

# Panorama Community School District March Regular School Board Meeting

**Date:** 3/10/2014  
**Time:** 5:45 pm  
**Location:** Panorama District Board Room

## **Work Session**

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a work session on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 5:45pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **Administrators Present:**

Kathryn Elliott (Superintendent) and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

During the work session, the board reviewed the proposed 2014-15 certified budget. No action was taken.

Work session adjourned at 6:30pm.

## **Public Hearing for the 2014-15 School Calendar**

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the 2014-15 school calendar on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school.

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **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, Brian Johnson, Karwyn Gibson

T. Arganbright motioned to open the public hearing for the 2014-15 school calendar at 6:30pm.

J. Stetzel seconded

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Greg Irving: Absent

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Written Objections/Comments:**

The district did not receive any written objections or comments.

### **Oral Objections/Comments:**

**Karwyn Gibson:** Mrs. Gibson was present to voice her concern with starting school prior to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Gibson asked the board to consider the negative impact to Lake Panorama and the community if the district selected an earlier start date. In addition, Mrs. Gibson stated an earlier start date would affect families planning vacations or those participating in the Iowa State Fair.

## **Public Hearing for the 2014-15 School Calendar, continued**

**Brian Johnson:** Mr. Johnson was also present to voice concern with an early start date. Mr. Johnson explained that he is a resident of Panora as well as a Lobbyist for the Iowa State Fair. He stated that Panora is a lake community and that Lake Panorama creates a lot of property tax dollars for the school. He also stated that there is no evidence that an early start date has any impact on education and student learning. He encouraged the board to select August 18<sup>th</sup> as the start date for the 2014-15 school year.

D. Douglass motioned to approve calendar option "C" with a start date of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.

J. Stetzel seconded

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Greg Irving: Absent

J. Stetzel motioned to close the public hearing at 6:49 pm

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Regular Meeting**

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:50pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **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, Karwyn Gibson, Brian Johnson, Deb Smith

## **Public Forum**

### **Speaker Name: Brian Johnson**

Mr. Johnson thanked the board for their decision on the school calendar.

## **Agenda**

Changes to Agenda (if any):

Remove Jill Parker as Volleyball Coach on Contract Recommendations. Volleyball position will remain open at this time.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Good News**

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Congratulations to Transportation Director Greg Randel and the bus drivers for the excellent results on the semi-annual bus inspection. All vehicles passed without any needed repairs, with the exception of one bus that had minor exterior damage that was already scheduled for repair. This is the best inspection the district has had in recent years.
- Congratulations to the Teacher Leadership and Compensation Planning Team for their success in submitting and being awarded the TLC grant for 2014-15. Of 146 districts submitting applications, Panorama was one of 39 districts to receive the grant. Planning team members include Brian Bahrenfuss, Deb Smith, Liz Labath, Amy Block, Michele Rogers, Tom Arganbright, Josh Arganbright, Mary Breyfogle, Mark Johnston and Kathy Elliott.
- Students Nick Labath, Rachel Randel, and Veda Sword have completed the requirements and are competing for All State Art honors.
- There will be two special education students competing at the state basketball skills event Saturday, March 15.

## Good News, continued

- The Middle School Student Council conducted *Change Wars* the last week of February and raised a total of \$143.48 for Mrs. Ambrose to purchase school supplies for the orphans in Haiti.
- Congratulations to TSA students Matthew Marwedel, TJ Gliem, Nic Nelson, Andrew Miller, James Stagg, Olivia Terrel, Kylie South and Collin Woodvine for placing in recent TSA competitions.
- Wrestling had three state qualifiers this season. Garrett Johnston, Marcus Boldy, and Wilson Solorzano. Johnston placed 7th overall in class 1A.
- Girls basketball finished 20-4 this season. Olivia Godfrey had first team all-conference honors, Karlee Johnk with second team. Coach Dan Druivenga was selected as All District Coach of the Year.
- Boys basketball finished 13-11 on the year. Luke Webner received first team all-conference honors, Kooper Duis & Aaron Klinge were named honorable mentions.
- Congratulations to Cailey Frantum and Kate Wingert for their honorable selection to be on the All Iowa Honor Drill Team and for their performance this weekend at Wells Fargo
- Allison Meinecke was selected as outstanding soloist at a recent jazz competition.
- Cheyenne Hester was the District FFA winner of the Ag Sales competition and will compete at the State competition in April.
- Individual Speech participants did outstanding in the district contest with 24 out of 28 entries advancing to the state competition.

## Consent Items

D. Douglass motioned to approve the consent items.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, 1 open enrollment "in" application for the 2014-15 school year and 1 open enrollment "out" application for the 2014-15 school year and the bills/VISA and financial report as presented. The board also accepted the resignation of Tony Cosentino as JH Cross Country Coach. The board approved the following contracts:

- Michael Geneser, HS Spanish Teacher
- Brad Mallett, Elementary Art Teacher
- Ginger Lindstrom, Internal Transfer to MS/HS Art Teacher

## Reports

### Deb Smith

Deb Smith, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, has been attending professional development sessions with other teachers across the state to use AIW techniques to improve existing classroom units. The group recently scored one of Mr. Smith's units to make the lesson more meaningful and authentic to students. The group made significant changes to the unit based on AIW concepts which Mrs. Smith is currently implementing in her classroom.

### Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Breyfogle reported on the following items:

- Preschool applications have been received from 29 four-year olds, 14 three-year olds and 3 five-year olds. With the current applications, the preschool will need a total of 59 slots which will fill the classrooms for both of the current full-time preschool teachers. The district will need to re-assess preschool staffing needs in the future as additional applications are anticipated.
- The district currently has 52 students eligible to start Kindergarten this fall. The Kindergarten clinic is scheduled for March 20-21.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade "Night at the Wax Museum" was a great success and received very positive feedback from families, students and staff.
- Test results were received on the Iowa Assessments which were recently completed by students. In order to meet the safe harbor requirements set by the Department of Education, Panorama was required to reduce the number of non-proficient students in reading and math by 10%. Preliminary calculations indicate that the number of non-proficient students was reduced by 20% in both areas; which is much greater than the 10% requirement.

## **Reports, continued**

### **Mark Johnston, Secondary Principal**

Mr. Johnston reported on the following items:

- The 1 to 1 research team will be visiting schools in Albia, Eldon and Carroll within the next month to gather information on 1 to 1 devices available and how to best coordinate the roll out of a 1 to 1 initiative.
- Guidance Counselor Chris Webner has been working on a pilot program with students to better prepare them for the ACT assessments. Once the pilot is complete, feedback will be gathered and a decision will be made about how these activities can be incorporated into the schedule next year.

### **Technology Director Report**

Ryan Lehms, Technology Director, was present to discuss future technology requirements in order to roll out the 1 to 1 initiative. The district needs to upgrade the network infrastructure, install a stable internet connection and add additional access points for wireless connection. Mr. Lehms provided several different purchasing options for the board to consider. Mr. Lehms recommended the district include wiring for security cameras when the access points are wired to avoid additional costs in the future. In addition, he recommended purchasing a 5-year license for the firewall program which also would be more cost efficient for the district.

### **Technology Purchase Action Item**

D. Douglass motioned to approve Option B3 as presented by Ryan Lehms which included infrastructure costs, upgraded wiring for additional access points and security cameras, and a 5-year license agreement for firewall protection for a total cost of \$127,976.12.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Kathy Elliott, Superintendent**

Ms. Elliott reported on the following items:

- The FFA department built an 18-ft car trailer using FFA funds that will be up for sale.
- The district has decided to migrate to a new website hosting provider due to recent issues with current provider "Websites to Impress". This new provider will have additional costs, but the costs can be paid for using PPEL funds instead of general funds.
- The district will begin holding focus meetings in April to discuss the mission and vision of the school district. Ms. Elliott will provide additional information at next month's regular board meeting.

## **Discussion/Information Topics**

### **Teacher Leadership & Compensation Plan Implementation**

The district will start the selection process for the Teacher Leader positions as part of the TLC plan that was recently approved by the Department of Education. Ms. Elliott shared the timeline for the selection process and will bring recommendations to the board at the April 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

### **2014-15 Calendar – Hours vs Days**

Ms. Elliott provided the board with the updated legislation recently passed on the use of hours versus days when developing the school calendar. The district needs to make a decision on using days or hours by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion on this issue will take place in the next two regular board meetings.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- 1:00 p.m. Early Out: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – March 14
- Special Board Meeting to appoint Teacher Leader Selection Committees – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 5:30pm
- Certified Budget Public Hearing & FY13 Audit Work Session – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 6:00pm
- Regular Board Meeting – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 6:30pm

### **Schedule Work Session on Athletic Complex**

Board members agreed to meet prior to the April 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting at 5:30 to hold a work session on the athletic complex.

### **Schedule Work Session on PPEL/SAVE**

Board members agreed to meet prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting at 5:30 to hold a work session on future PPEL & SAVE expenditures.

**Action Items**

**Staff Recommendation for 2014-15**

T. Arganbright motioned to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher for the 2014-15 school year in order to have three sections due to the anticipated increase in enrollment.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Overnight Request**

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the TSA overnight trip scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to Adventure Land Inn.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Auditor**

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the contract with auditing firm Nolte, Cornman and Johnson for the next two fiscal years at a maximum cost of \$7,350 for 2014 and \$7,750 for 2014.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Public Hearing for FY14 Amended Budget**

D Douglass motioned to set the public hearing for the FY14 Amended Budget on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Public Hearing for FY15 Certified Budget**

T. Arganbright motioned to set the public hearing for the FY15 Certified Budget on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The next regular board meeting is set for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30pm (work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 5:30pm).

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

Sarah Young,  
Board Secretary

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