

Panorama Community School District April School Board Regular Meeting

Date: 4/10/2017
Time: 6:00
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Public Hearings:

Public Hearing for the 2016-17 Amended Certified Budget

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the 2016-17 amended certified budget on April 10th, 2017 in the district board room located at the middle/high school.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Others:

Gordon Castile, Rachel Downing, Jessica Prince, Debbie Rockwell, Liz Labath, Patty Meinecke, Carla Church, Holly Mills, Brian Bahrenfuss, Deb Arganbright and Christy Laabs

J. Stetzel motioned to open the public hearing for the 2016-17 amended certified budget at 6:00pm.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Deb Westergaard: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Jenny Van Gundy: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Written Objections/Comments:

The district did not receive any written objections or comments.

Oral Objections/Comments:

There were no oral objections or comments.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the 2016-17 amended certified budget as presented.

J. Van Gundy seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Deb Westergaard: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Jenny Van Gundy: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Westergaard motioned to close the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

J. Stetzel seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for the 2017-18 Certified Budget

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the 2017-18 certified budget on April 10th, 2017 in the district board room located at the middle/high school.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Others:

Gordon Castile, Rachel Downing, Jessica Prince, Debbie Rockwell, Liz Labath, Patty Meinecke, Carla Church, Holly Mills, Brian Bahrenfuss, Deb Arganbright and Christy Laabs

J. Stetzel motioned to open the public hearing for the 2016-17 amended certified budget at 6:02pm.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Deb Westergaard: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Jenny Van Gundy: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Written Objections/Comments:

The district did not receive any written objections or comments.

Oral Objections/Comments:

There were no oral objections or comments.

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the 2017-18 certified budget as presented with a total property tax rate of 13.7981%.

D. Douglass seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Deb Westergaard: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Aye

Jenny Van Gundy: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Stetzel motioned to close the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

D. Westergaard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on April 10th, 2017 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The regular meeting was called to order by Bryce Wilke, President, at 6:05 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 (Elementary Principal) and Sarah Sheeder (School Business Official) were present.

Others:

Gordon Castile, Rachel Downing, Deb Smith, Julie Weidenthaler, Jenelle Jarnagin, Jessica Prince, Debbie Rockwell, Liz Labath, Patty Meinecke, Carla Church, Holly Mills, Brian Bahrenfuss, Deb Arganbright and Christy Laabs

Public Forum

Speaker: Christy Laabs

Subject: Mrs. Laabs was present to discuss a recent 8th grade trip to Springbrook that was intended to be a “hands on” classroom experience for students. During the trip, several students were disruptive during the lunch break. According to Mrs. Laabs, the trip was cut short because of these students and all of the 8th grade students had to return to the school. Mrs. Laabs expressed her disappointment with the way this was handled by the school and suggested that in the future, only the disruptive students be disciplined for their behavior and not the entire class.

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 elementary had between 50 and 60 families at Kindergarten Round Up and Preschool Open House.
- Austin Behrends, Sam Webster, Maggie Smith, and Tori Troutman represented Panorama at the Space Settlement Design Competition at NASA in Houston, Texas March 23rd-26th.
- Panorama Wrestlers George Appleseth, Tyler Van Houten & Gunnar Grunsted made 1st Team of the Herald Publishing All State Team.
- Middle School Battle of the Books teams “Infinity Plus” and “Fantastic Four” finished in the top 16 out of 55 teams. Team “Infinity Plus” made the semifinals.
- Panorama students Tyler Van Houten, Matt Webner, Kolby Burns, Noah Ramsey, and Nic Parker took first place at the Southwest Iowa Community College welding competition. Three students also competed at the Iowa Steamfitters Union welding competition. Out of 96 students Tyler Van Houten took 12th and Noah Ramsey took 15th.
- The secondary school was awarded the STEM Scale-Up Kit for the Science Center of Iowa’s “Making STEM Connections” program. The program provides training along with an extensive kit that includes tools, supplies, teacher resources and lessons that are designed to support curriculum connected with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).
- Panorama had a successful prom on April 8th.
- Past board member Naomi Barks recently passed away and was recognized for the scholarship program she has provided for Panorama students.

