

Panorama Community School District July Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 7/14/2014
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 July 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), Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary), Mark Johnston (Secondary Principal) and Erin Ambrose (Operations Manager) were present.

Others Present:

Ron Paskach (SVPA Architects), Vitus Bering (SVPA Architects), Catherine Stetzel

During the work session, the board discussed the athletic complex/track project and locker room renovation. No action was taken.

Work session adjourned at 6:34pm.

Regular Meeting

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on July 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 6:35.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Kathryn Elliott (Superintendent), Sarah Young (Business Manager/Board Secretary), Mary Breyfogle (Elementary Principal) and Erin Ambrose (Operations Manager) were present.

Others:

Gordon Castile, Dani Perrigo

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

D. Douglass motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- The district's new website is up and running.
- Bryton Insurance submitted a check to the district in the amount of \$500 to recognize students and staff who helped with the tornado damage at Lake Panorama. These funds will go towards the purchase of a digital sign to be displayed in front of the school.
- Student athlete Gavin Richey was selected to participate in the USA National Football Team in College Station TX.
- B Wilke thanked Gloria Ahrendsen for taking advantage of her employer's matching gifts program by donating to the district which resulted in an equal match from her employer.

Consent Items

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

Consent items included minutes of the June 4th special meeting and the June 9th regular meeting, the monthly financial report, the bills/VISA as presented and one open enrollment “out” application. The board accepted the resignation of Brooke Grett as English teacher and approved the following contracts:

Deb Arganbright	Internal transfer from TAG to English	N/A
Tim Ashworth	Paraeducator	\$14,904.00
Anna Kastner	Wrestling Cheer Coach	\$775.00
Debbie Rockwell	Girl’s Golf (contract adjustment)	\$2,945.00

Discussion/Information Topics

New Website Launch

Ms. Elliott showed board members the new website that was recently launched. One new feature is a list of current events on the home page so community member can be aware of upcoming school activities.

Teacher Training on Technology & Curriculum Loft

Ms. Elliott reported that two consecutive days of teacher training will be needed for the new Curriculum Loft to be used in conjunction with the 1:1 initiative. Currently we do not have two consecutive days of professional development scheduled. Therefore, review of the school calendar will be needed to determine when to schedule this training. Ms. Elliott will follow up with the board with a recommendation at a later date.

Panther Pride Foundation

Ms. Elliott reported that the Panther Pride Foundation needs to be reorganized again as a 501c3 organization which includes defining new by-laws. In the past, the by-laws have indicated that each director district has representation on the foundation. Ms. Elliott recommended removing this requirement and instead finding community members who have an interest in the school and are passionate about improving student experience. Ms. Elliott asked board members to contact her with some possible suggestions of community members who would be interested in serving.

Board Member Deb Douglass suggested strengthening the Panorama Alumni Association which could increase the participation and success of the Panther Pride Foundation.

Upcoming Dates

- Online registration open – July 21st
- Walk-in registration – August 5th, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – August 11th, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Action Items

Ratify the 2014-15 Bus Driver Master Contract

Board member Bryce Wilke commented that bus drivers are contracted to work 4.2 hours per day. Therefore, the district needs to ensure all drivers are working the 4.2 hours every day that they are contracted for. Ms. Elliott commented that Transportation Director Greg Randel will be working on a new handbook for bus drivers which will include specified start and end times to meet the 4.2 hour requirement.

G. Irving motioned to ratify the 2014-15 bus driver master contract as presented which included a 3% increase in wages.
D. Douglass seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items, continued

Staffing Recommendation

Mary Breyfogle reported the following preschool enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year:

- 22 three-year olds
- 38 four-year olds
- 2 five-year olds
- 72 slots full at this time

Mrs. Breyfogle commented that these numbers do not include applications that were sent out but not returned, students who don't enroll until registration, or new students who enroll throughout the year. Because of this, the district is recommending increasing current district staffing from 2.5 preschool teachers to 3.0 preschool teachers.

Board member Deb Douglass suggested that the district consider referring students to other state certified preschools in the community instead of hiring more staff. Mrs. Douglass was commented that this would help to support other businesses in the community as well as give parents options for preschool education.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve increasing current preschool teaching staff from 2.5 to 3.0.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Vote:

J. Stetzel: Aye

T. Arganbright: Aye

D. Douglass: Nay

B. Wilke: Aye

G. Irving: Nay

Motion carries by 3-2 vote.

Milk & Bread Bids

D. Douglass motioned to accept the bread bid from Sara Lee and the milk bid from Anderson Erickson for the 2014-15 school year.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Revised Board Policies

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the 1st reading of the board policy 504.5 – Use of Motor Vehicles & Motor Bikes

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Irving motioned to approve the 1st reading of the board policy 601.2 – School Calendar, with additional research to be completed by Ms. Elliott in regard to days versus hours. Any necessary changes will be noted with the 2nd reading.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the 1st reading of the board policy 601.2 – School Days with the deletion of the second paragraph.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Douglass motioned to approve the 1st reading of the board policy 808.8 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer Coach Procedure

T. Arganbright motioned approve the Volunteer Coach procedure as presented with the following additions:

- The number of volunteer coaches can be limited per sport at the discretion of the head coach and/or administrative staff
- The need for volunteer coaches will be reviewed on an annual basis

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items, continued

School Insurance Renewal & Equipment Breakdown Policy

D. Douglass motioned approve the insurance renewal as presented from Bryton Insurance in the amount of \$138,938.00 for the 2014-15 school year.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Irving motioned approve the renewal of equipment breakdown insurance in the amount of \$42,606.00 for the 2014-15 school year.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

IASB Legislative Priorities

J. Stetzel motioned approve the following legislative priorities for Panorama Schools:

1: Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to the state average.

#14: Supports setting supplemental state aid (replaces the term allowable growth) by the date specified in the Iowa Code at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts and AEAs. Our priority is to increase the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources.

#19: Supports legislation that provides greater flexibility for school districts to meet changing needs, become more efficient, protect natural resources and save public funds, including support of Home Rule.

#37: Opposes and seeks to repeal unfunded mandates.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Designate School District Depository Bank

D. Douglass motioned approve Panora State Bank as the depository for general, management and activity funds, Farmer's State Bank for capital projects funds (PPEL, SAVE and Debt Service) and Guthrie County State Bank for nutrition and the MISPEL scholarship fund.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight Requests

G. Irving motioned approve the overnight request for the girls basketball team to attend camp on July 28th in Pella and the request from the boys basketball team on July 31st through August 2nd for a team building event..

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for August 11th at 6:30pm.

Immediately following the regular meeting, the board went into exempt session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation.

Sarah Sheeder,
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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