

ASTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 1C  
785 Alameda Avenue  
Astoria, OR 97103

## **STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

January 26, 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 6:18 P.M. on Monday, January 26, 2015 in the Astoria School District Boardroom.

### **2.0 P-3 PRESENTATION**

Dan Gaffney was in attendance at tonight's meeting to report on the progress of the P-3 Alignment. He distributed various articles, stressing the importance of making greater investments in early childhood programs for increased returns in future health, education and productivity. He also provided the members with a detailed summary of the County's first Early Childhood Health and Education Clinic, held last May, and a comprehensive outline highlighting the group's developments thus far.

### **3.0 FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN**

Superintendent Hoppes provided the members with an informational packet regarding full-day kindergarten, noting that the State is offering to fund kindergarten students at a full 1.0 FTE next year rather than only .5 FTE if the full-day program is offered. Our district currently offers full and half-day classes, although students may have to pay for the full-day program if they do not qualify for free or reduced meals. Presently, Warrenton and Knappa schools are accepting all kindergartners into their full-day programs free of charge. This has caused a slight loss of enrollment for our district.

There was some discussion about options for parents that may not want their child in a full-day program. Superintendent Hoppes stated that they could work with the parent on

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an individual basis but, most likely, the parent would need to pick their child up early from school each day. In addition, he did not foresee requirements for the teachers to prepare work assignments for those students to take home. He added that all of the kindergarten teachers were on board with the full-day program proposal as it is often difficult for them to fit all of the instruction into a half-day schedule.

The members agreed that they would like the district to move forward in implementing the full-day kinder programs. Superintendent Hoppes will continue with the planning and meet with the teachers again tomorrow.

#### **4.0 FOOD SERVICE**

Superintendent Hoppes reminded the members that Ms. Kallstrom presented information about the food service program at the December meeting. He wanted to ensure that the Board had time tonight to ask questions as time ran out at the last meeting.

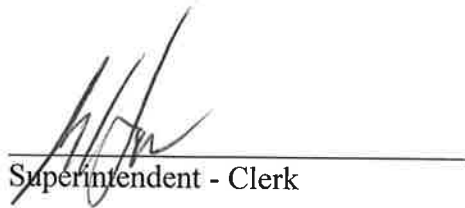
There was a lot of discussion and various questions regarding nutritional requirements, whether or not the facilities are adequate for preparing homemade meals, purchasing software & equipment, food and employee costs and many other things. Members talked about a parent group that would like to see changes in the program and were planning to meet on Wednesday. It was decided that action would not be taken this year to discontinue the contract with Chartwell's. A committee will be formed to assess our current program and future options as the District is required to put out an RFP for next year. Ms. Kallstrom and Director Laman will attend the parent meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5.0 ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Board Chair



Superintendent - Clerk