

AMSTERDAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
School Board Meeting
November 11, 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., November 11, 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, and Racquel Skillman

Trustee excused: Kristy Sullivan

Administration in attendance: Katherine Dawe, Principal/Superintendent

Staff in attendance: Sharon Roe and Linda Skelton

Public in attendance: Holly Boers and Alana Edwards

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ryan Mattick motioned to approve the October 14, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Todd Graham. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS & JOURNAL ENTRIES

Ryan Mattick motioned to approve payroll and ACH payments 612260-612269 and 612271-612281, \$73,270.24; claim warrants 22578-22614, \$40,718.91; Total: \$113,989.15. Voids: 612270 JVs: 100477, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Parent Group Report

Climb-a-thon was successful, best ever so far and the Halloween party was fun, but several areas need improvement. Thanksgiving dinner is planned for students and staff in the gym. Racquel Skillman is in charge of the Santa store. PAC painted paw prints on the sidewalks to assist teachers with orderly student lines; teacher fund letters were mailed out to parents; and pottery classes are starting today.

B. Business Manager Report

Sharon advised 30% of the General Fund is spent, we are on track if we are between 25-42%. July and August reports are balanced with the Treasurer. 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: 0

Require Contact Tracing: 0 Close Contacts: 2

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Programs in progress are “Can the Griz”/”Can the Cats” food Drive, book fair, boys basketball; the Christmas program is scheduled for Dec. 15th; Thanksgiving lunch is 11/23/21; and pottery classes start today.

STAFF

The focus for staff professional development this year is technology integration; the end of Quarter was October 29th; and Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 4-5 went well. The counseling program will be using the “Second Step” curriculum. Class sizes were reviewed and total enrollment is 163, including out-of-districts.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Private school funding and federal grant awards were reviewed with the board; TEAMS reports are complete; Giving Tree planning is in the works; and an after school program grant application and survey was discussed.

E. Board Enrichment

None

6. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

A. Building/Project Updates

Mike Swanson was not in attendance, but reported still working on classroom cubbies; downspout repair bids should be received shortly.

B. Facility Update

No updates.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commercial Energy Contract

Todd Graham made a motion to renew the energy contract locking in a two-year fixed rate, seconded by Ryan Mattick. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sub Teacher List

Ryan Mattick made a motion to approve the sub-teacher additions for November, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

B. Out-of-District Agreements

Manhattan Public is requesting approval via FP-14 Student Attendance Agreements for 18 7th

grade students and 23 8th grade students. Amsterdam School pays Manhattan tuition for each student attending from our district. Todd Graham made a motion to approve the FP-14 agreements, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

C. Counselor Contract update

Last month a school counselor was hired at .5 FTE. After review, Katherine is recommending we increase Ms. Carter's contract to a .6 FTE. Todd Graham made a motion to approve the increase in FTE, seconded by Ryan Mattick. The vote was unanimous 4-0

9. ADJOURNMENT

Todd Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 9, 2021, seconded by Ryan Mattick. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Signed:

Attest:

Brandon Bailey

Linda Skelton

Brandon Bailey
Board Vice Chairman

District Clerk

Approved: December 9, 2021

Note: Public Comment is requested for each agenda item.