

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
Arlington School District No. 3
Arlington, OR 97812
School Board Meeting
February 10, 2014

Board Members: April Aamodt, Tiah Devin, Danelle Wetherell Brad Wiley and Shanna Gronquist were present.

Personnel: Superintendent-Steve Boynton and Board Secretary -Mariah Shandy were present.

Visitors: Kristine Wetherell, Lori McGuire, Teren Humphrey, Leslie Walborn, Lorena Woods, Kathy Street, Alan Cunningham, Leona Foster, Tiffany Wilkins, Cris Patnode, Grant Wilkins

Regular Meeting Opening

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman April Aamodt, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

2.1 Approve Amended Agenda

2.2 Approve January 2014 School Board Minutes

2.43 Approve Bills/Financials

Motion made by Tiah to approve consent agenda, motion seconded by Danelle.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Visitor & Communications Report :**

Cris Patnode addresses the Board and had three areas that she would like to address.

The first issue was the High School eligibility policy. She was unhappy with the policy and feels that it is too strict only allowing for one missing assignment before a student is ineligible. She feels it would be more fair to allow 3 missing assignments, and would like the Board to review this. The Board advised Ms. Patnode that the “eligibility policy” was on their agenda for tonight’s meeting.

Next Ms. Patnode would like to know if Arlington is considering a sports coop in the next 3 years with any schools other than Condon. She heard there was talk of coop with Condon, but did not hear this information from our Board and wanted an update. The Board advised Ms. Patnode that this topic would be talked about later in the agenda during 6.7 OSAA membership, but at this time there were no plans for a coop. Ms. Patnode then advised the Board that there would be an Ethics/Conflict of Interest/Public Meeting Law Training on February 21st from 830-1230 at the Gilliam County Courthouse.

Athletic Director, Lorena Woods shared a draft of the 2014-2015 basketball schedule, she made the changes that the Board recommended at the last meeting and wanted to share the information with the Board.

Leslie Walborn, representing the Arlington Education Association would like to ask that the Board involves them in the hiring process for the Superintendent. They would like the opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss how they felt about each candidate before a decision is made.

4. **Informational Items:**

5. **Superintendent Report:**

Mr. Boynton briefly reviewed the financial report and advised the Board he would go into more detail later in the agenda, 6.8 2014-2015 budget.

Mr. Frank Bauman has submitted his resignation as MS track coach; this position will be posted in house for one week and then posted to the public. **Motion was made by Brad to accept Frank Bauman's resignation; the motion was seconded by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Unfinished Business/New Business/Action Items**

6.1 Policy KG-District Facility Use Fee Schedule-Second Reading- **Final reading and adoption will be at next month's meeting.**

6.2 Resolution Services 2-14-2015-Mr. Boynton explained to the Board that the resolution services is a consortium model, it is not allocated per pupil. Therefore, if a school opts out of the services then the ESD does not have enough participation and all school lose out. Also, schools cannot pick and choose which services they want; it is either all or none. Board member Tiah asked if the ESD is providing the services that we need from them. Mr. Boynton answered "yes" that the NCESD has been easy to work with and has provided services, and assistance whenever needed or requested. Board member April asked if Home School students were being followed up with. Mr. Boynton advised that whenever he has reported a student as being home schooled the ESD has provided feedback to him letting him know that they were or were not registered as home schooled, but that he does not get any reports on how the home schooled students are performing because they are not registered with Arlington School District 3. Alan Cunningham would like to see a copy of the Resolution Services publish for the public to view. Mr. Boynton said that upon approval we could post the document on our website.

Motion was made by Tiah to approve the Resolution Services 2014-2015 document as presented, motion seconded by Danelle. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Policy DJC-AR Special procurements and Exemptions from Competitive Bidding (revised). The Board reviewed the changes made due to law change, bids will be needed when item or service is greater than \$10,000 instead of the past \$5,000.

Motion made by Tiah to approve the changes made to policy DJC-AR as presented, motion seconded by Danelle. Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Division 22 Assurances-Superintendent Boynton reviewed with the Board the Division 22 Assurances that are done every year. The issues unique to Arlington School District are the following: TAG-Talented and Gifted program, as a charter school we are exempt from having a TAG plan, but as a District we are required to have a plan. The District plan is to allow students to go to another school that has a TAG program (which is not an issue because as a charter school students can choose to go elsewhere). Also, Arlington School District does not have any limitations to students.

Expanded Options. The District provides students with expanded options. Once students meet graduation requirements they can go on to fill college credits and earn college degree. We do not have limitations so this area is not an issue.

Institutional Hours-The District exceeds the minimums required.

