

Panorama Community School District June Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 6/3/2013
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 June 3rd, 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 Tom Arganbright, Tina Thornberry and Bryce Wilke were present. Scott Fredrickson and Robert Meinecke were absent.

Administrators Present:

Kathryn Elliott (Superintendent), Mark Johnston (MS/HS Principal) and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

Others:

Gordon Castile, Tammy Moulds, Jerome Moulds, Josiah Moulds, Hannah Moulds, Samantha Hoffman, Karen Hoffman, Ronda Hafner, Dani Perrigo, Kelly Riesselman, Holly Mills, Kelly Mleynek, Darrin Mleynek, Michelle Mleynek, Mirana Mleynek, Grace Arganbright, Ethan Laughery, Mark Laughery.

Public Forum

Speaker Name:

Tammy Moulds

Mrs. Moulds was present on behalf of the Iowa Pride track club which has been using the track facilities to prepare for junior Olympic competitions. The club was just recently asked by the district to begin paying rental fees for use of the facilities. Mrs. Moulds explained that the club has used the track for years without paying any rental fees. In addition, the club does not use school equipment nor does it require school staff to be available. The athletes who participate in the club are not charged to participate and therefore the club cannot afford to pay for renting the facilities. Mrs. Moulds asked the board to reconsider imposing these fees onto the track club.

Speaker Name:

Jerome Moulds

Mr. Moulds explained that he has been volunteer coaching on behalf of the district for years and felt it was unusual that this is the first year these fees have been imposed. Mr. Moulds explained the benefits of this track club for the athletes that are involved.

Speaker Name:

Kelly Mleynek

Mrs. Mleynek was present to support the track club as she presently has two daughters participating in the program. She explained the importance of this club to athletes who are focusing on one sport in an effort to obtain a college scholarship. She also explained that many of the athletes would not be able to participate if they were charged a fee. Mrs. Mleynek said that these athletes are proud to be representing Panorama and asked that the board continue to let them use the track free of charge.

Speaker Name:

Darrin Mleynek

Mr. Mleynek added that in order to be successful at a particular sport, it takes a year round commitment. He asked the board to take this into consideration and allow the athletes continued use of the track.

Response:

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent, explained that she was unaware that this club had been using the facilities free of charge in the past. She added that there were two reasons for the board policy on facility rental, which are to defer costs and for liability issues. Ms. Elliott made the recommendation to the board to allow the track club to continue using the facilities this summer free of charge and then re-examine the board policy to determine if any revisions are needed.

Public Forum, continued

Bryce Wilke commented that the board concern with facility use is the liability issue. He added that the district cannot discriminate and that all groups using the facilities should be charged rental fees according to the policy. Mr. Wilke deferred to Ms. Elliott's recommendation and urged the public to approach school administrators with these types of concerns prior to coming to the board.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- A letter that was received from a recent high school graduate. This student came to Panorama as a senior and explained that his year in the district was the best year he ever had. He explained that although he had not been the best student, the staff at Panorama fully supported him and never gave up on him.
- The success of "Apprentice" week during the last week of school. There were many businesses, community members and school staff involved in this project which turned out to be an exceptional experience for all students.
- Student athletes Alex Llanes, Josiah Moulds, Daimean Canfield, Brenna Hafner, Megan Medina, Luke Webner and Matthew Webner along with coaches Greg Thompson and Chris Webner who participated in the Iowa Track Coaches Association State Pentathlon.
- The outstanding performance by Panorama choir at the local Memorial Day services.
- Sarah Young, Business Manager, graduating from the Iowa School Business Management Academy at Iowa State University.
- Continued improvement to the preschool outdoor classroom. In addition, the preschool program recently received 2 grants.

Consent Items

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the consent items.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes from the May 13th regular board meeting, the financial report and bills as presented, 2 open enrollment 'out' applications and 3 open enrollment 'in' applications. The board accepted resignations from James Roberts as Concessions Manager and Sarah Stiefel as Wrestling Cheer Sponsor. The board also approved the following contract recommendations:

- Jennifer Duvall – Paraeducator (\$14,391.00)
- Heather Vogel – Paraeducator (\$14,391.00) & Wrestling Cheer Sponsor (\$749.00)
- Kelli Overbey – Paraeducator (\$13,432.00)
- Melissa Rizzuti – Paraeducator (\$13,432.00)
- Sarah Carstens – Secretary (\$25,840.00)
- Scott Stanley – Assistant Football (\$2,397.00)
- Shawn Wharton – JH Wrestling (\$2,097.00)
- Erin Ambrose – Transitions Coordinator/Activities Director/Athletic Trainer (\$52,874.00)

Reports

Mark Johnston, MS/HS Principal

- Mr. Johnston reported that he, along with Angie Clouser, will be attending ALICE training which provides a flexible set of principles that may be adapted to any violent situation.
- The district continues to work towards the move from JMC to Infinite Campus. The new system will be very beneficial for staff and parents once it is all moved over.
- Mr. Johnston thanked board member Tina Thornberry for her participation in commencement.

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

- Ms. Elliott reported that the district sent email communication to parents in regard to online registration this summer. The new system should be ready for use by July 15th.

Discussion/Information Topics

Update on School Funding for FY14

Ms. Elliott explained that legislation approved 2% allowable growth for fiscal year 2014 and 4% allowable growth for fiscal year 2015. In addition, the district will receive a one-time payment in the amount of \$89,904 in 2014. Because of this funding, the final property tax rate that was published in the certified budget did decrease from 13.62402 to 13.53384.

Auditor Communication

Ms. Young reported that the fiscal year 2013 audit field work will begin soon. Because of this, board members can expect to receive communication from the district's auditing firm, Nolte, Cornman & Johnson.

IASB Legislative Priorities

School board members will review the IASB legislative priorities and make recommendations at the July regular board meeting.

Preschool Enrollment & K-5 Special Education Rosters

Ms. Elliott reported that with the current preschool staff, the district can serve 70 students in the preschool program next school year. The district currently has requests for 82 preschool students. In addition, the special education student counts have increased significantly over the past year. Therefore, Ms. Elliott asked the board to consider hiring an additional teacher at the elementary for special education and preschool.

TA motioned to hire an additional teacher for the to provide half time special education services and half time preschool instruction. TT seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates

- Regular Board Meeting – July 8th @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Special Education Delivery Plan

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the special education delivery plan as presented.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PPEL Expenditures

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the PPEL expenditures as discussed in the work session. This includes purchasing a carpet extractor, condensers on the MS/HS roof, science receptacles, drop cords for the bus barn heaters, projector installation, networking switches/routes, carpeting for 2 rooms and tiling for the commons.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve District to Issue Warrants

T. Thornberry motioned to authorize the district to issue warrants in June for fiscal year 2013 expenditures.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm. The next regular board meeting is set for July 8th, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Young,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

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