

Panorama Community School District August Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 8/12/2013
Time: 6:04 pm
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on August 12th, 2013 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The regular session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:04 pm.

Attendees

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Others:

Gordon Castile, Ronda Hafner, Brad Halterman, Deb Douglass, Erin Ambrose, Mindy Fear, Dani Perrigo

Public Forum

Speaker Name: None

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- All elementary classrooms now have Smart Boards and projectors.
- All regular bus route busses are now equipped with cameras.
- The district's Preschool numbers are increasing with five ½ day classes planned for this school year.
- New tile work and painting has been completed in the lunchroom area.

Consent Items

R. Meinecke motioned to approve the consent items.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes from the July 8th, 2013 regular board meeting 3 open enrollment "out" application, 4 open enrollment "in" applications, the bills/VISA and financial report as presented. The board accepted the resignation from Kylee Boettcher as Softball Coach. The board also approved the following contract recommendations/adjustments:

- Julie O'Karma – Dishwasher/Cook (\$7.25/hour)
- Lindsey Jepsen – Dishwasher/Cook (\$7.25/hour)
- Laurie Mills – Concessions Coordinator (\$6,000.00)
- Mark Johnston– MS/HS Principal & Schedule B Athletic Director (\$93,994.00)
- Erin Ambrose – Director of Operations & Transition Associate (\$52,870.00)

Reports

End of Fiscal Year 2013 Financial Report

Business Manager Sarah Young presented a report on the financial situation of the district after the end of fiscal year 2013. Ms. Young explained that the 2013 numbers were preliminary and could change slightly when the final report is made to the Department of Education in September. The district continues to meet all three of the financial goals set by the board in November 2011. The district's solvency ratio, which is an important indicator of financial stability, has improved from -10.0% in fiscal year 2010 to 16.8% in fiscal year 2013. In addition, the unspent balance has increased from \$290,027 in fiscal year 2010 to \$1,549,363 in fiscal year 2013, which equates to \$2,065 per student. The percentage of salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2013 was 77.17% of expenditures and 72.58% of revenues.

Mary Breyfogle – Elementary Principal/School Improvement Coordinator

- New schedule is being developed at the elementary for allow for longer blocks of instructional time in the classroom. This will allow teachers to fully implement AIW concepts and also minimize disruptions.
- Because of safety concerns, there will be a new drop off and pick up plan before and after school. As part of this plan, the circle drive in front of the elementary will be closed from 7:30 to 4:00. Communication will be sent to parents.

Mark Johnston – MS/HS Principal

- The high school will have a new reading course available that was developed through New Opportunities. This course will target students who read two grade levels below their peers.
- Spanish will be added as an exploratory course for 8th graders this school year.
- The high school has developed advisor/advisee groups. These will groups will meet to discuss scheduling, goal setting and other items as necessary.

Kathy Elliott – Superintendent

- Panorama now has eight staff members trained to serve as local coaches for AIW. These coaches will play an important role in the continued implementation of AIW.
- Online registration was up and running as planned on July 29th. Many positive comments have been received from the community on the ease of registering. Ms. Elliott thanked the secretarial staff, Mark Johnston and Chris Webner for their hard work to ensure the transition was successful.
- New teachers reported to the school today, August 12th to get started with the school year.

Discussion/Information Topics

AYP Status

Ms. Elliott reported on the Adequate Yearly Progress (No Child Left Behind) results. Iowa was one of the few states that did not get a waiver from the program. During the 2012-13 school year, the elementary school was flagged as a school in need of assistance because the goals for math and reading were not met. The district will be working on a plan to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education in order to improve these results. Mrs. Breyfogle commented that she is confident the district can achieve the goals as identified by the Iowa Department of Education in order to improve these scores.

2013 Legislative Session – Changes Affecting Schools

Ms. Elliott shared the following items from the 2013 legislative session that will affect school districts:

1. Allowable growth is changed to Supplemental State Aid
2. Iowa Learning Online
3. Teach Iowa Online Job Posting System
4. Assessments
5. New Teacher & Administrator Evaluation Systems
6. Teacher Career & Compensation System
7. Attendance Center Performance Rankings – Performance Index
8. Competency Based Education Grant Program
9. Instructional Hours
10. Early Literacy Programs
11. Early Childhood Assessments
12. Vision Screenings
13. TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) Vaccination
14. Suicide Prevention
15. School Employee Background Checks

Discussion/Information Topics, continued

IPERS Compliance Review

Ms. Young reported that an IPERS compliance audit had been completed at the end of June. There were no significant issues found.

Upcoming Dates

- New Teachers – August 12 and 13
- All Teachers – August 14 and 15
- All Staff – August 16 (Chamber “Welcome Back” Coffee 8:00-8:30)
- K-5 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – August 19
- School Start Dates – August 19 (6-12) and August 20 (K-5)
- 1st day of school Preschool – August 26
- Regular Board Meeting – September 9th @ 6:30pm
- School Board Election – September 10th

Action Items

Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

S. Fredrickson motioned to approve Resolution #2 for continued participation in the Instructional Support Program.

T. Thornberry seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Scott Fredrickson: Aye
Tom Arganbright: Absent
Tina Thornberry: Aye
Robert Meinecke: Aye
Bryce Wilke: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

PPEL Expenditure

R. Meinecke motioned to approve the purchase of 21 lunch tables for a total expenditure of \$25,635.33 using PPEL funds.

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2013-14 Fundraising Requests

T. Thornberry motioned to approve 2013-14 fundraising requests as presented.

R. Meinecke seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading – Revised Board Policies

T. Thornberry motioned to approve the 1st reading of the revised board policies:

- 402.3 – Insurance
- 702.11 – School Vehicle Usage
- 704.2 – Sale of Bonds
- 1007.1 – Tobacco Free Environment

S. Fredrickson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. The next regular board meeting is set for September 9th, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Young,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

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