

Panorama Community School District April Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 4/14/2014
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Work Session

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a work session on April 14th, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 5:30pm.

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), Erin Ambrose (Operations Manager) and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

During the work session, the board discussed the athletic complex project as well as other necessary projects to be funded out of SAVE/PPPEL. No action was taken.

Work session adjourned at 6:30pm.

Regular Meeting

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on April 14th, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:30pm.

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

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Remove Action Item "A" Ratify 2014-15 Teacher Master Contract. Teacher union is still reviewing at this time. This action item will be moved to the regular meeting in May.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Both high school girls and boys track teams won first place at the Panorama Kip Janvrin Invitational and the AHST Viking Relays.
- Cheyenne Hester won the District FFA Ag Sales competition and will compete at the State competition in Ames.
- The High School Battle of the Books team qualified for the finals in Marshalltown later this month.
- Megan Allison was named Outstanding Performer for the IHSSA Individual Speech Contest.
- Veda Sword was one of 20 Iowa students named to the 2014 All-State Team for Visual Arts. This is the first time a student from Panorama has been awarded this honor.
- Head Custodian Sterling Stoppelmoor reported that he had received many compliments from parents at the after prom festivities in regard to the recent improvements made to the building and the overall cleanliness of the facilities.

Consent Items

G. Irving motioned to approve the consent items.
T. Arganbright seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included minutes of the March 10th regular meeting, April 7th Certified Budget Hearing/Work Session and the bills/VISA and financial report as presented. The board approved the following teacher transfers for the 2014-15 school year: Danielle Johnston to Kindergarten and Signe Hinde to 1st Grade.

In addition, the board approved the following contract recommendations. These are newly created positions for the 2014-15 school year as part of the Teacher Leadership program:

Elementary:

Patty Meinecke	Instructional Coach
Amy Block	Professional Learning Coach
Joan Fredrickson	Professional Learning Coach
Kelly Nunn	Professional Learning Coach
Rachel Downing	Mentor Teacher
Jill Parker	Mentor Teacher
Liz Labath	Model Teacher

MS/HS

Dan Breyfogle	Instructional Coach
Kylee Boettcher	Professional Learning Coach
Jan Hansen	Professional Learning Coach
Deb Smith	Professional Learning Coach
Randy Miller	Mentor Teacher
Julie Weidenthaler	Mentor Teacher
Robyn Ploeger	Model Teacher

Reports

Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Breyfogle provided the updated enrollment numbers for the 2014-15 preschool program. The district currently has 66 students enrolled for the 60 available slots in the classroom. Therefore, the district will need to evaluate staffing needs for next school year.

Mark Johnston, Secondary Principal

Mr. Johnston reported on the following items:

- A representative from the Iowa Department of Education met with staff on April 8th in regard to STEM grants. Several teachers from both the elementary and secondary building plan to apply for STEM grants for next school year.
- Mr. Johnston is working with Guidance Counselor Chris Webner to utilize Infinite Campus for student scheduling. Parents will have the ability to assist their children in making course requests by viewing them through Infinite Campus.

Kathryn Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott reported on the following items:

- There will be a public hearing prior to the May regular board meeting to hear public comments on whether the school goes to hours versus days when creating the school calendar. Ms. Elliott is recommending the district switch to using hours instead of days to allow for more flexibility in the calendar.
- A mockup of the new district website is currently under construction and should be available within the next couple of months.
- A few minor changes have been made to the 2014-15 registration process. Information that was entered online last summer by parents will be carried over to this year which will make the process less time consuming for parents.

Discussion/Information Topics

2012-13 District Graduation & Dropout Rates

Ms. Elliott shared the 2012-13 graduation & dropout rates for the district. The 2013 class 4 year cohort graduation rates for Panorama was 98.11% compared to the statewide average of 98.11%. The 2012 class 5 year cohort graduation rate was 100% compared to the statewide average of 92.1%. In addition, the dropout rate for grades 7-12 was 0.56% compared to the statewide average of 1.92% and for grades 9-12 the dropout rate was 0.80% compared to the statewide average of 2.83%

Discussion/Information Topics, continued

Update on 2014-15 Teacher Leader System

Ms. Elliott provided an update on the Teacher Leader System. Ms. Elliott commented that Panorama selected the same "Framework for Learning Supports" that was recently recommended by the Iowa Department of Education.

2014-15 Teacher Openings

Ms. Elliott reported that the school will begin the hiring process for the following positions:

- Secondary Social Studies Teacher
- Elementary Reading Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Volleyball Coach

Summer Projects

Ms. Elliott provided an update on the summer projects including equipment needs for grounds keeping. The district will be selling a mower that is no longer being used.

Upcoming Dates

- Senator Grassley @ Panorama Schools – April 16th @ 10:00am
- PPEL/SAVE Work Session – May 12th @ 5:30pm
- Regular Board Meeting – May 12th, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Approve FY13 Audit Report

G. Irving motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 audit report as presented during the April 7th work session.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

IAEP Purchasing

B. Wilke voiced his concerns with participating in the consortium as the district has no control over which vendor is awarded the contract through IAEP.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the contract with IAEP for the 2014-15 year as presented.

G. Irving seconded.

Vote:

J Stetzel: Aye

T Arganbright: Aye

D Douglass: Aye

B Wilke: Nay

G Irving: Aye

Motion carries by 4-1 vote.

Overnight/Out-of-State Requests

D. Douglass motioned to approve the following overnight/out-of-state requests:

- 7th & 8th Grade Literature class to Missouri on May 29th through the 31st to visit the boyhood hometown of Mark Twain.
- Selected band students to attend the SW Iowa Honor Marching Band in Tampa, FL at the Outback Bowl December 27th through January 3rd.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Request

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the following fundraiser requests:

- Softball: Banner sales to local businesses
- MS Student Council: Middle School dance on May 3rd

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items, continued

Cooperative Sharing Agreement with Waukee –Tennis

G. Irving motioned to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Waukee for tennis.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for May 12th, 2014 at 6:30pm (work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 5:30pm).

Sarah Young,
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

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