

**Panorama Community School District
School Board Meeting**

Date: 11/13/2023
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 November 13, 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, Cale Kastner, Damon Crandall, Mark Cates

Absent: Lee White

Administrators Present:

Kasey Huebner (Superintendent), Symantha Crawford (School Business Manager/Board Secretary), Thad Stanley (MS/HS Principal), Liz Ratcliff (Elementary Principal)

Others: Rachel Downing, Connor Osbahr, Heidi Clark, Dave Sturm, Don VanWinkle, Jenelle Jarnigan

Public Forum

-No one spoke.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda - none.

Crandall motioned to approve the agenda.

Kastner seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Good News

-Congratulations to Mrs. Gafkjen and the yearbook crew on achieving Jostens 2023 National yearbook program of excellence at the Gold Level.

-Last week, 29 students as part of the middle school and high school student councils attended "Focus on Leadership XLII – Road to Leadership" IASC Conference held at Johnston High School. The students along with schools across the state heard from keynote speaker Brandon White about "owning it" in life & leadership. White has been seen on TLC, Discovery Health, Fit TV, TEDx, & even Wheel of Fortune! The students then attended breakout sessions where they were able to connect with other students about council procedures and activities.

-Eight Panorama coaches attended the annual She Coaches leadership conference in Ames. This year the conference invited 1 student-athlete for every 2 coaches from the same school who registered. We were able to take 4 students. The coaches used the criteria: these students are in a variety of sports and or activities, and can therefore influence leadership skills on many within your student body. Congratulations to Kelsey Laabs, Faith Recker, Ashley Crees, and Libby Miller!

-Congratulations to the cross country on a good season. The girls team was ranked most of the season. Two girls advanced to the state meet; Kylie Rochholz placed 9th earning all-state honors. Laicey Lutz placed 52nd out of 158 runners. Noah Poldberg advanced for the boys team; he placed 32nd out of 153 runners. Noah just started running in June.

-The coaching staff and school personnel received many compliments on the new course; thank you to the school and Lake Panorama for allowing us to move the course to school grounds and the south shore preservation/recreation area.

-Mrs. Church received a \$750 grant from Belin Blank Center for a laptop computer for coding.

-Congratulations to the following members of the Panorama High School Band who were recently selected for the Northern Festival of Bands, hosted by the University of Northern Iowa School of Music:

In the Symphony Band

- Avery Bahrenfuss, clarinet; Riley Gibson, bass clarinet alternate

In the Concert Band

- Emily Garcia, Clarinet; Sabrina Huitt, Alto Saxophone; Kaden Sanders, Baritone Saxophone; Ruanne Brinker, Percussion

They will represent Panorama at the festival from January 25th-27th as they participate in masterclasses with the UNI Faculty, experience collegiate-level ensembles in concert, work with nationally and internationally acclaimed musicians, and perform a final concert on January 27th at 2pm at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. The festival provides both exceptional performance and educational opportunities for our high school band students, and we could not be happier for our students to have this opportunity!

Reports

Building Report

-Connor Osbahr, High School Teacher, shared information with the board regarding projects being worked on in Middle School Woods classes.

Financial Report

-Symantha Crawford, School Business Manager/Board Secretary, reviewed both the Monthly Key Measures Report for October 2023, as well as the Fiscal Year 2024 Board Ready Report, a tool which looks at financial projections for the district..

Discussion/Information Topics

- A. Upcoming Dates:
 - 1. No School, Fall Break - November 22nd - 24th
 - 2. Early Out/6-12th Parent Teacher Conferences - December 6th
 - 3. No School, District PD - December 8th
 - 4. Regular School Board Meeting - December 11th
- B. Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive
- C. North Parking Lot Design and Update - Dave Sturm, Snyder and Associates, Inc

Action Items

A. Consent Items:

Kastner motioned to approve the consent items as presented.

Crandall seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Consent items included:

- Minutes from the October 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Bills, VISA report, Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliations
- 2 open enrollment "OUT" (2023-2024) & 2 open enrollment "IN" (2023-2024)
- Contract Recommendations as follows:

2023-2024 School Year (New Contracts)

- Jill Schroeder, Elementary Paraeducator, \$14.79/hour, October 13, 2023 start date
- Curtis Woltz, Substitute Bus Driver, 2023-2024 school year
- Kristi West, Full Time Custodian, \$18.08/hour, November 14, 2023 start date

2023-2024 School Year Resignations

- Dennis Ludwig, Elementary Evening Custodian, effective November 3, 2023

Overnight Trip Requests as follows:

- HS Band, January 25-27, 2023, Honor Band-Northern Festival of Bands, UNI-Cedar Falls, IA, 1-4 students, 1-2 chaperones
- Panorama Dance Team, November 29-30, 2023, State Dance Team Competition, Des Moines, IA; 10 students, 3 chaperones
- Grades 10-12 Schoolwide Application, March 20-24, 2024, HS Space Settlement Design Competition Regional Finals, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX, 5 students, 2 chaperones

Fundraiser Requests - Approval of Updated List

B. Grandview Student Teaching Application

Crandall to approve the Grandview Student Teaching Application as presented.

Cates seconded

Motion carried unanimously

C. Approve Early Retirement Incentive

Cates motioned to approve the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, as presented.

Kastner seconded

Motion carried unanimously

D. First Reading of Proposed New Board Policy 501.19

Kastner motioned to approve the first reading of Board Policy 501.19, as presented.

Cates seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Board Questions/Topics for Future Agendas

-None

Adjournment

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Symantha Crawford,
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

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