Motion made by Tiah to approve Division 22 Assurances as reviewed by Superintendent Boynton, motion seconded by Danelle. Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 SPED Program Structure/Meagan Walls-Meagan Walls unable to attend tonight's meeting due to an illness. Mr. Boynton passed out information on Cooperative teaching vs. Exclusive SPED setting, which Ms. Walls had prepared for the Board to review. Ms. Walls will be at the March Board meeting to answer any questions for the Board at that time.

6.6 Eligibility Policy-Mr. Boynton reviewed the District policies: IGDJA, IGDJA-AR and IGDJ-AR. After reviewing the District policies it was recommended by Mr. Boynton that the Board remove #1 on policy IGDJAR page 2-3, as it states "all work turned in for that day in all classes" this conflicts with our building policies. Mr. Cunningham spoke for the High School teaching staff regarding the High School Grading Policy. The Board asked how the policy was developed. Mr. Cunningham advised the Board that this past August during in-service, Mr. Boynton advised the teachers to put together a grading policy. All the High School teachers worked to put this policy together. After speaking with the two high school teachers at the meeting it was determined that each teacher follows the policy a little differently. He also advised that nothing less than 70% can be recorded in the gradebook, because we are using a standard based system. Therefore, if a student scores less than 70% they could be showing that they are missing the work because it has to be a grade that meets the standard that is being taught. After much discussion among visitors, teachers and Board members it was recommended to Mr. Cunningham that the teachers add verbiage in the Grading Policy to improve communication with parents regarding eligibility. And that all teachers need to follow this Grading Policy consistently. Mr. Cunningham will report back to the Board next month.

Motion made by Brad to amend policy IGDJ-AR page 2-3 #1 to read "Students must be in compliance with the Arlington High School Grading Policy", motion seconded by Tiah. Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 OSAA Membership-Mr. Boynton shared with the Board that at the last OSAA Executive Meeting the OSAA wanted to pass a rule that stated if a District doesn't participate in both a boys and girls sport in a season then that District would become an Associate member for the remainder of the school year. In our case as an Associate member it would force our District to coop with another District. This issue has been passed on to the Delegate Assembly, which is made up of 54 members that represent the membership. Mr. Boynton is just advising the Board of this issue so that they are aware of it, no action is needed. He also advised that the OADA and the OACA are against this ruling as well.

A lengthy discussion was then had by visitors and Board regarding Arlington possible coop with Condon or any other schools, and what the talk was regarding combining services with Condon. Board member Tiah explained that over the past several months that Arlington School Board and Condon School Board had been talking **Arlington School District #3**

about possibility sharing resources such as a Superintendent, teachers, classes and the right to coop in sports. After many meetings between the two boards and county officials, it was explained to the Condon School Board that if we shared our Superintendent and teaching staff with them that Arlington School District would need to get something beneficial back in exchange. The greatest need of the Arlington School District was students to make programs viable, sustainable and increase the quality of the programs. However, the Condon School Board chose to renew a contract with Fossil School Board for sports coop, thereby making it impossible for them to coop with Arlington. Board member Brad Wiley made a point that Condon School Board excluded Arlington School District from sharing resources, this was a decision made by Condon School Board when they renewed their contract with Fossil. Arlington School Board was still interested in continuing talks of combining resources but just needed to see mutual benefit to both districts.

6.8 2014-2015 Budget-Mr. Boynton advised Board that he felt it would be best to change the April Budget Meeting to a Budget Workshop. He advised that there were several issues that still needed to be addressed such as the structure of the SPED program and both HS and MS structure. He felt that it would be beneficial to wait to draft a budget after some of these issues were dealt with and the new superintendent hired. We started the year with 1.6 million in reserves, we have 1.8 million revenue, we should end with 1.4 million in reserves and our budget was for a \$300,000 shortfall but it is looking like it will actually be \$100,000. **Motion made by Danelle to change the April Budget Committee meeting to a Budget Committee workshop, seconded by Tiah. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.9 Superintendent Search- April reported that she had spoken with George Murdock and he has received 6-7 applications so far, we have 3 weeks remaining to collect applications. April will ask that he comes to the March meeting to review applicants with the Board.

Concluding Board Motions/Future Agenda Items

Mr. Cunningham will be at the next meeting to talk about the Tech and PTE programs.

Date of Next Board Meeting: March 3, 2014 (this changed from March 10th) there will be an executive session at 5:00 pm and regular meeting will start at 6:30 pm

Announcements: Sweet Music Concert- Feb 12th
Booster Club Crab Feed- Feb 15th
Missoula Children's Theatre- Feb 17th-22nd
OR Government Ethics Class- Feb 21st

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

Date