

ASTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 1C  
785 Alameda Avenue  
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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2018

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Chair Sampson discussed that we would need a motion to add a line item to the agenda under public comment.

DIRECTOR OSER MADE A MOTION TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA ALLOWING MR. HOPPE TO GIVE A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE MUSIC PROPOSALS PRESENTED ON APRIL 4, 2018 AND VICE CHAIR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. THE LINE ITEM IS TITLED SUPERINTENDENT MUSIC REVIEW UNDER LINE 7, LABELED 7-A.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jeanette Sampson, Chair  
Grace Laman, Vice Chair  
Matthew Lindstrom, Director  
Jenna Rickenbach, Director  
David Oser, Director

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

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chair Sampson 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 11, 2018, in the Astoria School District Boardroom. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2.0 AHS PRESENTATION

Chair Sampson explained that Administrator Jackson would be introducing the AHS presentation. Mr. Jackson introduced the Astoria High School Robotics Team, River Bots. He discussed how the robotics team came to be and listed the collaborations with community partners. The Robotics students each took a turn to introduce themselves and discuss their role and responsibilities on the team. They shared with the group the valuable skills they have gained from this program, including leadership and troubleshooting. The students discussed the competitions and qualifying efforts for district and state competitions. The students showed a youtube video to the group that recapped their competition experiences and displayed their robot in action. The robotics team presented their robot to the Board. They maneuvered the robot into the middle of the room and lifted a box filled with gift bags. The group applauded the robot, and the effort and success of the students. The robotics team opened the presentation for questions. There was a brief discussion regarding specialization, robot games, strategy and team building. The students concluded their presentation with a recruitment request for additional members and thanked their sponsors.

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### **3.0 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

Mr. Jackson transitioned into community recognition. He stated that, this month, the community recognition would go to Hampton Affiliates, an essential community partner and active sponsor of the Astoria High School Robotics Team. Mr. Jackson read from a prepared statement outlining the contributions made by Hampton Affiliates. Cliff Tuttle, Hampton Plant Manager, was present to accept the signed and framed certificate; a photo was taken. The group applauded Mr. Tuttle and Hampton affiliates, and their personal and professional contributions to Astoria School District.

### **4.0 AHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Kathy Perez, AHS student representative, was unable to attend the meeting.

### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

The following consent agenda items were presented:

- A. Approve minutes of Board Study Session Meeting, March 14, 2017
- B. Approve minutes of Regular Board meeting, March 14, 2018
- C. Approve minutes of Special Board Meeting (School Tours), March 7, 2018

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

### **6.0 REPORTS**

#### **A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hoppes discussed that several administrators were absent from tonight's meeting due to parent-teacher conferences. The administrators present gave their reports.

Administrator Berger reported the following:

- Track & Field has started and they kids are doing awesome
- AMS Carnival needs to be rescheduled
- Conferences are happening today and tomorrow
- Next week is 8<sup>th</sup> grade forecasting

Administrator Jackson reported the following:

- AHS is on the cusp of looking into the 18/19 school year
- Yesterday was the AHS forecasting fair

Administrator Clay reported the following:

- Talking about special education being more inclusive
- Preschool conferences finished last night
- Rolling out the preschool applications for incoming students

Curriculum Director Linder reported the following:

- Last week spoke to the board regarding literacy, since then have presented to buildings
- Educators have given positive feedback regarding the change
- Presentations from different companies to discuss professional development, assessment tools, and materials

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Food Service Director Kelly reported the following:

- Buttoning up summer meal program and registration
- Working to align next years' meal programs

Transportation Director Eddy reported the following:

- A lot of trips since last month, including many field trips and sporting events
- Meeting today with transportation regarding registration for Lewis & Clark and Astor

**B. FACILITY REPORTS**

Superintendent Hoppes discussed the usual reports, and invited the group to attend the upcoming community facility-planning event. Mr. Hoppes explained the 4 million dollar grant that ASD will receive, should they go out for, and pass, a bond. He went on to discuss the survey that went out to the community regarding school district facility needs and public perception. Mr. Hoppes informed the group that the facility planning committee would be prioritizing different projects and reviewing community feedback at their next meeting.

