

Panorama Community School District February School Board Regular Board Meeting

Date: 2/13/2017
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 February 13th, 2017 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 (School Business Official) were present.

Others:

Gordon Castile, Rachel Downing, Dani Perrigo, Jensen Wilke, Mark Arganbright, Deb Arganbright.

Public Forum

None.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda (if any): None

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the agenda as posted.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The following "Good News" items were shared:

- Mark Arganbright, Jenna Bauch, Katy Bassett, Madi Fear, and Quinten Pote were five of over 400 singers who participated in the Meistersinger Honor Choir festival at Wartburg College on Monday, January 23rd.
- There was an amazing amount of support by staff, families and community for the 7th grade "We Love Emma" bake sale and crane sale fundraisers held January 27th. Proceeds were given to the Reinhart family.
- Hope Arganbright and Kennedy Anderson interviewed for FFA district office on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at Panorama Schools. In a tough field of 23 candidates, Hope was selected to be one of the 10 names on the District ballot for District Reporter. Kennedy just missed making the ballot.
- Panorama will be sending five wrestlers to the State Tournament in Des Moines. This is the most wrestlers to advance to state in school history.
- Ten groups competed in the State large group speech contest with six groups receiving an "I" rating. There will be 30 individual entries at the upcoming district individual speech contest.
- Karla Lane received a grant from Target to fund field trips to the Science Center and the Iowa Historical Building.
- Mr. Holloway was recognized for being an advocate for the district and having a voice with Iowa Legislators. Mr. Holloway has recently made several trips to the State Capitol to voice concerns about education and school funding.

Consent Items

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

J. Van Gundy seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included the minutes of the January 9th, 2017 regular meeting, the bills, VISA report, financial report and bank reconciliations as presented. The board approved one open enrollment "Out" for the 2016-17 school year. The board accepted the following resignations: Clista Ankrum (Paraeducator), Scott Stanley (Assistant Football Coach), Melissa Hochstetler (Volleyball Scorer) and Krista Gafkjen (Volleyball Scorer). The board approved a contract for Rebecca Walker in the amount of \$7,207.20 to serve as a Paraeducator for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

Reports

Spanish Club – Language Camp

Students Jensen Wilke and Mark Arganbright were present on behalf of the Spanish Club to discuss a Language Camp located in Minnesota that the club would like to attend

Senior Class

Deb Arganbright, Senior Class Sponsor, reported that a Senior Trip to Kansas City is planned for April 29th.

Liz Ratcliff, Elementary Principal & Thad Stanley, MS/HS Principal

Mrs. Ratcliff and Mr. Stanley shared the results for the district from the Iowa School Report Card. The elementary and secondary schools are both ranked as “acceptable”. This report card does show the district’s areas of strengths and also those areas where improvement is needed. The district is aware of several areas where growth is needed and will continue to strive for a higher ranking.

Shawn Holloway, Superintendent

Mr. Holloway discussed the following items:

- The master school calendar for the 2017-18 is complete. School will start on August 23rd, 2017 with school ending on May 24th, 2018.
- Ann Appleseith Communications has created a new mission statement and vision for the district. The board will take formal action at the March regular meeting.
- Updated projection models for district’s unspent balance were presented to the board. The board will continue to receive new projection models when actual numbers are available to include in the report.
- The district has been working with Sports Graphics to design new conference banners for the gym as well as signage in the main entrances to both buildings. These costs will be included in long term PPEL planning.

Discussion/Information Topics

Long-Term PPEL Planning

Mr. Holloway presented the board with a five year PPEL plan. The proposed projects for next school year total \$608,000. The board will be asked to approve this plan in the March or April meeting.

Retirement Incentive Program

Mr. Holloway recommended that the board offer an early retirement incentive package to any teacher who has been employed with the district for at least 10 years and who is at least 54 years of age. The district can put a cap on the number of packages approved, or a cap on the dollar amount the district will spend. Mr. Holloway will draft an updated policy for board approval at the March meeting.

2017-18 Budget Work Session

Mr. Holloway requested the board schedule a work session prior to the March 13th regular meeting at 5:30pm to review the 2017-18 certified budget.

Public Hearing Date for 2017-18 School Calendar

The district will hold a public hearing on March 13th, 2017 at 6:30pm for the 2017-18 school calendar. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of or against the district’s 2017-18 school calendar as specified in Iowa Code section 279.10 subsection 1.

Public Hearing for FY17 Amended Budget & FY18 Certified Budget

The district will hold a public hearing for the FY17 amended budget and the FY18 certified budget on April 10th at 6:00pm. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Upcoming Dates

1. Early Out (2:30) for P/T Conferences - February 15th & 16th
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences - February 15th & 16th (3:00 - 7:30)
3. No School - February 17th & 20th
4. 2016-17 Budget Work Session - March 13th @ 5:30
5. Public Hearing for 2017-18 School Calendar - March 13th @ 6:30
6. Regular Board Meeting - March 13th (following public hearing)

Action Items

1st Reading New Board Policy 507.9R1 – Wellness Policy

D. Westergaard motioned to approve the 1st reading of new board policy 507.9.R1 as recommended by the SIAC committee.

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Board Policies

D. Douglass motioned to approve the second reading of the following board policies:

- 1. 201.5 - Organization of School Board (Delete Policy)
- 2. 200.1R1 - Organizational Meeting Procedures (New Policy)
- 3. 210.1 - Annual Meeting (New Policy)
- 4. 701.6 - Financial Records (New Policy)
- 5. 204.1 - Regular Meetings (Revised Policy)
- 6. 411.2 - Classified Employee - Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection (Revised Policy)

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight/Out-of-State Trips

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the overnight/out-of-state trips from the Spanish Club and Senior Class as presented.

J. Van Gundy seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract Recommendation

J. Stetzel motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and that the employment of Briana Bach as a probationary teacher and her probationary teaching contract be terminated at the end of the 2016-17 school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent’s Notice and Recommendation to Terminate Contract of Briana Bach.

D. Douglass seconded.

J. Stetzel Aye

D. Westergaard Aye

D Douglass Aye

B Wilke Aye

J Van Gundy Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Set Public Hearing Date for 2017-18 School Calendar

J. Stetzel motioned to set the public hearing for the 2017-18 school calendar on March 13th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the District Board Room located at 701 W Main Street in Panora, IA.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for the 2017-18 Budget Guarantee

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the resolution for the 2017-18 Budget Guarantee allowing the district to levy property taxes as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The next regular board meeting is set for March 13th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Sarah Sheeder,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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