

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

February 11, 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: Craig Hoppes, Superintendent-Clerk; Louise Kallstrom, Director of Support Services; Jodie Holthusen, Recorder (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 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in the Astoria School District Boardroom.

2.0 BUDGET COMMITTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Interviews were held with three candidates for the budget committee vacancy.

3.0 APPOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER – POSITION 1

Members were appreciative of all of the candidates that applied and spoke positively about each of them.

CHAIR DURSSSE MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT LORI DAVIS TO POSITION 1 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND VICE CHAIR SAMPSON SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4.0 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Superintendent Hoppes reminded the members about a discussion held at a previous board meeting concerning Advanced Placement (AP) courses. He brought new information to them including a report, from Mr. Jackson, created from interviews with other principals in the area. Astoria High School teachers and counselor, Clint Hill, Craig Randall and Beth Cornell were in attendance at tonight's meeting to weigh in on the subject. They have all received information and training in regards to AP courses although, Mr. Randall taught AP classes in the Knappa School District. He was hired this past fall as an English teacher at AHS.

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Further information shared with the Board included comparisons between Honors classes (already in place at the high school) and AP courses.

The following items were discussed:


- AP exam credits
- Clatsop Community College's ability to provide dual credit for AP classes
- Mr. Randall -
 - was able to create his own AP class from the selection of content
 - had students who could get through the AP curriculum but some could not - those students who couldn't were considered Honor students
 - AP classes help get students ready for college classes because of the fast pace
 - instructors at AHS teaching Honors courses are already providing tough classes - the AP part would be more about the attitude of the students - they would have to step up
- Mr. Hill -
 - if the district decided to implement AP courses we would need to invest in curriculum
 - would need to spend about one day a week with students preparing for the AP assessment

5.0 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.



Board Chair



Superintendent - Clerk