

# Panorama Community School District November School Board Regular Board Meeting

**Date:** 11/14/2016  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Panorama District Board Room

## Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The regular meeting was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:30 pm.

## Attendees

### Board Members Present:

Board Members Jon Stetzel, Deb Douglass, Deborah Westergaard, Jenny Van Gundy and Bryce Wilke were present.

### Administrators Present:

Shawn Holloway (Superintendent), Thad Stanley (MS/HS Principal), Liz Ratcliff (Elem Principal) and Sarah Sheeder (Business Manager/Board Secretary) were present.

### Others:

Gordon Castile, Rachel Downing, Holly Mills, Dale Behrends, Kelly Nunn, Kelly Blomquist, Laurie Behrends, Angie Clouser

## Public Forum

None.

## Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Congratulations to the Panorama Dance Team soloists on their performances at ISDTA State Solo Contest. All soloists received the highest scoring of a Division One rating, with four finishing in top 12: Payton Douglass 11<sup>th</sup>, Morgan Twigg 8<sup>th</sup>, Chloe Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Kate Wingert 1st (3<sup>rd</sup> year as a state champ!).
- The Spanish Club has organized an evening out for its members on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be dining at the restaurant "Los Altos" in Stuart, ordering their meals in Spanish of course!
- Panorama will be hosting Conference Honor Band on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Middle school students Shekynah Haworth, Emma Wolfe, Ruby Hummel, Hailey Meacham, Claire Woodworth, & Collin Law-Reinhart .attended Southern Iowa JH Honor band in Afton.
- Middle school students Kenzie Laabs, Ruby Hummel, & Audrey Cmelik were accepted to the SWIBA Honor band by audition.
- The junior high cross country team won the state-wide "Washburn Classic" junior cross country meet for Class 1A.
- The high school girls cross country placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the state meet making their 5<sup>th</sup> straight appearance at the state meet and the 9<sup>th</sup> trip in the last 11 years. They also won their 4<sup>th</sup> straight conference championship.
- Special thanks to staff members, community volunteers, Maureen Lubeck, Brandon Waddle, and the Lake Panorama Association for helping to put on a fantastic state qualifying cross country meet on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The high school boys cross country team advanced to the state meet for only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in school history and placed 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to Coach Greg Thompson who was named At-Large Girls Cross Country 1A Coach of the Year (one of 5 chosen).
- Panorama alumni Travis Geopfert will be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Iowa Track Coaches Association this December. He is receiving honors for recognition as a track athlete. Travis is currently the head track coach at the University of Arkansas.

## **Good News, continued**

- Shekynah Haworth was voted in as State Parliamentarian and Kylie Doran as State Treasurer at the Fall Middle School Student Council Conference.
- Local author Cheryl Mullenbach has been invited to come and talk to the 6th graders about writing nonfiction on Nov. 17th.
- The drama students had very nice attendance for their three shows of Our Town, and received many complimentary comments from audience members.
- 4 preschool & 1 Kindergarten teachers along with one of the Instructional Coaches from Indianola came to observe elementary classrooms. They were interested in how we combine our work with AIW and our assessment system.

## **Consent Items**

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the consent items as presented.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting, the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 special meeting, the bills, VISA report, financial report and bank reconciliations as presented. The board accepted resignations from Adam Crannell (IT Assistant) and Sue LaFreniere (Paraeducator). The board approved contracts for Robyn Ploeger as JH Girls Basketball Coach (\$1613.00) and Melissa Hochstetler as Wrestling Cheer Coach (\$806.00).

## **Reports**

### **Angie Clouser, School/Community Liaison**

Angie Clouser was present to provide an update on her role as the district's School/Community Liaison. In the past year, Mrs. Clouser has had a total of 1,030 student contacts, 462 parent contacts, 72 teacher referrals and 93 referrals from outside agencies. These contacts include a variety of issues such as attendance, behavior, academics, social issues and problems at home. Mrs. Clouser also reported on the different programs she has implemented at the school, such as Text-A-Tip and Sate Schools Alert.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Literacy**

Elementary teachers Laurie Behrends and Kelly Blomquist provided an update on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy. Teachers are meeting weekly on Fridays to create classroom plans for the upcoming week in literacy. Teachers are also having weekly checks to see how the week went and to identify students who may need additional assistance.

### **Liz Ratcliff, Elementary Principal**

- Teachers are having monthly "data days" to review specific data from FAST (reading) to determine intervention needs.
- After school Math tutoring will be available for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- The district has applied for a grant in the amount of \$2500 offered through Pizza Hut. Funds will be used to purchase non-fiction books for the classroom.
- 96% of families attended parent-teacher conferences at the elementary.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have a music concert on November 22 at the HS auditorium.
- FBI agent Karen Gale will provide a presentation for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders on December 13<sup>th</sup> about cyberbullying. A parent presentation will be offered at 7:00pm.

### **Thad Stanley, MS/HS Principal**

- Attendance at parent-teacher conferences was higher than normal at the secondary school.
- Several teachers attended conferences in Johnston to learn different ways to assess students other than just looking at test scores.
- The Teacher Leadership Committee has attended conferences offered by MISIC (Impacting Students Improving Curriculum). These conferences are aimed at teaching administrators and teacher leaders to develop each teachers; strengths, abilities and potential.
- Basketball season is underway for both middle school and high school student athletes.
- Student Mathison Twigg planned an event to honor local law enforcement. The school helped to promote the idea and there was great student participation.
- Staff and students have been working on a display in the front entry way called the "I Am" project. This gives administration, staff and students a chance to describe how they feel in the world today.

## **Reports, continued**

### **Shawn Holloway, Superintendent**

- The number of students served at Panorama has increased by 15 students in the past month.
- A settlement agreement in the amount of \$1,050,000 has been reached with the KUNO lawsuit.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Carnegie Learning to discuss the math curriculum.

## **Discussion/Information Topics**

### **Financial Forecasting**

Mr. Holloway shared with the board three different models showing the district's projected unspent balance for the next 5 years. The board agreed with Mr. Holloway's recommendation to reduce the budget the next two years through attrition and retirement. Continued monitoring of the district's finances will be necessary.

### **Upcoming Dates**

1. IASB Convention - November 16th & 17th
2. Early Out - November 23rd @ 1:00
3. No School (Thanksgiving) - November 24th & 25th
4. Regular Board Meeting - December 12th, 2016 @ 6:30pm

## **Action Items**

### **Spanish Club Trip to Cuba**

J. Van Gundy motioned to approve the Spanish Club Trip to Cuba in the summer of 2017.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Fundraising Request**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the fundraising request received from FCA as presented.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Staffing Recommendation**

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the recommendation to not re-hire for the IT Assistant position. The IT Director will be allowed 200 hours of seasonal tech support this summer.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **SBRC Allowable Growth**

D. Douglass motioned to approve the request for SBRC modified allowable growth in the amount of \$115,383 for Open Enrollment Out.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

J. Stetzel motioned approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the following revised board policies:

- 201.4 - Elections
- 201.8 - Vacancies
- 402.9 - Employee Physicals
- 406.4 - Child Abuse Reporting
- 501.14 - Student Conduct
- 501.17 - Homeless Children & Youth
- 505.8 - Parent & Family Engagement
- 506.7 - Weapons
- 507.9 - Wellness Policy
- 605.2 - Testing Program

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Items, continued**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading New Board Policies**

D. Douglass motioned approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the new board policy 202.7 (Term of Office).

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next regular board meeting is set for December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Sheeder,  
Secretary

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Board President

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