

Panorama Community School District February Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 2/11/2013
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 February 11th, 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.

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, Tim Ashworth, Rachel Downing, Ryan Lehms, Greg Thompson

Public Forum

Speaker Name: None
Subject: None

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Add "Wrestling Overnight Trip for State" to Action Item A.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Wilke commended the high school students, coaches and sponsors for the following recent achievements:

- Wrestling team won District Championship for the first time in school history. Four wrestlers will compete at state which is also the most state qualifiers in a single season in school history. The wrestlers competing are: Hunter Grunsted (138), Tyler Hein (160), Taylor Hein (195) and Garrett Johnston (285).
- Basketball: Sidney Beckman scored her 1000th point last week, which is a major milestone. She also broke the school record for 3pt field goals in a career.
- Speech: Group that received All-State honors: Short film group titled "Decisions" with consisted of the following students: Micah Haworth, Jesse Haworth, Noah Stetzel, Jack Fisher, Gavin Richey, Kevin McClatchey, Allison Bump, KC Gafkjen and Garrett DeYoung. Groups that received a '1' rating at state: Choral Reading, Reader's Theater, Ensemble Acting: Blithe Spirit, Alice in Wonderland, & Tattoo, Improv, Musical Theater, Radio Broadcasting, Short Film.

Consent Items

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the consent items.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Items:

Consent items included the minutes of the January 14th regular board meeting, 1 open enrollment "Out" application, the financial report and the bills/VISA report as presented. The board also accepted a resignation letter from Diane Meinecke from her position in the alternative program. The board also approved the following contracts:

- Rose Phipps, Special Education Paraeducator, \$6,870.00
- Gabe Parker, JH Baseball, \$1,459.00
- Aubree Gilmore, JH Softball, \$1,459.00

Reports, continued

Math Teachers

Math Teachers Greg Thompson and Rachel Downing were present to discuss the new math curriculum implemented this school year. Mr. Thompson reported that they have faced some challenges with the new curriculum, but that it does require students to use more high order thinking skills. He also reported that the new curriculum includes a computer program which allows students to learn the skills online which they can then apply in the classroom. Mrs. Downing reported that this curriculum encourages students to use critical thinking and problem solving skills. She did report that one of the challenges is how to assess the students' progress because she as the teacher is learning right along with the students. However, she is hoping to see some growth on the MAP assessments.

Mary Breyfogle, School Improvement Coordinator

Mrs. Breyfogle reported that she recently attended an advocacy meeting in regard to Governor Branstad's Education Reform Bill. Mrs. Breyfogle reviewed different pieces of the bill including online learning, training and employment of teachers, teacher and administration development systems, and the different career paths and roles of teachers. Mrs. Breyfogle reported that she does agree with many pieces of the bill, but there is concern that the state will not provide adequate funding to support the requirements. Mrs. Breyfogle urged board members to talk to their legislatures about these concerns.

Cory Heiman, Elementary Principal

Mr. Heiman reported on the new 'After School' program being implemented at the elementary. This program will focus on the new math curriculum and will provide additional support for students in this subject area. Letters were sent to approximately 30 students inviting them to participate in the program.

Mark Johnston, MS/HS Principal

Mr. Johnston reported that the Response to Intervention team analyzed the winter MAP data. In addition to looking at individual student scores, the group also looked at the combined scores of classes to ensure students are progressing towards college readiness.

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott reported that she is working with Shane Arp, Athletic Director, on planning for the resurfacing and expansion of the current track. Ms. Elliott and Mr. Arp will be presenting bids to the board at the March 2012 meeting. Construction of the new track will begin in the Spring of 2014.

Discussion/Information Topics

CIPA Compliance Network Review

Ryan Lehms, IT Director, was present to discuss the CIPA compliance network review. To be E-rate eligible, the district has to make it known on public record that we have adopted the revised "Technology Acceptable Use & Internet Safety Policy", which was approved on July 9th, 2012. The school does use a Barracuda content filter and it is configured to meet all CIPA requirements, including the blocking of obscene content, child pornography and anything harmful to minors.

Legislative Update/Impact of Allowable Growth on district budget

B Wilke reported that he had recently attended the legislative update with Governor Branstad and provided the following highlights from the session:

- There was much discussion surrounding the STEM grants and the amount of participation in the program.
- School start date appears to still be an issue. In addition, the school calendar will need to meet a minimum of school hours instead of days.
- There has been no decision made by legislatures on allowable growth. Schools are struggling with budget planning because of the unknowns in regard to state financing and education reform. In addition, many schools have a high unspent balance which is necessary because of the uncertainty surrounding allowable growth.

Nutrition Account Update

Ms. Elliott reported that she continues to meet with Food Service Director Bob Rogers to analyze the finances of the nutrition fund. Although revenues have increased, our expenditures continue to increase as well. The new requirements of the healthy kids act make it necessary to provide more fresh fruit and vegetables as well as more choices for students. Ms. Elliott will continue to analyze the finances and look for additional ways to reduce expenditures.

Discussion/Information Topics, continued

Set Board Work Session on 2013-14 Budget – February 26th

The board will hold a work session on February 26th at 5:30pm to discuss the 2013-14 certified budget. Prior to that meeting, the PEA and the District Negotiation team will meet to present initial contract proposals for the 2013-14 school year.

Upcoming Dates

- Regular Board Meeting – March 11th @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Overnight/Out-of-State Trips

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the TSA overnight trip to Adventureland Inn for a competition on April 15th and the Wrestling overnight trip to the state tournament on February 13th.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative Sharing Agreement

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Carroll for swimming for the 2013-14 school year.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Revised Board Policy – 204.14A Public Participation in School Board Meetings

Board members discussed a concern raised by a community member in regard to timely posting of the agenda that would allow sufficient time for the public to review the agenda and contact the Superintendent prior to the meeting. The board asked to review board policy 209.5—Board Meeting Agenda prior to making any amendments to this revised policy. Both policies will be reviewed again in the March board meeting.

S. Fredrickson motioned to table the 2nd reading of revised board policy # 204.14—Public Participation in School Board Meetings.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Revised Board Policy – 506.4 Student Library Circulation Records

During the Department of Education site visit, it was noted that the district is missing this mandated policy. B Wilke voiced his concern that the district paid the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) to review all policies and to inform the school of any required policies that were missing. This policy was not reported as missing during this review by IASB.

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the 1st reading of revised board policy # 506.4—Student Library Circulation Records.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Board Representative to County Conference Board

B. Wilke motioned to nominate Tom Arganbright to the County Conference Board.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2013-14 School Calendar

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the 2013-14 school calendar as presented.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The next regular board meeting will be 3/11/2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Sarah Young,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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