

Panorama Community School District February Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 2/10/2014
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a work session/regular meeting on February 10th, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:00 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), Mary Breyfogle (Elem Principal/School Improvement Coordinator), Mark Johnston (Secondary Principal) and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

Others:

Gordon Castile, Erin Ambrose, Ron Paskach, Vitus Bering, Greg Thompson, Holly Mills, Kelly Nunn, Rachel Downing.

Work Session

Ron Paskach & Vitus Bering with SVPA Architects were present to discuss the track re-surfacing project. After meeting with a committee composed of Panorama staff, coaches and community members, SVPA developed several different projects for the board to consider. These projects included a plan for re-surfacing the track only to re-constructing the entire athletic complex and driveways at the elementary. Ms. Elliott advised the board that they could continue with the original plan to re-surface the track only, or they could decide to delay the project for one year to explore funding options and to consider additional projects as presented by SVPA.

Public Forum

Speaker Name: none

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Move Action Item A: "Athletic Complex/Track Project" up immediately following the approval of agenda.
T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as amended.
J. Stetzel seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Complex/Track Project

J. Stetzel motioned to delay the track project for one year to allow the board additional time to explore funding options and to review plans presented by SVPA to determine what projects the board would like to complete in addition to the track re-surfacing.
T. Arganbright seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Panorama Cheerleaders Cailey Frantum and Carleigh Pittman auditioned against 300 cheerleaders to participate on the Shrine Bowl Cheer Squad. Both were selected for the team.
- Olivia Godfrey was selected to the 2A All-Iowa Select All Star game. She also is a nominee for the 2014 McDonald's All American Team.
- Wrestling heavyweight Garrett Johnston received his 100th career win this season. He also was selected to play in the Shrine Bowl this summer.
- Allison Meinecke was selected to the ISU Honor Band.
- The Robotics Club, TSA and Large Group Speech participants have all had very successful showings in recent competitions.

Good News, continued

- Panorama 5th grade students made 1,000 paper cranes which they sold at the Pink Out basketball game. The students raised a total of \$108.00 for the cause.
- Community member Bill Deal donated \$4,000.00 to the Agriculture department to purchase a new metals saw.
- Panorama staff and Bus Drivers were commended for keeping students safe on January 16th after the busses were called back to the school due to inclement weather.
- The Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) committee put in many hours to complete the grant submitted to the Department of Education: Liz Labath, Amy Block, Brian Bahrenfuss, Deb Smith, Michele Rogers, Josh Arganbright, Tom Arganbright, Mary Breyfogle, Mark Johnston and Kathy Elliott.
- Ms. Hernandez's class sewed clothes for children in Sierra Leone.
- Panorama Custodial Staff have done an outstanding job keeping the snow cleared and the facilities clean.
- Several high school students have been helping students at the elementary which is very beneficial for students.
- Board Member G. Irving commended Ms. Elliott for being more visible in the school and the community.

Consent Items

G. Irving motioned to approve the consent items.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items 3 open enrollment "in" applications for the 2013-14 school year and 3 open enrollment "out" applications for the 2014-15 school year and the bills/VISA and financial report as presented. The board also accepted the resignation of Trisha Niceswanger as Spanish teacher at the end of the 2013-14 school year. The board approved a contract for Cameron Little as Assistant Baseball in the amount of \$2,397.00.

Reports

Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Breyfogle explained that teachers Kelly Nunn, Holly Mills and Rachel Downing would share with the board recent classroom activities to provide "Value Beyond School" for Panorama students. Value Beyond School is aimed at giving students real life, authentic issues to explore beyond the classroom.

Elementary Teachers Presentation – Value Beyond School

Preschool Teachers Kelly Nunn and Holly Mills were present to discuss "Family Fun Night". This activity allowed preschool students to identify their own family roles as well as appreciate diversity of other families. Preschoolers were grouped into different committees to plan food, games, songs and activities for Family Fun Night. 34 families participated in the event.

5th grade teacher Rachel Downing was present to discuss "A Night at the Wax Museum". With this activity, students had to research a famous person which included compiling information from multiple sources. Students will create a project based on the research that will be presented at "A Night at the Wax Museum" on February 25th.

Mark Johnston, Secondary Principal

Mr. Johnston reported on the following items:

- The Choral Reading Speech Group will perform for the entire student body with a very powerful message about bullying that was written by Panorama students.
- The Robotics Club finished in 3rd place at a recent competition, which was only one place from advancing to state. Although they did not make state, they scored 1,000 more points than last year.
- TSA (Technology Student Association) membership continues to grow. The group has performed very well at recent competitions.
- Mr. Johnston has started discussions with teaching staff in regard to the one-to-one initiative. Panorama is looking at two different options and will be compiling data to bring a recommendation to the board. The current timeline is to have a plan ready for implementation for grades 3 through 12 at the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott shared the TLC grant application that was submitted by Panorama Schools. She thanked the staff, parents and community for their help and support in completing the application. She gave special recognition to Michele Rogers who spent hours of her time assisting the district with the application. The Department of Education will be notifying schools by the first of March if they will be receiving the grant.

Discussion/Information Topics

School Auditing Firm

The two year agreement between Panorama Schools and Nolte, Cornman and Johnson has expired. The board would like the district to continue the contract with the current firm for the next two fiscal years. A request for proposal will be sent to Nolte, Cornman and Johnson.

2014-15 Teaching Positions

Ms. Elliott reviewed the positions that will need to be filled for the 2014-15 school year which included the following:

- HS Spanish
- MS/HS Art
- 6th Grade Science/Language Arts
- 3rd grade teacher (will be an internal transfer due to class sizes for next school year)

In addition, the district may need to add an additional preschool and kindergarten teacher based on enrollment.

2014-15 Calendar Options

Ms. Elliott provided the board with three different calendar options to consider for the 2014-15 school year. The board directed Ms. Elliott to share the options with staff and then bring back to the board in March to take action.

2014-15 Budget Work Session Date

Ms. Elliott requested a work session with the board to review the 2014-15 certified budget. The board agreed to meet at 5:45 prior to the regular board meeting on March 10th, 2014.

Upcoming Dates

- Parent-Teacher Conferences – February 12 & 13, 2014 @ 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- No School – February 14 – 17, 2014
- Roundup – March 4, 2014: Preschool @ 4:00 & Kindergarten @ 6:30
- Regular Board Meeting – March 10th, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Resolution for the 2014-15 Budget Guarantee

G. Irving motioned to approve the resolution for the 2014-15 Budget Guarantee allowing the district to levy property taxes in the amount of \$2,993.00 as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

D. Douglass motioned to approve the resolution to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan which will allow the county to provide services to the school in the event of a disaster.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Board Representative to County Conference Board

G. Irving motioned to appoint Tom Arganbright to the Guthrie County Conference Board.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Request

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the fundraising request as presented by Greg Thompson, Cross Country/Track Coach.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative Sharing Agreement

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Carroll for swimming for the 2014-15 school year.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items, continued

2nd Reading New Board Policy 401.9 – Employee Social Media Responsibility

D. Douglass motioned to approve the 2nd Reading New Board Policy 401.9 – Employee Social Media Responsibility

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading New Board Policy 401.10 – Employee Technology Use

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the 2nd Reading New Board Policy 401.10 – Employee Technology Use.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next regular board meeting is set for March 10th, 2014 at 6:30pm (work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 5:45pm).

Immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting, the board went into exempt session to discuss 2014-15 union negotiations.

Sarah Young,
Board Secretary

Board President

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