

AMSTERDAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

School Board Meeting
December 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Amsterdam School District #75, was held in the Lunchroom, Amsterdam School, at 7:00 P.M., December 9, 2021, for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chairman Brandon Bailey presided.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Brandon Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Trustees present: Brandon Bailey, Todd Graham, Ryan Mattick, Kristy Sullivan, and Racquel Skillman

Administration in attendance: Katherine Dawe, Principal/Superintendent

Staff in attendance: Sharon Roe and Linda Skelton

Public in attendance: Jeremy Gingerich

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Todd Graham motioned to approve the November 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 5-0. Racquel Skillman made a motion to approve the November 30, 2021 special meeting minutes, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

4. **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS & JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Ryan Mattick motioned to approve payroll and ACH payments 612282-612298, \$92,248.80; claim warrants 22615-22629, 22651-22671, \$56,000.05; Total: \$142,242.85. Voids: 22630-22650 JVs: 100478, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

5. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

A. Parent Group Report

Katherine reported the Thanksgiving celebration went very well, teachers and staff much appreciated PAC's effort. Santa Store was a success– the number of presents purchased on first visit was limited to make sure all classes had good selections. The Christmas concert is next week, and the ski days are booked in January and February. Missoula Children's Theatre will break into smaller groups when they come to perform their residency planned for February. John Reynolds presented his proposed Eagle Scout playground project.

B. Business Manager Report

Sharon advised 38% of the General Fund is spent—we are on track if we are between 33-50%. Some funds do not show a budget yet, still trying to finalize all funds, delayed due to county reports being late.

C. Principal/Superintendent Report

Katherine Dawe reported the following activities:

COVID-19 Updates

Total Active Amsterdam School Positive Cases: 1

Require Contact Tracing: 0 Close Contacts: 13

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Reviewed class sizes, enrollment is at 165 w/several new students over the last two weeks.

Programs in progress are the Giving Tree, pottery classes, Candy Gram sales–started yesterday, and Boys Basketball ends today; Girl’s season starts in January; the Christmas program is the 15th at 7:00 p.m. Little Eagle basketball sign ups and practice start in January at Manhattan Christian. This program serves 2nd through 5th grade students. The November food drive collected 543 lbs of food.

STAFF

Academic assessments are scheduled for January; currently reviewing ELA curriculum; Technology PD continues every three weeks; and student progress meetings are scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Additional chromebooks are needed for new students; basketball scoreboard was installed; the Health Department performed a food-service inspection; Civil Rights Data Collection report opens on Monday; ESSER and School Safety Plan reviewed; health care plans evaluated; reviewed 504 plans; and as Chairman of the Special Ed Coop, she has advertised for a special education director as the current director is retiring at the end of the school year.

D. Board Enrichment

None

6. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

A. Building/Project Updates

Bids for Dyson hand dryers were reviewed along with installation, for a total cost of \$6228. The board wants to table the decision until January. No bid yet received for moving the floor drain, which is a requirement of the Health Department inspection. Mike plans to finish up the cubbies over Christmas break.

B. Facility Inventory Update

No updates.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sub Teacher List

No new hires for December.

B. Obsolete Records & Equipment

Todd Graham made a motion to approve resolution 2022-01 as presented, authorizing the

destruction of expired records and failed equipment, seconded by Ryan Matick. The vote was unanimous 5-0. Items will be advertised as required before destruction.

C. Classified/ Hiring

Katherine Dawe recommended the offering of classified Intervener contracts for the 2021-2022 school year for Mary Chris Siegle Johnson at \$23.00 per hour for 6-9 hours each week, and for Ashley Raihl at \$20.00 per hour for 6-9 hours each week. Both will service the same student, but at different times for continuity of service. Todd Graham made a motion to approve the two hirings, seconded by Kristi Sullivan, the vote was unanimous at 5-0.

Katherine Dawe recommended the offering of a classified paraprofessional contract for the 2021-2022 school year for Johanna Marx at \$11.56 per hour for 40 hours each week. Racquel Skillman made a motion to approve the hiring of Johanna, seconded by Todd Graham. The vote was unanimous 5-0. Katherine noted she is actively searching for another full time paraprofessional to support individual students, small groups of students, recess duties, and classrooms. We will officially advertise this position tomorrow and post it on Amsterdam’s website, OPI’s website, send it to Amsterdam School parents, and ask Manhattan & MCS to share it with their school communities.

D. ARP ESSER Plan

The ARP ESSER plan was reviewed with the board and public at a special meeting on November 30th. There was no public comment, but Katherine reviewed the details of the plan for all in attendance. Todd Graham made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Brandon Bailey. The vote was unanimous 5-0. The plan will be posted to the school’s website.

E. Safe Return to School Plan

The Safe Return to School Plan was reviewed with the board and public at a special meeting on November 30th. There was no public comment, but Katherine reviewed the details of the plan for all in attendance. Ryan Mattick made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote of unanimous 5-0. The plan will be posted to the school’s website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Kristy Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M, seconded by Raquell Skillman. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2022. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Signed:

Attest:

Brandon Bailey

Linda Skelton

Brandon Bailey
Board Vice Chairman

District Clerk

Approved: January 13, 2022

Note: Public Comment is requested for each agenda item.