

AMSTERDAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
School Board Meeting
October 14, 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., October 14, 2021, for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chairman Bailey presided.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

Trustees excused: Todd Graham

Administration in attendance: Katherine Dawe, Principal/Superintendent

Staff in attendance: Mike Swanson, Sharon Roe, and Linda Skelton

Public in attendance: Jeremy Gingerich, Mr. Josh Reynolds & son John

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Gingerich discussed the NSBA letter and U.S. Attorney General response. Both Brandon and Ryan advised they shared the same concerns and NSBA's comments were unfortunate. They were glad to see MTSBA's response. Annual Dues to MTSBA for the year are already paid, but they will review other options if necessary in the spring.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristy Sullivan motioned to approve the September 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS & JOURNAL ENTRIES

Ryan Mattick motioned to approve payroll and ACH payments 612242-612259, \$103,547.87; claim warrants 22537-22577, \$23,723.64; Total: \$127,271.51. Voids: None JVs: None, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Eagle Scout Presentation

John Reynolds presented his Eagle Scout project. As a former student, he felt Amsterdam was a worthy recipient. He would like to rebuild the log play structure on the playground. Mike Swanson agreed that the fixture was in need of work. Ryan Mattick made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

B. Parent Group Report

No one was present, but movie night is scheduled for tomorrow night combined with the Halloween party. Climb-a-thon was successful, and Spirit Wear orders should arrive soon.

C. Business Manager Report

Sharon advised 20% of the General Fund is spent. No revenue reports have been received from the county; percentages on the expenditure report are not accurate until the line item budget is finalized.

D. Principal/Superintendent Report

Katherine Dawe reported the following activities:

COVID-19 Updates

Total Active Amsterdam School Positive Cases: 0

Require Contact Tracing: 0 No Contact Tracing: 0

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Climb-A-Thon Assembly is October 20th, picture retakes were October 5th, Wednesday lunches are going well, volleyball had a good season, no school on Oct. 21-22, and KG Mondays have started.

STAFF

The focus for staff professional development this year is technology integration, the end of Quarter is October 29th, and Parent Teacher Conferences are November 4-5th.

ADMINISTRATIVE

TEAMS and CRDC reports are almost done, classroom observations are planned, parents SPED meetings are scheduled, preparing for boys basketball, and working on lead testing.

E. Board Enrichment

Katherine presented materials from MTSBA on effective school board meetings and learning opportunities. Reviewed “Indian for All” and the school district requirements, also linked to the OPI website “Indian Ed” page for review on the information available.

6. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

A. Building/Project Updates

Mike Swanson reported he is scheduled to blow out the sprinkler lines. Mr. Robert Langley is allowing him to use his commercial compressor. He will be working on cubbies over Christmas and they will be installing the countertops. House of Clean donated toilet paper and garbage bags. He would like to add to the worklist a downspout repair, as the NE corner of the original school is leaking across the sidewalk. When it freezes it could cause an unsafe walking path. The board instructed him to obtain a bid for the work. The new fountain/water bottle filler is scheduled for installation on the 21st.

B. Facility Update

Ryan Mattick made a motion to add to the facility work list the downspout repairs, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sub Teacher List

No updates.

B. Commercial Energy Contract

Racquel Skillman made a motion to table the items until November, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

C. Renaissance Renewal

Ryan Mattick made a motion to renew the much used renaissance software program for three additional years, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

D. Classified Hiring

Katherine Dawe is recommending the offering of a classified paraprofessional contract for the 2021-2022 school year for Anna Fountaine at 0.4 FTE. (2 full days each week) Ryan Mattick made a motion to hire per recommendation, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0. Katherine is recommending the offering of a classified Title I paraprofessional contract for the 2021-2022 school year for Kathryn Chausse at \$14.50 per hour, up to 471.5 hours. Kristy Sullivan made a motion to hire per recommendation, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Katherine Dawe is recommending the offering of a Title I stipend for the 2021-2022 school year for Hannah Brouwer. Approximately \$5,883 as the Title I coordinator for Manhattan Christian School. Katherine Dawe is recommending Craig Deboer and Steve Zacher as volunteer boys basketball coaches for the season. Kristy Sullivan made a motion to approve both volunteer coaches, seconded by Ryan Mattick. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

E. Certified Hiring Counselor

Katherine Dawe is recommending the offering of a non-tenured counseling contract for the 2021-2022 school year for Ms. Kaitlen Carter, 0.5 FTE, starting on October 6, 2021, at MA-1. This is the first contract offering. Ryan Mattick made a motion to hire per recommendation, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Racquel Skillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2021, seconded by Kristy Sullivan, the vote unanimous 4-0.

Signed:

Attest:

Brandon Bailey

Linda Skelton

Brandon Bailey
Board Vice Chairman

District Clerk

Approved: Nov 11, 2021

Note: Public Comment is requested for each agenda item.