

# Panorama Community School District May Regular School Board Meeting

**Date:** 5/13/2013  
**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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, Liz Labath, Greg Irving, Kristi Irving, Emily Wells, Christy Laabs, Jenny VanGundy, Marcia Hackfort, Bill Hackfort, Adam Hackfort, Kent Muyskens, Kent Downing, Shelly Downing, Krista Downing, Paul Greenlee, Kim Greenlee, Katie Akers, Dave Kemble, Shane Andersen, Evan Babcock, Scott Stanley, Shane Arp, Karwyn Gibson, Amanda Svoboda, Deb Westergaard, Tim Ashworth, Amy Randol, Katie Schlitter, Terry Schlitter, Hal Rossow, Deb Douglass, Tracy Welberg, Bill Douglass, JoAnn Eason, Sarah Stiefel, Tony Cosentino, Kylee Boettcher, Deb Arganbright.

## Public Forum

### **Speaker Name: Katie Akers**

Mrs. Akers was present to discuss the reduction to the FFA Advisor extended contract. Mrs. Akers explained that she understood the need for budget cuts, but urged the board not to cut a program and take away from student learning. She asked the board to reconsider cutting the FFA extended contract.

### **Speaker Name: Paul Greenlee**

Mr. Greenlee was also present to discuss the reduction in the FFA Advisor extended contract. Mr. Greenlee expressed that this program prepares students for a career after school. He added that students need to opportunities that the FFA program offers them. Mr. Greenlee asked the board find somewhere else to cut these funds.

### **Speaker Name: Greg Irving**

Mr. Irving was also present to discuss the reduction in the FFA Advisor extended contract. Mr. Irving said that the FFA program at Panorama has grown in the past few years due to the hard work of the FFA Advisor and students. Mr. Irving also shared that his son Zach was very successful in the FFA program and that because of his participation in the program, he decided to make a career as an educator in the field.

### **Speaker Name: Dave Kemble**

Mr. Kemble asked the board to remember that they are a representative government and that each one is an elected official. He also stated that board members are elected to represent the parents and citizens of the community. Mr. Kemble said that he understands the board cannot handle all grievances for everyone. However, the perception is that the board is representing the school administration and not the citizens of the community.

### **Board Comments:**

Board President Bryce Wilke commented that there has been some disconnect between the district and the community. He commented that the board and district need to improve communication with the citizens.

Board Member Tom Arganbright commented that he believes the FFA program is a great program. He explained that the board had to make cuts somewhere and he feels Mr. Babcock still has plenty of extended days to effectively do the job.

**Board Comments, continued:**

Board Member Scott Fredrickson commented that this was not a cut to the program. He also explained that other cuts were made to extended contracts and that those employees are working diligently to figure out how to get the job done. The expectation is that staff will work together to continue serving students.

**Agenda**

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Good News**

Board President Byrice Wilke explained that "Good News" is a new section that will appear on the agenda going forward. This will give the board and the community the opportunity to share the good things that are happening at the school. Mr. Wilke commended the following students and staff:

- Student Isaac Jarnagin and teacher Ginger Lindstrom for winning the state poster contest.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade junior high girls track team and coaches Ryan Nail, Shawn Wharton and Sarah Young for winning the 7<sup>th</sup> grade small school division state title.
- The coral music program and teacher Chris Helm for the "I" rating received.
- The "Battle of the Books" high school team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state out of 73 schools.

**Consent Items**

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the consent items.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

**Vote:**

S. Fredrickson: Aye

T. Arganbright: Aye

T. Thornberry: Nay

B. Wilke: Abstain

R. Meinecke: Nay

Motion fails.

Due to split vote, Board President Wilke asked for a vote on each individual consent item:

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> work session, certified budget hearing and regular meeting.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the financial report as presented.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the bills and VISA and presented.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the open enrollment applications as presented.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the resignations of Cory Heiman (Elementary Principal), Shane Arp (At-Risk Teacher & Activities Director), Kris Jarnagin (Elementary Secretary) and Deb Maxwell (Cook).

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Items, continued

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the following contract recommendations:

- Cameron Little – Special Education Teacher (\$35,468.46)
- McKinsey Druivenga – Elementary Classroom (\$35,468.46)
- Kyler Kudart – Elementary Classroom & Assistant Wrestling (\$36,346.46 & \$2,397.00)
- Kelly Bradford – Elementary Classroom (\$40,736.46)
- Katherine Gibbons – Elementary Classroom (\$47,144.46)
- Renae Woodworth – Special Education (\$45,732.46)
- Jason Kirtley – Groundskeeper (\$13.50/hour)
- Jessie Fevold – Night Custodian (\$13.50/hour)
- Brad Halterman – Assistant Boys Basketball (\$2,397.00)
- Jessica Diltz – Junior High Volleyball (\$1,498.00)

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board President Wilke advised the board at this time that they could enter into closed session to discuss the recommendation to appoint Mary Breyfogle to the Elementary Principal/School Curriculum Coordinator position.