**C. STUDENT ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Mr. Hoppes discussed the attendance report. He explained the continued collaborative work between the district office and buildings regarding attendance.

**D. ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Mr. Hoppes referred to the overhead presentation and discussed the enrollment report. He stated that enrollment is at 1875, and up 50 students from the numbers projected. He discussed that district will be looking closely at enrollment as it pertains to the 2018-2019 budget.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Business Manager Landwehr informed the group that she has been meeting with administrators in preparation for the upcoming budget meetings. She discussed the hope to receive numbers from OEBC regarding the District's insurance rates so they are accurately reflected in the budget. Ms. Landwehr discussed briefly the matching grant for the bond, and fielded questions regarding retirement health.

**F. STAFF WELLNESS REPORT**

Superintendent Hoppes referenced the board packet and discussed the wellness report.

**G. GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT**

Chair Sampson read the Gifts to the District and thanked the contributors for their generosity.

**7.0 PATRON COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

The Board took public comment from eleven individuals. The patron speakers present were students, parents, staff and community members, and they each spoke regarding the music program proposal. Each member of the public that spoke referred to the proposal presented to the Board on April 4, 2018, regarding the restructure of the music program. The speakers discussed community need, importance of specialization, emotional connections to the strings program, emotional and familial connection to the instructor, and many speaker asked the district to reconsider the plan to restructure. Some speakers offered to aid in the process to find a plan that worked for everyone. Other comments received were based on inappropriate use of class time, educator travel time, accountability and misconception of facts surrounding the restructure. The question of facts, queued the Board to add a line item to the agenda to

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allow Mr. Hoppes to speak to the group regarding the facts of the music restructure. The board motioned and added line 7-A for that purpose.

**\*A. SUPERINTENDENT MUSIC REVIEW**

Mr. Hoppes thanked the public for their presence in support of the school district programs. He explained the current music schedule to the group and defined the conflict for core curriculum scheduling in certain buildings. He explained that the current schedule structure does not allow for uninterrupted reading time at Lewis & Clark Elementary. He went on to discuss the flourishing band program, and the significant increase in their numbers. Mr. Hoppes briefly discussed the history of music program changes and explained that the program avoided restructure with the move from neighborhood schools. Mr. Hoppes stated that the district has had similar scheduling issues for the last 15 years. He discussed that he met with administrators and music teachers to gain an idea of their needs and used that information to make a proposal; he stated that we are adding FTE to the program and not taking anything away. He defined the need to figure out how it works in the system. Mr. Hoppes explained to the group what the current schedule looks like for the three music teachers involved in the restructure. He discussed prep time, lunchtime, travel time, and current barriers. Mr. Hoppes asked the Board for priorities and expressed the need for give and take during this process.

Further comment was taken from the public. The Board spoke to the comments, suggestion and ideas received regarding the restructure of the music program. Director Rickenbach empathized with the group and discussed her personal connection. She went on to discuss an interest in the balance of the program with core content, and thanked the group for their input. Director Oser explained that there is a lot to consider. He discussed 90-minute reading blocks, and discussed the ability to find alternative structure. Chair Sampson shared her personal thoughts on the program and restated that this was not a cut or elimination within the program. Ms. Sampson thanked the students, staff and community members for their powerful feedback and noted that these decisions weigh heavy on the administration. She informed the group that administration would continue to look at the formula.

The group took a short break at 9:34 P.M. and reconvened at 9:40 P.M.

**8.0 INFORMATION**

The group reviewed the information items as presented.

