

Arlington School District No. 3
Arlington, OR 97812
School Board Meeting
December 9, 2013

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

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

Visitors: Kristine Wetherell, Melissa Wiley and Leslie Walborn

Regular Meeting Opening

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman April Aamodt, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

2.1 **Approve Amended Agenda**

2.2 **Approve November, 2013 School Board Minutes**

2.43 **Approve Bills/Financials**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Visitor & Communications Report :**

4. **Informational Items:**

3rd & 4th grade – Leslie Walborn spoke regarding the topic of the 3rd and 4th grade needing extra assistance to get students up to grade level, which was discussed at our last board meeting. Leslie has been taking a group of students for one hour during 5th/6th grade band and working with them on reading and vocabulary and then one hour in the afternoon for math and reading. They are thinking that we won't see results on testing until March.

5. **Superintendent Report:**

We have had a group of students not making good choices the last couple of months (outside of school). We now have a counselor at the school twice a week. Last week we brought Haven in to give our 5th-12th grade students a workshop on healthy relationships. The counselor will be putting some support groups together for our students and is looking into providing resources for our parents.

George Murdock has been notified that the Board would like to use his company for our Superintendent search, which was decided at the last meeting.

Superintendent Boynton advised the Board that he has been asked to represent our school in Australia at the International Education symposium. He will be spending time at our sister school and also with the Australian Education Department. He will be gone from March 8 through March 30. He will be taking vacation during this time, and there is no cost to Arlington School District for this trip. This is good publicity for all the work our school has accomplished.

6. Unfinished Business/New Business/Action Items

6.1 Superintendent Search: A letter was sent to Condon's School Board advising their Board that our District is interested in sharing resources but we would need to see mutual benefit for the Districts. Arlington School Districts would request that we share Superintendent's, begin to share staff to offer more programs to each District, and team athletics. Condon's Board will be meeting on December 10th, and we should have their decision after that meeting.

6.2 Review Annual Audit: ASD wanted to end the 2012-2013 year with 1.9-2.0 million in reserves. We lost \$600,000 in October during the tax audit, but still ended the year with 1.65 million. Our budget for this year is on track, we budget to use \$300,000 from reserves this year which would end the year with 1.3 million in reserves.

Motion was made by Dannelle to accept the 2012-2013 annual audit as presented, motion seconded by Brad. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Danita Pappas Band Trip proposal: Ms. Pappas presented the Board with an outline of the trips she would like her band to be able to take this year:

Incentive trip to Portland Symphony-this would be a trip that the band members earn for their performance in class.-**The Board asked Ms. Pappas to fundraise for this trip as they see it as a field trip. (other field trips have been cut from the budget this year).**

Honor band trip- **This trip is in the budget as it is an OSAA activity**

Band Competition in Hermiston-**This trip is in the budget as it is an OSAA activity**

Mid-Columbia Band Festival-**The Board asked that Ms. Pappas fundraise for this trip but she can bring it back in front of the board in the spring.**

6.4 Math Contract: Cathy Weatherford is currently a $\frac{3}{4}$ time teacher, she teaches 1-6 period at the High School. Mr. Boynton would like to extend her day to full time and have her assist with classes for 7th and 8th period. Mr. Boynton advised the Board that this position was already budgeted as a full time position, but at the beginning of the school year Ms. Weatherford had only wanted $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Motion was made by Dannelle, because this position is already budgeted as full time, to allow Ms. Weatherford to start full time immediately. Motion was seconded by Shanna and passed unanimously.

7. Concluding Board Motions/Future Agenda Items

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Christmas Program, December 18th

Winter Break: December 20- January 3rd

Announcements:

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

Date