

AMSTERDAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

School Board Meeting

September 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., September 9, 2021, for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Vice-Chairman Ryan Mattick presided.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Trustees absent: Brandon Bailey

Administration in attendance: Katherine Dawe, Principal/Superintendent

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

Public in attendance: None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Todd Graham motioned to approve the August 12, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0. Todd Graham motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of August 23, 2021, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

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

Todd Graham motioned to approve payroll and ACH payments 612229-612241, \$57,285.74; claim warrants 22517-22536, \$15,479.13; Total: \$72,764.87. Voids: None JVs: None, seconded by Racquel Skillman. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

5. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

A. Parent Group Report

The first PAC meeting of the year was last night. Ladies Night is tonight at the bank. Climb-a-thon is scheduled for 9/16; weekly teacher treat signups are almost full; MOSS is contracted to take place in the spring; outside BB court lines were painted; Halloween Party and movie night are planned for Oct. 15; Spirit Wear orders are due this week; a pottery artist will be in residence during November; and the teacher fund is being revamped--from one fund to each teacher having their own individual classroom fund, balance to start is \$187. Anyone can donate to the individual funds; teachers can also help earn additional funds by auctioning off items at PAC functions.

B. Business Manager Report

Sharon advised 12% 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.

C. 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

Amsterdam School Close Contact Quarantines: 2

School Exposure: 0 Non School Exposure: 2

Negative Test Results: 3

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Class sizes were reviewed; open house and Picture Day went well. Assessments and screening are in progress; the Climb-a-Thon is scheduled for Sept. 16; KidsPacks sent home 9/16; Child Find is Sept. 29th; and Hearing Screenings are September 16th .

STAFF

Most teachers are cleaning their own classrooms; PIR Day was successful; RTI meetings are next week; and committee meetings are planned for safety, curriculum, and MTSS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Registered for the Back to School Legal Primer-MTSBA training; working on E Grants, ESSER Funds, and Title Funds; Autumn Bazaar is November 6th; Impact Fees were requested for a two-lot minor subdivision; and close contact procedures and parent letter were reviewed with the board.

D. Board Enrichment

MTSBA is sponsoring legal training for board members and school staff.

6. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

A. Building/Project Updates

Mike Swanson reported he is finishing up the outside painting. The new fountain/water bottle filler should arrive by 19th, and he continues work on the classroom cubbies.

B. Facility Update

No items added or changed on report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Certified Hiring

Katherine Dawe recommended offering a non-tenured counseling contract for the 2021-2022 school year for Ms. Julie Montgomery, 0.5 FTE, starting on October 4, 2021, at MA-2. (first contract offering). Todd Graham made the motion to hire Julie as recommended, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

B. Food Service Contract

Manhattan Christian does not have enough staff to offer food service to Amsterdam. Katherine is arranging for Pizza Hut to deliver pizzas one day a week, alternating with a hot dog lunch one day/week. The food bank has donated food items and she is arranging to purchase milk.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sub Teacher List

Racquel Skillman made a motion to approve Christopher Coles, Anna Fontaine, and Lauren Meddings to the sub teacher list, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

B. Scoreboard Bids

The board approved by resolution to dispose of the previously donated scoreboard. This was advertised as required for disposal. Katherine was contacted by several people indicating they were interested in purchasing the obsolete item. Two bids were received. Racquel Skillman made a motion to accept the high bid of \$751.00, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

C. Out-of-District Request

An out-of-district application was received for a third grade student. Due to class size and the fact school has already started, Katherine is recommending we deny the request. Racquel Skillman made a motion to deny the out-of-district request, seconded by Kristy Sullivan. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

D. Bus Route Revision

Manhattan Christian has tweaked the mileage on two bus routes. Route 9/6 has increased to 33.6 miles, a .40 mile increase. Route 5 has increased to 33.2 miles, a .20 mile increase, this to service current student ridership. Kristy Sullivan made a motion to approve the bus route changes, seconded by Todd Graham. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Todd Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 14,, 2021, seconded by Racquel Skillman, the vote unanimous 4-0.

Signed:

Attest:

Ryan Mattick

Linda Skelton

Ryan Mattick
Board Vice Chairman

District Clerk

Approved: October 14, 2021

Note: Public Comment is requested for each agenda item.