

# Panorama Community School District August Regular School Board Meeting

**Date:** 8/11/2014  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Panorama District Board Room

## Regular Meeting

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular session on August 11<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 6:30.

## Board Members Present:

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

## Administrators Present:

Kathryn Elliott (Superintendent), Sarah Sheeder (Business Manager/Board Secretary), Mary Breyfogle (Elementary Principal) and Mark Johnston (MS/HS Principal) were present.

## Others:

Gordon Castile, Mindy Fear, Madi Fear, Greg Thompson, Bryant Thompson, Marty Rolfes, Nicole Rolfes

## Open Forum

Band Students Madi Fear, Nicole Rolfes and Bryant Thompson thanked the board members for supporting their fundraising efforts which will fund their trip to the Outback Bowl in January to participate in the Southwest Iowa Honor Marching Band. All three students auditioned and were selected to participate. The students also thanked Band Director James Bauch for helping them to attain this goal.

## Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Move Action Item "A" to the Discussion Items.

D. Douglass motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- 14 district Teacher Leaders attended a minimum of 6 days of training in June and July on how to serve as coaches for their peers. The district teacher leaders and administrators also held a day-long retreat on July 29 to plan implementation of the Teacher Leader system this year.
- Panorama Schools received special recognition at the AIW Coach Institute in July for having the most certified AIW coaches and the only Superintendent certified as a coach in the state of Iowa.
- Mark Johnston was asked by School Administrators of Iowa to serve as a mentor to the new MS/HS Principal at Earlham High School.
- The following people were recognized for volunteering their time and resources to upgrade the elementary playground:
  - Josh Arganbright
  - Darin Mills
  - Keith Johannes
  - Dan Breyfogle
  - Preston Breyfogle
  - Brian Simmons
  - Dave Arganbright
  - YT Meacham
  - Kurt Hoyt
  - Zach Meacham

## Consent Items

G. Irving motioned to approve the consent items.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular meeting, the bills/VISA as presented and two open enrollment "out" applications. The board also approved the following contracts:

Carla Church	Talented & Gifted	\$43,815.95
	NHS Sponsor	\$775.00
Sheena Bass	Reading/Partner Teacher	\$36,285.95
Chuck Hawley	After School Shuttle Bus	\$5,410.00
Deb Arganbright	Fall Drama	\$1,550.00
Jessica Prince	Speech Coach	\$3,100.00

## Reports

### Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Report

School Business Official Sarah Sheeder reported on the financial position of the district at the end of fiscal year 2014. Although the numbers for 2014 may be adjusted slightly due to accrual accounting, current information indicates that the district has maintained a healthy financial position in addition to meeting all three financial goals set by the board.

- The district's total expenditures did not exceed certified budget estimates for the year.
- The solvency ratio improved to 22.8%
- The district's unspent balance ratio per student remained relatively the same at approximately \$1500/student.
- Staff salaries and benefits were 77.69% of the total expenditures and 73.08% of total revenues.

### Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Breyfogle reported that upgrades are being made to the elementary playground, which includes installing a fence around the entire playground next to the circle drive. This will allow parents to use the circle drive during the school day which should improve parking and traffic flow issues. A revised communication letter about parent drop off and pick up will be provided to parents at conferences on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Mark Johnston, MS/HS Principal

Mr. Johnston reported on the following items:

- Eight DMACC courses are now being offered on site for students (four of those are new courses this year):
  - Ag Career Leadership *New!* – Mr. Hameister
  - Work Experience *New!* – Mr. Hameister
  - Technical Math – Mrs. Ploeger
  - Intro to Engineering – Mrs. Ploeger
  - Technical Communications – Mrs. Arganbright
  - Drawing *New!* – Mrs. Lindstrom
  - Painting *New!* – Mrs. Lindstrom
  - Ag Business – Mr. Babcock
- A math seminar has been added to the middle school schedule. Mrs. Ploeger will lead this seminar to provide additional math support for identified students.
- All students will participate in the advisor/advisee program this school year.

### Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Ms. Elliott reported on the following items:

- New teachers will start working on August 11<sup>th</sup> and retuning teachers will be back on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Elliott provided the board with the back to school schedule for all staff.
- The new gym bleachers will be shipped next Monday with installation to begin on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Every effort will be made to have them installed by the first volleyball match on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Elliott would like to proceed with scheduling another professional day on January 6<sup>th</sup> as discussed in the July board meeting. Therefore, full professional development days will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will school resuming on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Even with this extra day, the district will still meet the number of instructional hours required by the state. The board advised Ms. Elliott to proceed with the extra day.

