

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Item 5.0 – AHS Presentation – Tabled until May

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

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Hoppes, Superintendent-Clerk; Louise Kallstrom, Director of Support Services; Jodie Holthusen, Recorder; Cathryn Roe, AHS Representative. (Please see **Attachment A** for complete list of attendees.)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dursse called a meeting of the Board of Directors of Astoria School District No. 1C, Clatsop County, to order at 7:32 P.M. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 in the Astoria School District Boardroom. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 OATH OF OFFICE

Chair Dursse welcomed Ms. Rickenbach to the Board of Directors and led her in the oath of office.

3.0 ELECT BOARD VICE CHAIR

Chair Dursse opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations.

DIRECTOR HELLIGSO MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DIRECTOR SAMPSON BOARD VICE CHAIR AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4.0 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Chair Dursse read a statement of appreciation and gratitude for Michael Long and Cheryl Long of A Coastal Lock & Key for their generous support of Astoria School District over the past 16 years. More specifically, this year they donated over \$6,000 in labor and materials to improve student and staff safety at all Astoria schools. Michael and his mother Cheryl were in attendance at tonight's meeting to receive a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the members.

5.0 ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

(Due to conflicts with conferences, the presentation was tabled until next month.)

6.0 PATRON COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Shannon Christie & Angela Cuellar – AHS Students (spoke collaboratively in opposition of the proposed high school schedule)

- Presented petition signed by 290 students and 5 teachers
- Change would benefit math and foreign language but not classes like fine arts and wood shop
- Science labs take more time – they love to do new experiments – just the bottle rocket project took 3 weeks
- They understand the issue – the teachers not using time wisely but they like having the extra time with teachers to help them with their homework
- Time for math repetition would be beneficial
- Schedule would impact extra-curricular activities/jobs – students are out late and don't have time to get homework done – takes the fun out of playing a sport and makes it hard to have a job
- The new schedule would mean they had to turn in the homework each day instead of having an extra day to get it done

Jo Christie – AHS Parent (spoke in opposition of the proposed high school schedule)

- Had two other girls in school where every day was like a “C” day
- Sports are important to keep kids involved
- There was a huge difference from the other girls' experience – one daughter would be in tears – it's too hard to get homework done on the bus – it's too loud – sometimes they couldn't attend family events or social activities
- Block schedule prepares them for college – teaches discipline – how to manage their time wisely
- Close to 300 signatures on the petition is pretty substantial

7.0 AHS REPRESENTATIVE

Cathryn Roe was in attendance at tonight's meeting to report on the following events and activities taking place at Astoria High School:

- Some staff and student leaders attended a leadership conference
- The Forecasting Fair took place on Tuesday – it's neat for students to see all of the different classes they can take
- Students attended the Waldorf Germany exchange trip over Spring Break – most thought it was amazing and want to go back
- The boys' golf team recently placed 4th in a competition
- A few baseball and softball games have been rained out

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- Track is going well
- Conferences start tonight and go through tomorrow
- (Mr. Jackson reported) The Oregon Supreme Court picked Astoria High School to conduct two legitimate cases – will take place on May 7 – we had to do some plat-forming to get them here – students from other local schools will also attend

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda items were presented:

- A. Approve minutes of regular board meeting, March 12, 2014
- B. Approve minutes of special board meeting, March 17, 2014
- C. Approve minutes of special board meeting, March 31, 2014

DIRECTOR HELLIGSO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED AND VICE CHAIR SAMPSON SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9.0 REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

The members had a few questions about the administrative reports regarding kindergarten round-up and truancy issues at Lewis and Clark School.

B. ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Hoppes presented the enrollment report for March. We've lost 13 students district-wide, 8 of them from the high school. Mr. Jackson reported that 18 students transferred out and 18 transferred in, most of which are Hispanic families who commonly leave to visit family members living out of the country. He was able to meet with 7 out of the 8 students who left the district.

C. GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

Chair Dursse read the gifts to the district report and expressed his appreciation of the donors for their generosity.

D. FINANCIAL

Ms. Kallstrom presented the financial report for February. Although we are losing kids this year, it won't affect our current funding as it is based on last year's numbers. We are still keeping up with expenditures and looking at a healthy ending for this school year.

10.0 INFORMATION

The following information items were presented:

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- a) Resignation of Corina Watt, .8 FTE School-Based Occupational Therapist, District-Wide, effective March 13, 2014
- b) Transfer of Rosemary Geraghty, 6.5 hours per day Instructional Assistant, Astoria High School to 7.5 hours per week Instructional Assistant / 18.75 hours per week Youth Transition Specialist (YTP), Astoria High School, effective February 28, 2014
- c) Resignation of Carolyn Czarnecki, 6.0 hours per day Instructional Assistant Astoria High School, effective February 27, 2014
- d) Re-employment of Carolyn Czarnecki, 3.0 hours per day Instructional Assistant, Astor Elementary School, effective March 10, 2014
- e) Retirement of Jane Roberts, .75 FTE Math Coach, Astoria Middle School, effective June 19, 2014
- f) Resignation of Sally Goozee, 7.0 hours per day Instructional Assistant, Astor School, effective April 11, 2014

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. IGAEB – DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PREVENTION, HEALTH EDUCATION (SECOND READING)

