

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

December 9, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jeanette Sampson, Vice Chair
Grace Laman, Director
Shawn Helligso, Director
Jenna Rickenbach, Director

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Hoppes, Superintendent-Clerk; Mindy Landwehr, Business Manager; Tracy Telen, Recorder (Please see **Attachment A** for complete list of attendees.)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Sampson called a meeting of the Board of Directors of Astoria School District No. 1C, Clatsop County, to order at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in the Astoria School District Boardroom.

2.0 POVERTY – ARTICLE REVIEW

Ms. Linder referred the article in the board's packet, "Turning Around a High Poverty District: Learning from Sanger." Ms. Linder gave the board and those in attendance time to review the article. They were then asked to write what they noticed after reading the article about the mindset and attitudes, actions, obstacles, and common characteristics to Astoria School District. Vice Chair Sampson shared that what she got out of the article was the trust factor that our teachers understand that we are entrusting them with our kids. Superintendent Hoppes stated that the district was doing a lot of the same things, but not to fidelity and that working on culture is what it's really about. Director Rickenbach commented that culture is built referencing Jordan Poyer, saying he has become a hero and asked how do we find another Poyer? Ms. Linder stated that parents have goals for their kids and so do we, how do we make them mesh? Superintendent Hoppes added that he had told Ms. Linder that the board had said that culture needed to be added.

3.0 NEW BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

Superintendent Hoppes reviewed with the board the time line to hire a new board member to replace Director Martin Dursse, who resigned. The deadline for applications is set for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. There will be a board agenda item and action item that night of the interviews.

4.0 STAFF RECOGNITION INFORMATION

Superintendent Hoppes shared that the Astoria School Foundation has 10-15 people helping to get the staff recognition started and would like to do something at the end of the school year. He stated that the idea is to allow the Foundation to sponsor the recognition and the give one member of the Foundation a place on the recognition board to help choose the staff member. Superintendent Hoppes wanted to know what the board thought about letting the Foundation do this and requested that he be able to bring an application back to the Foundation if the board approved it.

5.0 POLICY REVIEW

Superintendent Hoppes highlighted the suggested changes to the following policies and will bring these back to the board in January.

BFD – Board Policy Implementation – Changes to the policy state that copies of the Board’s Policy manual shall be made available for inspection to the public and district employees and are available on the districts website.

JF/JFA – Student Rights and Responsibilities – Notification to employees of student rights was added to the policy.

JFC – Student Conduct and Discipline – Legislative changes made to policy regarding weapons.


JFCJ – Weapons in the Schools – Any destructive device was added under “Firearm.” State Law was added when students are found in violation of this policy.

JG – Student Discipline – Changes to the policy state that students receiving corrective counseling and be subject to disciplinary sanction will be age appropriate and to the extent practicable that uses approaches that are shown through research to be effective. In addition parents, students and employees shall be notified by hand book, code of conduct or other document of acceptable behavior, behavior subject to discipline and the procedures to address behavior and the consequences of that behavior. These procedures will include a system of consequences designed to correct misconduct and promote acceptable behavior.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.


Board Chair


Clerk/Deputy Clerk