S. Fredrickson motioned to go into closed session per Iowa Code sections 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(e) at 7:00pm.

T. Arganbright seconded.

### Roll Call Vote:

Tina Thornberry: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Scott Fredrickson: Aye

Robert Meinecke: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**Board went into closed session at 7:00pm.**

**Board returned to open session at 7:33 pm.**

S. Fredrickson motioned to appoint Mary Breyfogle as the Elementary Principal/School Improvement Coordinator for the 2013-14 school year.

T. Arganbright seconded.

### Roll Call Vote:

Tina Thornberry: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Scott Fredrickson: Aye

Robert Meinecke: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

S. Fredrickson motioned to modify the following contracts:

- Joan Fredrickson – eliminate 5 extended contract days
- Andy Bruemmer – eliminate extended day assignment
- Chris Webner – Reduce extended contract days from 20 to 10 days and eliminate supervisor stipend

R. Meinecke seconded.

### Roll Call Vote:

Tina Thornberry: Nay

Bryce Wilke: Nay

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Scott Fredrickson: Aye

Robert Meinecke: Aye

Motion carried by 3-2 vote.

## Reports

### **Kent Muyskens, Kylee Boettcher and Deb Arganbright**

Teachers Kent Muyskens, Kylee Boettcher and Deb Arganbright were present to discuss a new program being implemented to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will be divided into groups and will be given a request for proposal to work on as a group. There will be people from the community serving as mentors to the students as they complete the project, which will include a presentation, commercial, website and anything else they chose to create. Mrs. Boettcher explained that this project is in line with the AIW philosophy because it is real world, student centered and project based.

### **Mark Johnston, MS/HS Principal**

Mr. Johnston reported that he has updated the MS/HS student handbook as recommended by the Iowa Department of Education during the site visit. Overall there were no major revisions to the previous handbook.

### **Cory Heiman, Elementary Principal**

Mr. Heiman presented a written report for the board to review.

### **Mary Breyfogle, School Improvement Coordinator**

Mrs. Breyfogle shared data to the board showing the use of AIW in schools and how it effects student achievement. Studies have shown that students who are proficient are even more proficient in schools that follow the AIW model.

### **Kathy Elliott, Superintendent**

- May 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of schools with students dismissed at 11:00. After students are dismissed, a staff luncheon will be held to honor those employees resigning or retiring from the school district.
- The school will be advertising for sealed bids in order to sell a 1994 bus that is no longer in use.
- The district has created a safety committee to improve the safety and security for students and staff. The district continues to work with local law enforcement and the Court Liaison, Angie Clouser to look for ways to improve security. In addition, the district is planning a security assessment with EMC insurance company. The district is also considering installing a swipe card system to increase the security in the buildings.

## Discussion/Information Topics

### **School Board Recognition**

In honor of Iowa School Board Recognition Month, Ms. Elliott presented the board members with a certificate of appreciation for dedicated excellence and leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.

### **Update on Long-Term Technology Planning**

Ms. Elliott reported that the district has created a technology committee to discuss next steps with technology and visioning for the future. One item of discussion is when and how the school moves towards the 1:1 initiative. Over the next two years, the school will be moving towards ensuring every student has the ability to access the internet and read things electronically.

### **Schedule on June Meeting & PPEL Work Session**

The board tentatively scheduled a work session on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30. Due to vacations, the regular board meeting will also be held on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> following the work session at 6:30.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Senior Awards Night – May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.
- Baccalaureate – May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Breakfast – May 17 @ 7:45 a.m.
- Commencement – May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.
- Last Day of School – May 31<sup>st</sup>

## Action Items

### **Non-Certified/Other Staff Salary Recommendations for 2013-14**

R. Meinecke motioned to approve an average overall increase of 3.2% for non-certified employees/other staff for the 2013-14 school year as presented.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Items, continued**

**Iowa Association for Educational Purchases (IAEP) Program**

T. Arganbright motioned to motioned to approve the contract with IAEP for purchasing during the 2013-14 school year.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2013-14 Costs & Registration Fees**

T. Arganbright motioned the 2013-14 costs and registration fees as presented.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PPEL Expenditures**

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the purchase of a 22 passenger bus in the amount of \$48,072.00, six bus cameras for use in the amount of \$13,602.50 and whiteboards and projectors for 13 classrooms in the amount of \$33,800.00. PPEL funds will be used for all purchases.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2013-14 MS/HS Handbook**

T. Thornberry motioned to the 2013-14 MS/HS handbook as presented.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

**Adjournment**

The next regular board meeting is tentatively set for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Sarah Young,  
Secretary

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Board President

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