- o School counselors would be included in the development of drug and alcohol prevention curriculum

DIRECTOR HELLIGSO MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY IGAEB AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

B. JGCG/JFCH/JFCI – USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS (SECOND READING)

- o Rather than automatic suspension for violation of the policy, students would be required to meet with the student assistance director and given recommendations - although failure to comply would result in a minimum 2-day suspension and mandatory meeting with parents and staff before return to school

DIRECTOR LAMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY JGCG/JFCH/JFCI AS PRESENTED AND VICE CHAIR SAMPSON SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

C. JFCG/KGC/GBK – TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT (SECOND READING)

- o E-cigarettes added to definition of “tobacco” – the recommendation will also cross reference with Policy KGB – Public Conduct on District Property

VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY JFCG/KGC/GBK AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014-2015 ASTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Superintendent Hoppes referred to the proposed calendar in the board packet. He drew their attention to the professional development days in March, noting that they could be used as potential weather-makeup days if necessary. He mentioned possible concerns for some schools regarding the timing of conferences but unfortunately, it is impossible to come up with a perfect calendar to suit the entire district.

DIRECTOR HELLIGSO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2014-2015 ACADEMIC CALENDAR AS PRESENTED AND VICE CHAIR SAMPSON SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

B. DIVISION 22 REQUIREMENTS

Superintendent Hoppes let the members know that this is the first time in three years that we've had to submit the Division 22 report. It used to be every year but the State had suspended it due to changes in Oregon law. He gave a brief overview of the document and noted areas needing improvement.

DIRECTOR HELLIGSO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DIVISION 22 DOCUMENT AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

C. 2014 – 2015 BUDGET CALENDAR

Superintendent Hoppes presented the proposed budget calendar and apologized for the short notice, stating that he thought the budget calendar had already been approved last fall.

DIRECTOR RICKENBACH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2014-2015 BUDGET CALENDAR AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

D. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK RESOLUTION

Chair Dursse cited resolution 2013-2014-003, designating May 5 – May 9, 2014 Teacher Appreciation Week, urging all members of the community to join them in expressing appreciation for their dedication and devotion to their work.

VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK RESOLUTION AS READ AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13.0 COMMENTS

A. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

ASD Transportation Director – Ryan Hahn

- Reminder to all members that the school bus safety exercise will be held at the Astoria Airport on May 3 – six of our drivers are competing – they are very excited about it

B. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Hoppes

- Welcome Jenna – will help with any questions she has
- May 14 study session will be based on the budget
- We're sending two administrators to the job fair in Portland – we will have possibly 2-3 elementary teacher openings – we're always looking for Special Education teachers – it's a good opportunity for us
- If anyone is interested in being a representative on the school foundation board – let him know – the next meeting in Monday – Brad Pope is the president
- The health and wellness committee is in the middle of collecting data
- There will be an early childhood health clinic on May 15 at the fairgrounds – health screenings are for kids 3-5 years old
- This past fall, Knappa brought in Janel Keating and Seaside has her scheduled to come in three weeks – we had her here 4-5 years ago – it's nice that others in the community are seeing that what we are doing is working

C. DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES

Ms. Kallstrom

- Welcome Jenna – will help any time she wants to find out about school finances

D. BOARD MEMBERS

Director Helligso

- Welcome Jenna – it's a fast learning curve
- Went to AMS track meet yesterday – there were 5 schools – it was fun and Astoria did really well
- Thanked the teachers for their hard work

Director Laman

- Welcome Jenna – it's exciting to be on the school board
- Was at L&C for conferences – they were in the middle of the engineering contest – the things they came up with are amazing – you can tell which students are driven – some of the things they came up with we could really use
- On the subject of teacher appreciation – Mona Foss is amazing – she had 12 of her students participate in the contest which is probably the most from any one class
- Appreciate the teachers this week being there late nights for conferences

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Director Rickenbach

- Thanks for having me – excited to be on the board
- It's fun to be at Astor each week and get to know the teachers – they all have special talents – it's neat to see the excitement they have
- Having fun coaching the long jump at the middle school – it brings up a lot of good memories

Vice Chair Sampson

- Welcome Jenna – excited to work with you
- Thanks to Ryan and the crew for cleaning up all the briars at the bus barn – they do a great job – it's a lot of extra work
- Thanks to all teachers – they are phenomenal
- It's chick time at Astor – something near and dear to my heart – it's fun to watch the excitement of first graders – one mom was concerned that the eggs won't hatch – if not, it's a life lesson – it's fun to watch the learning process

E. BOARD CHAIR

Chair Dursse

- Apologize for being tardy at the first meeting – thanked Shawn for stepping in
- Welcome Jenna – thank you for wanting to help
- Congratulations to Jeanette on vice chair appointment
- Appreciates all of the volunteers helping with middle school track – had to take 3 buses to Seaside

14.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

LIGHTHOUSE TRAINING – ASD Boardroom

April 24, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

LIGHTHOUSE TRAINING – ASD Boardroom

May 14, 2014, 6:15 P.M.

BOARD STUDY SESSION - ASD Boardroom

May 14, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - ASD Boardroom


15.0 ADJOURNMENT

VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND DIRECTOR HELLIGSO SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



Board Chair



Superintendent - Clerk