**9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution no. 2017-2018-005 – Astoria High School Library Naming Dedication**

Mr. Hoppes explained that he had brought this to the board last month. He discussed that the Library would be dedicated at awards night. Mr. Jackson added that 96 students had applied through Scholarships, Inc. this year, at an allocation of around 250,000 dollars.

**VICE CHAIR LAMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-2018-005 - THE ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NAMING AND DIRECTOR OSER SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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Mr. Hoppes discussed that each of these policies were at second reading and ready for board approval.

**B. CM - Compliance and Reporting Standards (second reading)**

**C. GBH/JECAC – Staff/Student/Parent Relations (second reading)**

**D. GBK/KGC – Prohibited Use, Distribution or Sale of Tabaco Products and Inhalant Delivery Systems (second reading)**

**E. IGAC – Teaching and Religion (second reading)**

**F. IBDJA – Relations with Home Schooling Students (second reading)**

**DIRECTOR RICKENBACH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B-F AND VICE CHAIR LAMAN SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

The following items of New Business were presented:

**A. 2018-2019 Academic Calendar**

Superintended Hoppes asked the group to review the 2018-2019 academic calendar as presented. He explained that he had received feedback from staff and admin regarding the calendar. He explained that draft two aligns with Warrenton and Seaside school districts.

**DIRECTOR RICKENBACH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT 2 OF THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC CALENDAR AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR LINDSTROM SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**B. Resolution no. 2017-2018-004 – Certified Employee Appreciation Week**

The group reviewed the document.

**VICE CHAIR LAMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-2018-004 – CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK PRESENTED AND DIRECTOR RICKENBACH SECONDED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**C. IKF – Graduation Requirements (first reading)**

Superintendent Hoppes explained that policy IKF had been revised by OSBA to coincide with updated language.

**D. JHFE-AR – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of A Child (first reading)**

Mr. Hoppes explained that this document had been updated by OSBA to coincide with recommended language and revised procedure. There was a brief discussion regarding policy JHFE.

**E. JHCA/JHCB – Immunization, Physical Examination, Vision Screening/Eye Examinations and Dental Screening (first reading)**

Mr. Hoppes discussed that this policy agreed with current ASD practices and is updated at the recommendation of OSBA.

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**11.0 COMMENTS**

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

No Comment.

**B. SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Hoppes:

- Announced that ESD would have a board meeting in our district next week, the District will be presenting preschool promise to the board
- There will be a community facility event on April 18, 2018 at Astoria Middle School

**C. BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mrs. Landwehr:

- No comment

**D. BOARD MEMBERS**

Director Rickenbach:

- Responded to the request for recommendations needed for the music program
- Explained the importance of sustainability, and the validity of the comments taken

Director Lindstrom:

- Announced that he would be absent from the May board meeting
- Happy to be a part of the conversation tonight

Director Oser:

- Discussed the public comment taken
- Explained the confidence in the administration to make decisions

Vice Chair Laman:

- Discussed the music program
- Expressed concern about creating a position for an individual

**E. BOARD CHAIR**

Chair Sampson:

- Thank you to everyone – this is not easy
- Appreciated the show of community and their personal connection to music
- Congratulations to the Robotics Team – amazing presentation

**12.0 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chair Sampson read the upcoming meetings and events.

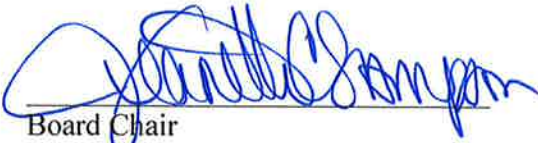
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| A. Wednesday, May 2, 2018<br>6:00 P.M. | BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING<br>ASD BOARDROOM     |
| B. Wednesday, May 9, 2018<br>6:15 P.M. | <u>BOARD STUDY SESSION</u><br>ASD Boardroom   |
| C. Wednesday, May 9, 2018<br>7:30 P.M. | <u>REGULAR BOARD MEETING</u><br>ASD Boardroom |

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**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Superintendent/Clerk