to future funding for our Health Life Safety project next summer. Today, we had an architect from Phillips and Associates and an engineer on site to determine our specific HVAC needs along with roofing needs.
  - The janitorial staff continues to work around the building preparing rooms and floors. The elementary hall and rooms are completed. Restrooms in the elementary and high school are completed, as well as the cafeteria and kitchen. They are working in the high school classrooms now and have most of them completed. They have set up the lunchroom and elementary gym for breakfast and lunch to start the school year. Jared will be installing hand sanitizer dispensers in each classroom and other strategic locations around the building. We are in contact with our cleaning supply distributor to ensure that products we are purchasing meet the CDC requirements to disinfect our school building.
- On-line registration will be from August 3-7, but may be earlier if the program is ready.

A copy of the Parent Survey was distributed and discussed.

An update was given on the fall plan.

Discussion was held on updating textbooks.

Fall athletics were discussed.

Information about an electric school sign was discussed.

The working cash CD will renew at the end of the month.

We may need to have a Special Board Meeting the first part of August.

Updating the water heaters was discussed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to go into closed session at 8:28 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to convene into closed session at 8:28 p.m. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn closed session at 9:01 p.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Prather, to approve the minutes of the closed session. All voted in favor.

Motion by Egleton, seconded by Musson, to hire Casey Welscher as the Special Education Coordinator. Adkins, Egleton, France, Musson, Prather, Shaw, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Adkins, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.