

Panorama Community School District December Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 12/9/2013
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 December 9th, 2013 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The regular session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:30 pm.

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Board Members Tom Arganbright, Jon Stetzel, Deb Douglass, Greg Irving and Bryce Wilke were present.

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, Curt Nelson

Public Forum

Speaker Name: None

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Add the wrestling team overnight trip to Action Item 'D'.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Last Saturday the Robotics Club, sponsored by teacher Maxwell Scott, competed in Johnston and earned a trip to the semi-finals.
- Panorama student Kate Wingert finished 2nd at state drill team as an individual. The Panorama Drill Team received two Division "I" ratings at the state competition.

Consent Items, continued

D. Douglass motioned to approve the consent items.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes from the November 11th, 2013 regular board meeting, 2 open enrollment "out" applications for the 2014-15 school year and the bills/VISA and financial report as presented

Reports

Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal & School Improvement Coordinator

Mrs. Breyfogle reported on the following items:

- The elementary after school math program is currently serving 55 students in grades 3rd through 5th. The program has received positive feedback from students, parents and teachers.
- Elementary music teacher Amy Block presented a very successful 4th and 5th grade music concert on November 26th. The program was a culmination of a unit of study around citizenship. Students were able to have discussions and participate in projects during class time that focused on patriotism and what it means to be an American as well as learning the meaning of the songs included in the program.

Mark Johnston, Secondary Principal

Mr. Johnston reported on the following items:

- Guidance Counselor Chris Webner organized a panel of Panorama alumni that are currently enrolled in college or recently graduated. The panel met with all high schools and answered various questions about what to expect after high school. Mr. Johnston thanked the members of the panel for volunteering their time to talk with students: Sophia Godfrey, Rachel Grolmus, Cameron Weidenthaler, Mollie Nelson, Daniel Nelson and Hannah Moulds.
- An agent with the FBI will be meeting with middle school and high school students to talk about internet safety on December 10th.

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott reported on the following items:

- Food Service Director Bob Rogers will bring in an outside consultant to review the food nutrition program.
- A company has been selected to provide the district's new E-Newsletter. Parent email addresses will be imported from Infinite Campus to start receiving the newsletter. In addition, people can sign up on the website to receive the newsletter via email or to have a copy mailed to them.
- Letters will be sent out to the SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) and the school board members to attend a joint meeting on Wednesday, December 18th in regard to the Teacher Leadership Compensation program. In addition, 50 families will be invited to attend a parent forum on January 6th. All community members are invited to attend the forum on January 6th if interested.
- Ms. Elliott will schedule a board work session in either January or February to review school finance and to begin work on the 2014-15 certified budget.
- The board packet that is provided to board members prior to the regular meeting will be added to the website for public viewing.

Discussion/Information Topics

Board Feedback on IASB Convention

Board members who attended the IASB School Board Convention shared the following items from the sessions each attended:

- Bryce Wilke
 - Students should be encouraged to express their creativity. It has been proven that creativity is lost as students grow older. Therefore, embracing creativity in students should be a priority of the district.
 - Every employee of the school district matters. Any one employee can have an impact on students, no matter what position they have in the district.
 - All of the legislative priorities selected earlier in the year by the Panorama school board were passed. In addition, there are several new priorities IASB will be focusing on.
 - 57% of kids feel bullied at schools. All kids should feel safe and protected at school.
- Deb Douglass
 - Many school districts are facing the same issues as Panorama.
 - Board members should become more involved in student learning and more aware of what is happening in the classroom. Teachers should bring their learning experiences into the board room and discuss with the board what is going on in the classroom.
- Jon Stetzel
 - Continue to encourage creativity and thinking outside of the box.
 - The delegate assembly was very informative and it was interesting to learn of all the resolutions IASB works on in support of Iowa schools.
 - Many other schools have made difficult financial decisions similar to Panorama in order to maintain a healthy financial position. It was helpful to see where Panorama ranked financially compared to other districts.
 - Boards should consider a student developed curriculum. What would it look like if students were asked to develop their own curriculum and their own school system. This is just an interesting concept and something to think about in the future.

County Auditor Response

Mr. Wilke provided the letter received from the county auditor in response to the letter sent by the school board. The auditor reported that voter registration cards were sent to those individuals who had a change in director district. In addition, the auditor requested a written description of the director districts. The board members agreed to take no further action at this time.

Discussion/Information Topics, continued

Bus Inspection Results

Mr. Wilke reviewed the results from the most recent bus inspection. Overall, 18 vehicles were inspected. 13 vehicles passed with no issues and 5 vehicles had minor issues listed as 30 day repairs. No vehicles were put out of service. The state bus inspector was very pleased with the condition of the vehicles. Mr. Wilke commended Transportation Director Greg Randel for his continued efforts to ensure that students are safe on the bus.

Upcoming Dates

- Joint meeting of School Board and SIAC to provide input on TLC application – December 18 @ 7:00pm
- Parent forum on TLC application – January 6th
- Regular Board Meeting – January 13th, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Retirement Incentive Program

G. Irving motioned to offer the Voluntary Retirement Incentive program to teachers who meet the eligibility requirements during the 2013-14 school year only.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Vote:

J. Stetzel: Aye

T. Arganbright: Aye

D. Douglass: Nay

B. Wilke: Nay

G. Irving: Aye

Motion carries by 3-2 vote.

Approval of SBRC Modified Allowable Growth for Dropout Prevention

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the SBRC modified allowable growth for dropout prevention in the amount of \$199,870.00

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2014 Potential Graduates

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the list of 64 potential graduates for May 2014 as presented.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Out-of-State/Overnight Trips

D. Douglass motioned to approve the overnight trip on January 24th for the high school wrestling team and the out-of-state request for the senior class trip on May 3rd.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Requests

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the fundraiser from the Family Consumer Science class for Panther Pride Sweet Treats.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the fundraiser from the High School Track Team.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Douglass motioned to approve the "Bras for a Cause" fundraiser for the Pink Out basketball game.

There was no second made to the motion.

Motion fails.

T. Arganbright was concerned that it may be offensive to have the high school boys modeling the bras during the basketball game.

Board members agreed that the request should be modified and submitted again for consideration at the January regular board meeting.

Action Items, continued

1st Reading New Board Policy 401.9 – Employee Social Media Responsibility

Ms. Elliott presented two new board policies in regard to employee use of social media, cell phones and district technology resources. Board members had several questions, comments and concerns in regard to the new policies. Board members agreed that further review was necessary before approving the policies.

G. Irving motioned to table the 1st Reading New Board Policy 401.9 – Employee Social Media Responsibility to allow additional time for board and employee review.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading New Board Policy 401.10 – Employee Technology Use

T. Arganbright motioned to table the 1st Reading New Board Policy 401.10 – Employee Technology Use to allow additional time for board and employee review.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for January 13th, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Young,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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