

**Panorama Community School District
School Board Meeting**

Date: 7/17/2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Panorama District Board Room

Regular Meeting

The Panorama Community School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on July 17, 2023 in the district board room located at the middle/high school. The meeting was called to order by Deb Westergaard, President, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Deb Westergaard, Lee White, Damon Crandall.

Cale Kastner - arrived at 6:32 pm

Mark Cates - Absent

Administrators Present:

Kasey Huebner (Superintendent), Symantha Crawford (School Business Manager/Board Secretary)

Others: Rick Wicks, Rachel Downing, Marcus Mackey

Public Forum

No one spoke.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda - none.

Crandall motioned to approve the agenda.

White seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Good News

-Mrs. Dorhout is currently completing another training through the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., as part of my work as a 2020 Museum Teacher Fellow. The conference is the Pines, Sarna, Statfeld Summer Institute and is training me in best practices for Holocaust education. The conference is July 7-10.

-Mrs. Dorhout has completed required training to become an official Museum Teacher Fellow through the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

-National TEAMS Competition

7 students represented Panorama and the state of Iowa at the National TEAMS (Tests for Engineering Aptitude Mathematics and Science) competition June 29 - July 2 in Louisville Kentucky during the National TSA Conference. In order to be eligible for nationals, schools must score in the top 20% of the nation. The seven Panorama students make up two teams with both teams scoring in the top 20% of the nation. One team is Parker Meyer, Kylie Rochholz, and Anna Thompson while the other team is Luke Brinker-Owen, Cruz Crandall, Danica Isom, and Gracie Recker.

TEAMS is an annual competition designed to help middle school and high school students discover their STEM potential. Teams of two to four students apply their knowledge in practical, creative ways to solve real-world engineering challenges. Students competed in 3 competitions: a multiple choice test, design challenge, and presentation. This years theme was Engineering and Everyday Devices

- Design/Build Challenge: Teams complete a hands-on design challenge using designated materials provided on-site. This year students created a device to pick everyday objects.
- Multiple-Choice Exam: Students complete this challenge together. They applied knowledge of bridges, kitchen devices, springs, flight, lightbulbs and the brain.
- Presentation: Students created a presentation on what is the "best" everyday device in our world today. After justifying their choice, then students shared innovation ideas for the device.

The students were coached by Robyn Ploeger. Heather Isom also chaperoned the trip.

We are pleased to share that one of our Panorama teams made Best of Nation honors as a top 10 finalist. The team of Parker Meyer, Kylie Rochholz, and Anna Thompson finished in the top 10 of the nation in the design challenge competition. They finished 7th of all Middle School teams competing.

It was an honor to be eligible for Nationals with both of our Panorama teams, and the support we received to compete is just one of the ways Panorama shines. On behalf of our students and myself, I would like to thank the school board, administration, parents, booster club, and community members for supporting this opportunity for our students. It is a passion of mine to make STEM opportunities more equitable in our school and area. Providing opportunities for our students to grow in STEM on a National level was so very exciting but also motivating to me to continue to look for new ways to spread the excitement of STEM to our youth.

Superintendent Reflection

Superintendent Huebner gave the board an update on his first two weeks in the district.

Discussion/Information Topics

- A. Upcoming Dates:

1. Regular Board Meeting - August 17th @ 6:30 p.m.
 2. School Board Work Session - August 24th @ 6:30 pm
- B. Parking Lot Engineering Update

Action Items

A. Consent Items:

Kastner motioned to approve the consent items as presented.

White seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Consent items included:

- Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Bills, VISA report, Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliations
- Contract Recommendations as follows:

2023-2024 School Year (New Contracts)

- Steve Hameister, Substitute Bus Driver
- Ken Bahrke, Substitute Bus Driver
- Dan Wagner, Substitute Bus Driver
- Mark Dorhout, Substitute Bus Driver
- Jerry Lane, Substitute Bus Driver

2023-2024 School Year Resignations

- Vicki Woody, MS/HS Paraeducator

Fundraiser Request - Approval of Updated List

B. 2023-2024 Schedule B Spring Extra-Curricular Contracts

Kastner motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Schedule B Spring Extra-Curricular Contracts, as presented.

Crandall seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Board Questions/Topics for Future Agendas

-None

Adjournment

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Symantha Crawford,
Board Secretary

Board President

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