

Panorama Community School District January 2015 Regular School Board Meeting

Date: 1/12/2015
Time: 5:00pm
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Work Session

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in work session on January 12th, 2015 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The work session was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 5:00 pm.

Work Session Attendees:

Board Members: Jon Stetzel, Tom Arganbright, Deb Douglass, Bryce Wilke, Greg Irving
Administrators: Sarah Sheeder, Mary Breyfogle
Others: Gaylord Tryon & Stan Slessor (Gaylord Tryon & Associates)

During the work session, the board met with representatives from Gaylord Tryon & Associates to establish Superintendent selection criteria and to finalize interview schedule.

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met in a regular meeting on January 12th, 2015 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The meeting was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:30 pm.

Attendees

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Others:

Gordon Castile, Lora Koch, Ron Paskach (SVPA), Greg Thompson, Erin Ambrose, Dani Perrigo, Susan Bush.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): Move Action Item "D" to the Discussion/Information Topics immediately following the Construction Update, Remove Discussion/Information Topics Item "E", Proposed Spanish Trip, Add Action Item "H", Overnight Trip.

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum

None

Good News

- 3rd grade students collected non-perishable food items for the Faith Bible Church food pantry.
- FFA members recently competed in the FFA sub-district contest. Students Emilie Prince, Macey Wilke & Adam Hackfort advanced to the district contest.
- FFA members held their third annual coat drive and donated 32 coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and many bags of clothes to 3C's in Panora.
- Panorama Schools recently hosted an AIW Winter Coach's Institute and received very positive feedback about the facilities, staff and students.
- The Robotics club recently competed in a competition in Des Moines.
- Board President Bryce Wilke was awarded the Better Boardmanship Award from the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Consent Items

G. Irving motioned to approve the consent items.

T. Arganbright seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes of the December 8th, 2014 regular meeting & the December 10th, 2014 special meeting, the financial report, the bills/VISA as presented and four open enrollment "out" applications. The board also approved an internal transfer for Sheena Bass who has moved to 5th grade classroom teacher and approved a new contract with Amanda Viggers who will become the new Reading/Partner Teacher for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

Reports

Mary Breyfogle, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Breyfogle reported on the new Back Pack program that was recently implemented at the elementary. This program is currently serving 23 families by sending home a sack filled with enough groceries to feed one child breakfast, lunch and snacks for two days. Although the program is supported by NutriBlend, additional fundraising is necessary to sustain the program. Community members can support this program by purchasing tickets to the Yale Steak Supper or by making a monetary donation to the Yale United Methodist Church. Mrs. Breyfogle recognized Scott Fredrickson, Sarah Carstens, Debbie Rockwell and Bob Rogers for their dedication and hard work to the program.

Kathy Elliott, Superintendent

Mrs. Elliott reported that the district continues working towards the 1:1 initiative which will roll out to students in the fall of 2015. Teachers attended two days of training focused on using the KUNOS tablets as well as Curriculum Loft. The district leadership team will meet to discuss continued training and next steps.

Discussion/Information Topics

FY14 Audit Report

Business Manager Sarah Sheeder presented the board with the final audit report for fiscal year 2014.

Construction Project Updates

Ron Paskach with SVPA was present to provide updated design development plans for the locker room project. In addition, Mr. Paskach shared the project timeline and reviewed the bidding process.

Ms. Elliott recommended that the board consider hiring an outside consultant to represent the district and oversee the construction project. The board directed Ms. Elliott to investigate this further and bring more detailed information to the next board meeting.

SVPA Locker Room Design Development (moved up from Action Items)

D. Douglass motioned to approve locker room design development documents as presented.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Negotiate 2015-16 Contracts

Ms. Elliott reported that the district has received requests from LiUNA (Bus Driver Union) & the Panorama Education Association (Teacher Union) to begin the negotiation process for the 2015-16 school year. Board members Jon Stetzel and Tom Arganbright agreed to participate for the district in the bus driver negotiations. Board members Greg Irving and Bryce Wilke agreed to participate for the district in the teacher negotiations.

2015-16 Calendar Options

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, a waiver to start school prior to September 1st will no longer be automatically granted by the Iowa Department of Education. Ms. Elliott provided two possible calendar options, one with a waiver and one without. Because the district offers courses through DMACC, it is important that Panorama starts school when DMACC does (which is prior to September 1st). Additionally, a later start date would push the last day of school to June 1st, 2016. The district is waiting for further guidance from the state before making a final recommendation.

Upcoming Dates

- Regular Board Meeting – February 2nd, 2015 @ 6:30 (**MOVED 1 week early**)

Action Items

Approve Engagement Letter with Piper Jaffray

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the engagement letter with Piper Jaffray to serve as the district's financial advisor for the athletic complex project as presented.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Scenarios & Timeline

D. Douglass motioned to approve the athletic complex financing timeline as well as the repayment schedule (option 2) as presented by Piper Jaffray.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Distribution of Term Sheet by Piper Jaffray

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the distribution of term sheet as presented by Piper Jaffray.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Set Hearing Date for Locker Room Project

T. Arganbright motioned to set the public hearing for the locker room project for Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at 6:00pm.

G. Irving seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of SBRC Modified Supplemental Amount for Dropout Prevention

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the application for SBRC modified allowable growth for dropout prevention for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$227,550.00.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Request

G. Irving motioned to approve the fundraising request for the Washington DC trip as presented.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Vote:

J. Stetzel: Aye

T. Arganbright: Aye

D. Douglass: Abstain

B. Wilke: Aye

G. Irving: Aye

Motion carries.

Overnight Trip

T. Arganbright motioned to approve the overnight trip on January 23rd, 2015 for the wrestling team.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular board meeting is set for February 2nd, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Sheeder,
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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