

Panorama Community School District January Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 1/14/2013
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on January 14th, 2013 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The regular session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:30pm.

Immediately following the call to order, the board of directors paused for a moment of silence in memory of the 20 students and 7 adults killed December 14th in Newtown, Connecticut.

President Wilke shared the following statement on behalf of the Board of Directors:
"The Panorama School District Board of Education and its Administrators, Teachers, Paraeducators, and Support Staff all come together collectively to mourn the loss of the promising lives at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Though we will never know the full measure of sorrow experienced by the families, the Panorama School District stands with them during this difficult time."

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Board Members Scott Fredrickson, Tom Arganbright, Tina Thornberry, Robert Meinecke, and Bryce Wilke were present.

Administrators Present:

Kathryn Elliott (Superintendent), Mary Breyfogle (School Improvement Coordinator), Cory Heiman (Elementary Principal), Mark Johnston (MS/HS Principal) and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

Others:

Ronda Hafner, Gordon Castile, Kylee Boettcher, Emily Carstens and Ethan Laughery were present.

Public Forum

Speaker Name: None
Subject: None

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None
T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as posted.
S. Fredrickson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Items

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the consent items.
R. Meinecke seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Items:

Consent items included the minutes of the December 10th regular board meeting, 2 open enrollment 'Out' applications, 2 open enrollment 'In' applications and the financial report and the bills/VISA report as presented.

Reports

Student Council Presentation—Panorama Snowcoming

Student council members Emily Carstens and Ethan Laughery, along with advisor Kylee Boettcher, presented information about the first ever "Panorama Snowcoming" scheduled for January 13th through the 18th. The purpose of this week long event is to bring the school and the community together to raise money and awareness of several local charities. Activities have been planned by the student council which will help to raise funds for the Lion's Club, Tori's Angels, the local food bank and for a digital sign for the school.

Reports, continued

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott reported that the Iowa Department of Education site visit will formally begin on Tuesday, January 15th. There will be sixteen individuals here from the Department of Education to review the district in the following areas:

1. Vision, Mission and Goals
2. Leadership
3. Collaborative Relationships
4. Learning Environment
5. Curriculum and Instruction
6. Professional Development
7. Monitoring and Accountability

In addition, the Department of Education will complete an equity review of the district.

Discussion/Information Topics

PEA Negotiations Letter

The board reviewed a letter received from Brian Bahrenfuss, President of the Panorama Education Association (PEA), requesting to begin the negotiation process for the 2013-14 school year.

School Safety Update

In light of the recent tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, Ms. Elliott wanted to provide an update on the safety policies and procedures of the district. The school does have a crisis management plan and does provide training to staff on how to react in a crisis situation. These plans cannot be shared with the public in order to keep them confidential should there be a situation. Ms. Elliott also reported that the school employs Angie Clouser, who acts as the district's Court Liaison and Safety Officer. Mrs. Clouser has assisted the district with security issues as well as crisis management. Mrs. Clouser also works with students who have anger or other emotional issues and does an excellent job of building relationships with those students and their families. Having an employee such as this on staff not only helps with handling crisis situations, but also acts as a preventive measure.

Board member B. Wilke commended the City of Panora Police Department and the Guthrie County Sheriff for being visible at the school. He also commented that safety of the students is the number one priority of the board.

Bus Cameras

Ms. Elliott reviewed "Kadyn's Law" which provides strict penalties for school bus arm violations. Because of this law and to ensure the safety of students, the district would like to purchase 5 cameras that can be mounted on busses to monitor school bus arm violations. Ms. Elliott reported that these cameras would cost an estimated \$2000-\$2500 per bus. The board requested that the district bring a proposal to the board for approval.

Update on Legislative Advocacy Meeting

Ms. Elliott provided the board with the state of Iowa's legislative brief on education that included the following 5 components:

1. Teacher Leadership and Compensation System
2. Teach Iowa Initiative
3. Iowa Promise Diploma Seals
4. Educator Development System
5. Expanding the Iowa Learning Online Program

Ms. Elliott reported that current state funding is not adequate to fund required programs and initiatives. She urged the board to speak to state legislatures about providing adequate allowable growth to schools.

Upcoming Dates

- DE Site Visit – January 14-17
- Regular Board Meeting – February 11th @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Voluntary Retirement Incentive Application

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the voluntary retirement incentive applications received from the following teachers:

Name	Years of Service @ Panorama	Total Years of Teaching
Merritt, Mary	11	20
Smool, Janelle	12	34
Smool, Gary	10	11
DeWitt, Rhonda	37	37
Hafner, Ronda	36	42
Redfern, Cindy	24	24

S. Fredrickson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

LanSchool Management Software

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the purchase of LanSchool Management software in the amount of \$6,000.

R. Meinecke seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Revised Board Policy – 204.14A Public Participation in School Board Meetings

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the 1st reading of revised board policy # 204.14—Public Participation in School Board Meetings.

T. Thornberry seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

FCCLA Fundraiser

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the FCCLA Fundraiser for carnation deliveries on Valentine's Day.

S. Fredrickson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight/Out-of-State Trips

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the following overnight trip requests:

- Choir students who will be traveling to Iowa City on 1/27/2013 to attend the U of I Honors Choir Festival
- High school wrestlers who will be traveling to Creston on 1/18/2013 to attend a tournament
- TAG/NASA Space Settlement Design team on March 14th—18th to attend the competition in Houston, Texas
- Senior Class on April 27th to travel to Minneapolis for the senior trip. (This trip will not be overnight.)

R. Meinecke seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The next regular board meeting will be 2/11/2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Sarah Young,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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