

## Panorama Community School District May Regular School Board Meeting

**Date:** 5/12/2014  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Panorama District Board Room

The PPEL/SAVE work session that was scheduled for 5:30 was postponed due to the tornado damage sustained by several Panorama employees, including Superintendent Kathy Elliott.

### **Public Hearing for the 2014-15 School Calendar: Hours vs Days**

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the 2014-15 school calendar on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the district board room located at the middle/high school.

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **Administrators Present:**

Mary Breyfogle (Elem Principal/School Improvement Coordinator), and Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

### **Others:**

Gordon Castile, Holly Mills, Kelly Nunn, Dave Beidelman, Dani Perrigo, Ryan Lehms, Jenny VanGundy, Krista Gafkjen, Kordell Gafkjen, Jensen Wilke, Lindsay VanGundy, Kennedy Kuta.

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

D. Douglass seconded

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jon Stetzel: Absent

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Greg Irving: Absent

Motion carries.

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

The district did not receive any written objections or comments.

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

There were no oral objections or comments.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve using hours instead of days for the 2014-15 school year calendar.

D. Douglass seconded

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jon Stetzel: Absent

Tom Arganbright: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Greg Irving: Absent

Motion carries.

D. Douglass motioned to close the public hearing at 6:32 pm

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carries.

## **Regular Meeting**

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on May 12<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 6:32pm.

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## **Agenda**

Changes to Agenda (if any): Remove Principal and Superintendent Reports.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Good News**

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Middle school students Madi Fear, Nicole Rolfes, Jensen Wilke, Carson Fisher, and Devyn Kemble designed and conducted a science experiment to enter into the State Science Fair held at Iowa State University.
- The High School Battle of the Books team competed at the state contest on April 29<sup>th</sup>. In order to qualify, they placed in the top 16 teams out of 72. They finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place at state.
- The Senior Trip went smoothly.
- The High School Boys track team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at Conference and the girls were 3<sup>rd</sup>. Miranda Mlyenek lowered her own school record in the 100M hurdles by running 16.08. The teams brought home 7 gold medals from the meet.
- Many high school students and staff have volunteered their time helping with the clean-up efforts at Lake Panorama following the tornado damage that was sustained on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilke commented that the community has always helped the school and that it was now time for the school to help the community.

## **School Board Recognition**

May is designated by the Iowa Association of School Boards as "School Board Recognition Month." Panora State Bank presented a meat and cheese tray to the board in recognition of their service to the school. In addition, Middle School Student Council members Jensen Wilke, Kordell Gafkjen, Lindsay VanGundy and Kennedy Kuta presented board members with a "Thank You" card that had been signed by all middle school students.

## **Consent Items**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the consent items.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session /Regular Meeting and the May 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting, the monthly financial report and the bills/VISA as presented. The board also approved 5 open enrollment "IN" applications and 1 open enrollment "OUT" application. The resignation of Katherine Gibbons as elementary teacher was accepted with the following new contracts being approved:

- Theresa Christensen, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, \$44,459.95
- Scott Gadelmann, Social Studies, \$36,825.95
- Staci Prellwitz, Volleyball, \$3,410.00

## **Reports**

### **Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom Presentation**

Preschool teachers Holly Mills and Kelly Nunn were present to provide an update on the "Nature Explore" Outdoor Classroom located at the elementary. Construction of the outdoor classroom began in 2010 with the purpose of engaging young children in outdoor activities to enhance the learning experience. Many community members have donated supplies as well as their time to help with construction of the classroom. The next step is to apply for the official certification as a Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. In order to receive this certification, certain criteria need to be met. The only thing missing from Panorama's classroom is appropriate signage, which will be completed this summer.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Nunn also wanted to specially thank community member Dave Beidelman for his contributions to the classroom. Mr. Beidelman has spent countless hours volunteering his time to the classroom.

