

## Amsterdam School Board Meeting Notes

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Amsterdam School District #75, was held in the multi-purpose room, Amsterdam School, at 7:00 P.M., **January 12, 2022**, for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chairman Ryan Mattick presided.

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ryan Mattick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Trustees present: Ryan Mattick, Alana Edwards, Todd Graham, and Kristy Sullivan

Trustees excused: Brandon Bailey

Staff: Katherine Dawe, Sharon Roe, Andria Rogers, Mike Swanson, Martha Schneider, Tealla Martin, Sherilyn Stoner, Kathy Wiersema

Public: Jeremy Gingerich, Emily Bates, Rich Dykema

### 2. Public Comments

None

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Todd Graham moved to approve the regular school board meeting minutes from December 8, 2022. Kristy Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

### 4. Approval of Warrants and Journal Entries

Todd Graham moved to approve payroll and ACH payments 7612542-7612560, \$98,948.43; claim warrants 757523089-757523119, \$10,497.28 Total: \$109,445.71 Voids: 7612527 reissued as 7612541. JVs: 100517-100518. The motion was seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

### 5. Reports and Communications

#### a. Parent Group Report

Alana shared that MOSS is scheduled to begin in March. Missoula Children's Theatre will be at Amsterdam School starting on January 30th and the play will take place on February 4th. Students in grades 3-6 will be skiing on January 27th. Students in grades 1-2 will be ice skating.

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### **b. Business Manager Report**

#### **i. Review of monthly budget; revenue and expenditures; Working GF Budget and Cash Reconciliation**

Sharon advised that we have spent 44% of our working budget, and at this time we should be between 42-58%. Cash has been reconciled through November 30, 2022.

### **c. Principal/Superintendent Report (Informational)**

#### **Students/Families:**

Katherine advised that students will be taking home their second quarter report cards on January 25th; students will be participating in Missoula Children's Theatre workshops in class during the week on January 30th: girls' basketball has started and is going well.

#### **Staff:**

Katherine Dawe informed the board that certified staff members will be spending the January PIR day participating in Collaborative Classroom professional development. Teachers will also attend RTI meetings and work on report cards throughout the day. Chantel Doherty has been participating in WIDA training. Finally, during the month of January, students will finish taking mid-year academic assessments.

#### **Administrative:**

Katherine shared that the Montana DPHHS had provided the school with portable HEPA air cleaners. These should be delivered in the upcoming weeks. Parent Meetings will be taking place throughout the month with classroom teachers as necessary. Katherine advised she has been participating in Homeless Liaison professional development. She is also working on the school calendar for the 2023/2024 school year. Speakers will be installed in the last two unfinished classrooms by Kredit Electric. Lui from Tree Care Solutions will be out to remove the dead trees from the south parking lot soon.

Katherine reminded the board that Think Tank Thursdays are a great way to stay up to date on Legislation issues, Simbli Board Policies, and the [Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools](#). All board members are welcome to join.

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### **d. Board Enrichment**

Katherine Dawe shared that the annual School Election for Amsterdam School District #75 will be held by mail ballot on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Ballots will be mailed by Monday, April 17, 2023. Our school district currently has one open seat. All interested candidates must turn in applications before the filing deadline of Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 4:00PM.

### **e. Building/Grounds Maintenance (Action)**

#### **i. Project Updates**

Mike Swanson shared that he plans to retire in February 2023, but he plans to continue to work at Amsterdam school voluntarily. He is currently working on painting the bathrooms and completing the cubbies for the unfinished classroom. He also mentioned that over Christmas break the boilers and heaters had some trouble during the sub zero days. It was also mentioned that there is an outlet in the gym that needs maintenance.

#### **ii. Facility Inventory Review**

The board discussed and reviewed the current facility inventory. There are no changes to the inventory at this time.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. E-Rate**

E-rate, 470 bids, are due on January 25, 2023. These bids will be considered during the regular school board meeting on February 8, 2023.

### **b. Amsterdam ARP/Safe Return to School Plans**

No changes at this time.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. OnlineGradebook**

During the December 2022 school board meeting, public comments were presented about the possible need for an online gradebook where parents could access student grades. Several parents and teachers in attendance made comments on this item. Parents in attendance believe that an online gradebook will create an opportunity for them to be more involved in the education of their students. Comments were also made about the benefits this platform would create as far as communication between home and school is concerned.

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Teachers and staff are concerned with the pressure this may cause in terms of time management and outcomes for students. In the end, it was decided by the board to conduct a communications survey for staff and families. The ultimate goal of the survey will be to gather information in order to find a solution that will meet the needs of students, families, and staff. Results of the survey will be examined during the February board meeting.

**b. Sub Teacher List**

Kristy Sullivan moved to approve the new additions to the sub list. Todd Graham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

**8. Adjournment**

Todd Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Alana Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 8, 2023.

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**Approved:**

Signed:

Attest:

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Ryan Mattick  
Vice Board Chairman

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Andria Rogers  
District Clerk

Note: Public Comment is requested for each agenda item.