

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2015

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Louise Kallstrom, Director of Support Services; Jodie Holthusen,  
Recorder (Please see Attachment A for complete list of attendees.)

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Dursse called a meeting of the Board of Directors of Astoria School District No. 1C, Clatsop County, to order at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in the Astoria School District Boardroom. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. \*COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

Tonight's community recognition will be postponed until next month.

**3. AHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Haley Korff reported on the most recent events taking place at Astoria High School including:

- Just finished Spring Break
- The dance team competed at State and won first place
- Student body elections were held
- Class elections will take place next week
- Attended the forecasting fair yesterday
- Girls' track won all three of their meets so far
- Kids attended the Waldorff Germany trip over Spring Break

**4. PATRON COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Paula Mills -

- NWRESD named Rob Saxton interim superintendent – he is currently the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Oregon Department of Education
- The NWRESD April meeting, normally held in Astoria, will take place in Hillsboro due to the retirement celebration for James Sager

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Janice Horning

- Filed for the school board election
- Served on a school board once by appointment and once by election
- Have a strong vocation toward public education
  - Was involved in student government while in college
  - Transferred to Portland State and worked as a full-time employee while attending school
  - Worked in the hospital emergency room
  - Worked at Clatsop Behavioral Health
- Have been involved in the community in many different ways

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following consent agenda items were presented:

- A. Approve minutes of Executive Session, March 11, 2015
- B. Approve minutes of Board Study Session, March 11, 2015
- C. Approve minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 11, 2015

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

**6. REPORTS**

**A. \*ADMINISTRATIVE**

The administrators were not in attendance at tonight's meeting due to parent/teacher conferences.

Chair Dursse wanted to know about the equity training taking place on April 21. Ms. Linder stated that it is a movement or an effort for all students to be allowed the same access to what is going on in schools. She explained that not all students are on the same playing field, in a sense. Some face different barriers which affect their access to education. The Oregon Leadership Network focuses on providing resources to create equity among students and learning.

**B. (\*\*\*)BOARD AND DISTRICT GOALS**

Chair Dursse highlighted key areas of the board and district goals information included in the board packet. He also mentioned two particular highlights for the Achievement Gap Goal, the April equity training and the up and coming PAC meeting.

Director Laman talked about the Health and Wellness Goal, noting that three sub goals were identified as priorities for the district to focus on. The use of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare counselors in the schools is going strong and has been well received. There have been conversations about making it sustainable for long term. In addition, PE teachers have been asked to help develop a fun run/walk in the fall to kick off the school year. They will use PE classes to prepare students and invite the community.

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**C. ENROLLMENT**

Chair Dursse presented the enrollment report. We are down 22 students from the previous month which is a pretty significant amount. He mentioned that the decrease may be caused in part by Coast Guard families moving in and out of Astoria as it is transfer season. He added that we are not alone though if we look at trends in similar towns. Vice Chair Sampson noted that over the past 10 years, the District's enrollment has decreased by 222 students.

**D. FINANCIAL**

Ms. Kallstrom briefly touched on the financial report for February. She again mentioned that our current funding is based on last year's enrollment numbers. The up and coming funding for the new school year will be affected by the 2014-2015 student enrollment.

**E. GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT**

Chair Dursse read the Gifts to the District report and thanked the donors for their generosity.

**7. INFORMATION**

The following information item was presented:

- A. Employment of Estelle Peterson, 3.0 hours per day Instructional Assistant, Astor Elementary School, effective March 9, 2015

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. POLICY JFCEB-PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA  
(SECOND READING)**

Policy JFCEB was discussed at previous meetings. The recommended alterations more clearly define the definition of an electronic device, adds "social media" to the description and incorporates an appeal process for students who are denied use.

**DIRECTOR HELIGSO MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY JFCEB AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**B. POLICY GCAB – PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES & SOCIAL SOCIAL MEDIA –  
STAFF (SECOND READING)**

Policy GCAB recommendations from OSBA include a more detailed definition of electronic devices and the implementation of general rules and guidelines addressing the proper and improper use of them. The additions increase the level of accountability for staff.

**VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY GCAB AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR HELIGSO SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Chair Dursse announced that the calendar presented was recommended by the committee. The most significant change would move parent/teacher conferences to the week before Spring Break. This was suggested to try and reduce the amount of student and staff absences prior to Spring Break as the Friday before would become a non-school day.

**VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR HELLIGSO SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **B. RESOLUTION #2014-2015-004 – TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Chair Dursse read resolution 2014-2015-004, designating May 4 – May 8, 2015 Teacher Appreciation Week, urging all members of the community to join the Board in expressing appreciation for their dedication and devotion to their work.

**VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2014-2015-004 AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **C. TECHNOLOGY SURPLUS**

The members reviewed the list of surplus items included in the board packet.

**VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO SURPLUS THE TECHNOLOGY ITEMS AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **D. SUPERINTENDENT LEAVE REQUEST**

Chair Dursse informed the directors that he received a request for medical leave from Superintendent Hoppes. The length of time was undetermined, but the Superintendent suggested that the members appoint Melissa Linder to assume the daily duties short-term. Director Helligso wanted to clarify “short-term.” Chair Dursse explained that he considered it to be until the next meeting. There is a lot of stuff going on this time of the year. He added that we have competent administrative staff and he has already met with building representatives. There may be a point where we need to get an interim superintendent but right now we have a lot of resources and support from OSBA and NWRESA.

**VICE CHAIR SAMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REQUEST FOR MEDICAL LEAVE AND APPOINT MS. LINDER TO STEP IN FOR HIM SHORT TERM AND DIRECTOR HELLIGSO SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## **10. COMMENTS**

### **A. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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There were no comments for the good of the order.

**B. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR**

- Things are great
- Spoke with the administrative team on Monday – feels confident that she is not in this alone
- We have an incredible staff – it's business as usual – kids are first and foremost while we figure things out

**C. DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

Ms. Kallstrom

No comment.

**D. BOARD MEMBERS**

Director Rickenbach

- Wishing Craig a speedy recovery
- Thanks to Melissa for stepping in
- Has great confidence in the staff – seeing them work day in and day out – appreciates their work and service to our district
- Congratulations to Pizzazz
- Lots of AMS students will be super excited about the electronic devices policy

Director Laman

- Thanks to Melissa for the presentation – it's exciting to see what we are going to do with ELL
- Thanks to all of the teachers – their time with conferences – excited for fun things coming up – field trips, graduation, etc...
- The artwork is amazing

Director Helligso

- Thanks to the teachers
- Has total faith in the administrative team and staff with Craig out
- Dance team did a great job – daughter is a senior this year – it is great for her
- Attended baseball and softball games this week at the sports complex – visitor locker room is a disaster – fire hazard – floor is stained from steel plates – situation needs to be addressed – feels like there is a lack of pride for the facility – was amazed, couldn't believe it looked like that

Vice Chair Sampson

- Hopes Craig continues to take care of himself
- Congrats to Pizzazz
- Artwork is amazing
- Darian Hageman shattered the school record for pole vaulting – she only learned to do it two weeks ago
- Thanks to all of the teachers

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- Thanks to the administrators and district office staff for picking up the pieces – we will be fine – we have a great crew – communication has been really good – the kids will be ok – the district will be ok – kudos for stepping up
- Thanks to the Board
- Negotiations are coming up
- Thanks to the ESD for what they provide

**E. BOARD CHAIR**

- It's all been said
- Thanks to the teachers
- Craig made the recommendation of Melissa because he knows her qualities

**11. FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS**


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| Wednesday, May 13, 2015<br>6:15 P.M. | <u>BOARD STUDY SESSION</u><br>ASD Boardroom      |
| Wednesday, May 13, 2015<br>7:30 P.M. | <u>REGULAR BOARD MEETING</u><br>ASD Boardroom    |
| Thursday, May 28, 2015<br>6:30 P.M.  | <u>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING</u><br>ASD Boardroom |

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**DIRECTOR RICKENBACH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND DIRECTOR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Clerk/Deputy Clerk