In addition, the following people were recognized for their contributions: Josh & Tina Arganbright & family, Dan & Mary Breyfogle & family, Cory Heiman, Ben & Danae Branson & family, Barry & Vanessa Branson, Goods from the Woods, Rocky & Melissa Rizzuti & family, Laurie Mills, Jim Jones, Crees Family, Jef & Kelli Overby & family, Arianne Steenblock & family, Sarah Carstens & family, Carstens Family Farms, Signe Hinde & family, John (YT) Meacham, Brad Halterman, Steve Thil, Mr. Babcock's Classes, Mr. Robert's Classes, Lake Lumber, Panorama Gardens, John & Deb Seeman, Kelly Nunn's extended family, Holly Mills' extended family, Jon & Jan Hansen & extended family, Mike & Valerie Sutton & family, Liz Labath, Jill Wanninger- Head Start, Tina Thornberry, Karen Sievers, Kathy Elliott, Dave Beidelman, Mindy Elliott- Physical Therapist @ AEA, Sterling Stoppelmoor, Shari Bieret-Head Start, Amy Tunink, Jim Harty- DHS Child Care Licensing, Head Start Body Start Grant, Mini Outdoor Grant- Early Childhood Iowa, Girl Scouts, Matt Harmon, Bette Donahey, Cindy Durkopf- Early Childhood Iowa, Gayla Wasson, Camie Walker, Hans Seeman, Adam Benner, Sharon Neel, Kelly McNabb, Bryan & Lila Richey & family, Ron Eike-Wood Duck Tree Farms, Audra Johnson & family, Scott Fredrickson, Rhonda Hafner, Kristin Shipman-Little Hands Childcare, Little Panther Daycare & Preschool, WSO, PEO, Nick Peterson, Alexi Buckner & family, Jimi Jo Allen & family, Candi Thompson & family, Steve Pote, Amber Lopez & family, Leo & Jill White & family

### **Transportation Report**

Business Manager Sarah Young presented the board with a review of transportation expenditures from the last seven school years as was requested by a board member. This report showed an overall savings in expenditures of 10.72% in the 2012-13 school year when compared to the 2011-12 school year. Overall expenditures for the current school year are on track to be significantly less than previous school years. In addition, expenditures on employee salaries and benefits decreased by 14.30% during the 2012-13 school year.

### **Activity Fund Report**

Ms. Young also presented a report on revenues and expenditures in the activity fund that also was requested by a board member. The report showed that concession stand revenues have increased slightly with a decrease in expenditures. The report also showed that admission gate revenues received at athletic events have decreased slightly this past school year.

### **Principal Reports**

Written reports were submitted from principals Mary Breyfogle and Mark Johnston.

Board Member Deb Douglass commented on the MS/HS handbook mentioned in Mr. Johnston's written report. Mrs. Douglass requested that something be added in regard to student cell phone use and social media similar to the policy just approved for staff. Mary Breyfogle commented that administrative staff have discussed this in the past and will continue to work on a policy to add to the student handbooks.

## **Discussion/Information Topics**

### **Technology Update on 1:1 Initiative & Website Development**

IT Director Ryan Lehms was present to provide an update on the 1:1 initiative. The 1:1 committee has visited two different schools using Kuno Tablets and Chrome Books. During these visits, the committee was able to gather information on best practices and what to avoid. In addition, the committee is exploring a software program called "Curriculum Loft" which will allow students to work on homework at home, even if they do not have internet access available. The long term plan is to begin rolling tablets out to teachers next school year and then follow with students in the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Lehms also reported that work on the new website continues and is hoping to have it available online in June.

## **Discussion/Information Topics, continued**

### **Support Staff Salaries for 2014-15**

Mr. Wilke reported that Ms. Elliott will begin working on support staff salaries for the 2014-15 school year. The district would like to implement differential pay for support staff by providing a higher rate of pay to those with more years of experience. Ms. Elliott will bring a final recommendation at the June board meeting.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Senior Awards Night – May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.
- Baccalaureate – May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Breakfast – May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:45 a.m.
- Commencement – May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.
- Last Day of School – May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Regular Board Meeting – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 6:30pm

## **Action Items**

### **Preschool/Elementary Reading Staff Recommendation**

T. Arganbright motioned to approve re-hiring a PK-5 teacher to serve as .50 FTE preschool teacher and .50 FTE reading teacher.  
D. Douglass seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Elementary Curriculum Adoption**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the purchase of the social studies and literacy curriculum packages as presented.  
T. Arganbright seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously

### **Fundraising Requests**

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the fundraising requests for Football and Drama as submitted.  
D. Douglass seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **MS/HS Handbook**

Mr. Wilke asked for a motion to approve the MS/HS handbook as presented with the amendment that the handbook could be changed and/or modified at any time due to the concerns raised about student cell phone and social media use.  
D. Douglass motioned to approve the MS/HS handbook as presented.  
T. Arganbright seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30pm (work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 5:30pm).

Sarah Young,  
Board Secretary

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