

Arlington School District #3
Arlington, OR 97812
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015

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

Personnel: Kevin Hunking and Mariah Shandy

Visitors: Kristine Wetherell, Alan Cunningham, Teren Humphrey, Leslie Walborn, Aimee Obrien, Shawna Hahn, Michelle Reeser, Christine Goad, Ben and Melody Tucker, Stephanie McAninch, Peka Tutuvanu and Cathy Weatherford were present.

Regular Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: April Aamodt, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. Consent Agenda:
 - 2.1 Approve Amended Agenda
 - 2.2 Approve January 2015 School Board Minutes
 - 2.3 Approve Bills/Financials

Motion made by Danelle to approve consent agenda, motion seconded by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:
 - 3.1 Shawna Hahn-was unsure what the complaint procedure was but now she knows and will follow procedure. She did comment on May Day, she would like to see Arlington alumni put a float together to encourage participation among the current students. She will work with April to get this out on facebook.
 - 3.2 Melody Tucker & Ben Tucker would like to comment during Eligibility discussion.
4. Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Hunking reported that the seniors took a team building trip to Hermiston last week. They went bowling among other things to build unity and motivate the seniors to succeed all the way to the end of the year.

Mr. Hunking announced that he attended the state wide superintendent conference last weekend. The message was do more with less, he brought the board back operating agreements between board and superintendent which he provided to the board.

Mr. Hunking reported that the Eligibility committee has met several times and will be presenting their recommendations to the board tonight.

He also reviewed "the woolery" with the board, which is a new project that is being supported by the Port of Arlington.

5. Unfinished Business/New Business/Action Items

5.1 Superintendent Evaluation-This topic was discussed in Executive Session. **Motion was made by Danelle to renew agreement with Mr. Hunking with the changes that were discussed. Motion seconded by Grant and passed unanimously.**

5.2 2nd Reading policy JFCG Tobacco Free Environment: The Board reviewed the policy for a 2nd time.

5.3 Audit Contract with Oster 2014-2015: The Board reviewed the contract presented by Oster. **Motion made by Grant to approve audit contract by Oster, motion seconded by Danelle. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4 Academic Eligibility Requirement Recommendations from Eligibility Committee: The Board reviewed the attached recommendations of the eligibility committee. After reviewing the recommendations, April state she would like to see the study sessions be required with the student is at a "C" grade. Cathy Weatherford who was a member of the committee stated that the D gives them a cushion for those students that hover around a "C".

It was stated that we are breaking down walls and barriers but still holding the students accountable. Looking to try to make it a positive reinforcement rather than a negative re enforcement.

Melody Tucker spoke from the audience that they do not want to see the standards lowered for the students. They don't want students to be allowed to get a D. She would also like to raise the bar for the students to start getting help.

Ben Tucker spoke from the audience that the current policy is one of the many factors that they moved here for. Would not like to see any changes.

Grant commented that there could always be intervention before the D if that is what the parent or student wishes. The parents have access to School grades and assignments to see where their student is falling.

Mr. Hunking could advise teachers to contact parents when grades reached "C-".

After much discussion **Motion was made by Grant to approve recommendations as written, motion seconded by Danelle. A vote was had Grant-yes, Shanna-no, Danelle-yes, April-no. With that this topic will be tabled until next meeting.**

5.5 Update on collective bargaining negotiations: No updates at this time.

5.6 Budget Committee Discussion: At this time we need to fill 5 seats on the Budget Committee. Stephanie McAninch and Christine Goad mentioned they would be interested. The Board will try and find others to be appointed to the Budget committee.

5.7 GO Bond Discussion: See attached information that Mr. Hunking provided to the Board. We need a bond to improve facility for boiler repair, roofing, heating systems, electrical, etc. Best year to go for bond in November of an even year.

6 Concluding Board Motions

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:36 pm. The Board came back into session at 7:45 pm.

The Board adjourned the regular session at 7:45 pm.

Announcements:

February 14th Booster Club Crab Feed

No School Presidents Day Feb 16th

Missoula Children's Theatre Feb 16-21

Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2015

Board Chair

Board Secretary