## **Discussion/Information Topics**

### **2013-14 Student Achievement Data**

Last year, the board approved the 2013-14 student achievement goals recommended by SIAC, which was to increase the percentage of students proficient in reading, math and science by 5%. Results from the Iowa Assessments revealed the following:

- The percentage of students proficient in reading increased from 75.7% to 81.5%, or an increase of 5.80%.
- The percentage of students proficient in math increased from 78.6% to 79.9% or an increase of 1.30%.
- The percentage of students proficient in science increased from 79.9% to 83.2%, or an increase of 3.30%.

Although the goal of a 5% increase was not met in all areas, Ms. Elliott explained that the percentage of students who performed in the “advanced” level increase significantly from the prior year.

The district also had set a goal that 100% of students would grow in at least two areas as measured by the MAP Assessments. Test results showed that 91% of students grew in at least two areas.

Ms. Elliott also reviewed new data that recently became available to the district that includes individual classroom and student analysis. Teachers can analyze this data to determine specific skills by grade level where students are proficient in as well as those skills that need improvement. This data also includes individual student information which allows teachers to see proficiency and areas of concern for each individual student.

### **2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status**

Mrs. Breyfogle shared the results of the 2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report. The results of this report show that the Elementary and High School met the AYP Goal in all areas (Reading & Math). The Middle School met the AYP Goal in Reading, but did not meet the goal in Math.

### **2014-15 Student Achievement Goals**

Mrs. Breyfogle presented the 2014-15 student achievement goals recommended by SIAC:

- **Reading** – The percent of students proficient in **grades 3-5** will increase by 5%, from 72% to **77%**
- **Math** – The percent of students proficient in **grades 6-8** will increase by 5%, from 82% to **87%**
- **Science** – The percent of students proficient in **grades 9-11** will increase by 5%, from 84% to **89%**
- All students (PK-11) will make expected growth in reading, math, and science, as measured by district-wide assessments

The board also discussed the need for more longitudinal data to assess long-term student achievement as well as to make long-term goals.

### **2014-15 Student Achievement Goals – SIAC Recommendation**

G. Irving motioned to approve the 2014-15 student achievement goals as recommended by SIAC.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Conference Activity Pass Rate Comparisons**

As requested by the board, Operations Director Erin Ambrose shared the cost for activity passes at schools in the West Central Activity Conference. The current rates charged at Panorama are comparable to other schools. In addition, Panorama is the only school in the conference that offers a free pass for senior citizens.

### **New Teacher Welcome Reception**

Ms. Elliott is recommending that the district hold an informal reception for new teaching staff just prior to the next regular board meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This will give the board members as well as community members an opportunity to meet with new teaching staff.

### **Work Session on Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW)**

Ms. Elliott requested that the board schedule a work session on October 13 with teachers to learn more about how a typical AIW scoring session runs. The board will experience scoring along with the teachers rather than just hearing about it.

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

### **Upcoming Dates**

- New Teachers – August 11 and 12
- All Teachers – August 13 and 14
- All Staff – August 15 (Chamber “Welcome Back” Coffee 8:00-8:30)
- K-5 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – August 18
- School Start Dates – August 18 (6-12) and August 19 (K-5)
- 1<sup>st</sup> day of school Preschool – August 25
- Regular Board Meeting – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. (New Teacher Reception @ 6:15)

## **Action Items**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Revised Board Policies**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of board policy 504.5 – Use of Motor Vehicles & Motor Bikes:

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of board policy 601.2 – School Calendar

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

G. Irving motioned to remove board policy 601.3 – School Days from the policy manual because the district is currently using hours to measure instructional time.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of board policy 808.8 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading Revised Board Policy 501.13**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the board policy 501.13 – Compulsory Attendance

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Procedures Manual**

G. Irving motioned approve the updated version of the Employee Procedures Manual as presented.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AIW Purchase**

T. Arganbright motioned to approve purchasing AIW t-shirts for teaching staff to support the district’s long-term teaching and learning goals, unify the staff around these common goals, and to promote a positive image and sense of pride in the school.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Fundraising Requests**

T. Arganbright motioned approve the August & September fundraising requests as presented.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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

Sarah Sheeder,  
Board Secretary

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