Consent Items

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

D. Douglass seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Items, continued

Consent items included the minutes of the March 13th public hearing and regular meeting, the bills, VISA report, financial report and bank reconciliations and one open enrollment "IN" for the 2016-17 school year. The board accepted the following resignations:

- Jo Ann Eason as Elementary Teacher/Teacher Leader,
- James Roberts, Industrial Technology Teacher and TSA Sponsor
- Caden Duncan, JH Boys Basketball

The board approved the following contracts for the 2017-18 school year:

- Ashley Meyn as Family Consumer Science Teacher
- David VanAhn as Assistant Football Coach
- Scott Gadelmann as JH Boys Basketball Coach

Reports

Liz Ratcliff, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Ratcliff reported on the following items:

- A consultant will be visiting the elementary on April 11th to conduct a reading study with the 2nd grade students.
- Professional development in the month of April will continue to focus on curriculum guides for reading and math.
- A speaker from "Love & Logic" will present to teachers and paraeducators in June.

Thad Stanley, MS/HS Principal

Mr. Stanley shared the district's graduation rates:

- 2016 class 4 year cohort graduation rate: 95.77%
- 2015 class 5 year cohort graduation rate: 96.36%

Mr. Stanley mentioned that students who drop out but then return to school will still show in these percentages. He thanked Chris Webner, Angie Clouser, Jason Kirtley, and Erin Ambrose for their work in the Student Success Center to help these students graduate.

Mr. Stanley also reported that many new classes will be offered next year with the hiring of Ashley Meyn as the Food Consumer Science Teacher. These classes will include FCS Foundations, Child Development, Foods and Sewing.

Shawn Holloway, Superintendent

Mr. Holloway reported on the following items:

- Discussions have started with Little Panther Daycare about the possibility of the daycare utilizing one of the extra classrooms in the elementary. Little Panther is outgrowing their current facility and the district believes this would be a great way to partner with the daycare to provide more opportunities for area families.
- IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) will begin reviewing the district's board policy manual in May or June.
- Mr. Holloway visited the 4th grade classroom to observe their use of Markerspace.

Discussion/Information Topics

Upcoming Dates

1. Early Out - Spring Break - April 12th @ 1:00pm
2. No School - Spring Break - April 13th - April 17th
3. Regular Board Meeting – May 8th @ 6:30pm

Action Items

2017-18 AEA Purchasing Agreement

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the 2017-18 AEA Purchasing Agreement as presented.

D. Douglass seconded.

Jon Stetzel: Aye

Deb Westergaard: Aye

Deb Douglass: Aye

Bryce Wilke: Nay

Jenny Van Gundy: Aye

Motion carries by a 4-1 vote.

Voluntary Retirement Incentive Application

J. Stetzel motioned to approve the voluntary retirement incentive application received from Jo Ann Eason.

J. Van Gundy seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items, continued

ST Math Curriculum

D. Douglass motioned to approve the purchase of ST Math Curriculum in the amount of \$6,000 to be used for students in grades K-6.
D. Westergaard seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. The next regular board meeting is set for May 8th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Contract Negotiations – PEA Initial Proposal

The Panorama Education Association (PEA) presented their initial contract proposal to the Panorama School District negotiation team for the 2017-18 school year.

Board Members Present:

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Deb Arganbright presented the initial PEA proposal for the 2017-18 school year to the school district. The initial proposal included adding \$500 to the teacher base salary, which would equate to a 1.12% increase in teacher salaries.

Contract Negotiations – District Initial Proposal

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Shawn Holloway presented the initial district proposal for the 2017-18 school year to the PEA. The initial proposal included adding \$500 to the teacher base salary, which would equate to a 1.12% increase in teacher salaries.

Sarah Sheeder,
Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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