



Craig City School District

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Hans Hjort called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**ROLL CALL:**

Board Chair Hans Hjort, Secretary Josh Andrews, Vice-Chair Patricia Conatser, and member Ben Page attended in person. Member Julie McDonald was absent/excused, and Student Representative Isabelle Priddy was also absent/excused.

Also present in the meeting were Chris Reitan, Heather Mendonsa, Christy House, Vanessa James, Loni Lingley, Betty Hall, and Trampus Conatser.

Amanda Vickers, Margaret Andrews, Kristy Kuhnert, Karen Packer, Melinda Bass, Sandra Marker, David Harris, Christina Woodward, Seth's iPhone, and Shelby Beck attended via video/audio conference.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Motion to approve the agenda

By: Andrews

Second: Conatser

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Motion: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 28, 2024

By: Andrews

Second: Conatser

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Motion to approve the financial statements

By: Conatser

Second: Andrews

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: Motion to approve the correspondence as written

By: Conatser

Second: Hjort

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Vanessa James thanked the calendar committee for their work. She requested that the board consider not approving the calendar. It is the first time the teachers have not been given two calendars to choose from. She would like to have another calendar drawn up to show a later start date in August so people can have more time for subsistence fishing and then have both options shared for staff input.
2. Loni Lingley would prefer to have a later start date on the calendar with different dates to choose from. Kids and families with summer work will be affected with the current calendar because of summer jobs.
3. Christy House stated on behalf of the elementary school staff that she would like to see Fridays allocated for a meeting to collaborate on the calendar. She advocated for a choice on the school calendars.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Hans Hjort - Hjort had nothing to add to the report.

Josh Andrews - The audio tech class nailed it with the drama class performance.

Patricia Conatser - Traveled to Ketchikan for the middle school music day. The kids were very talented. The middle schoolers had a one-hundred-person band that sounded good. She appreciated that we participated in the music festival.

Julie McDonald - Absent/Excused

Ben Page - Page had nothing to add to the report.

Isabelle Priddy - Absent/Excused

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Betty Hall - Submitted a written report. Andrews asked about whether there is a provision in place for mileage compensation for the teachers who are traveling between schools. Reitan answered that it is not in the negotiated agreement.

David Harris - Submitted a written report.

Christine Woodward - Submitted a written report.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Mike Hautala - Submitted a written report.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Daniel Nelson - Submitted a written report. (Absent/Excused)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chris Reitan - Submitted a written report. Reitan met with Brian Templin, the city administrator, on Tuesday after a budget committee meeting. Templin would like to have another work session April 10 or 11. The Union contacted Reitan for negotiations and requested the contract remain the same. A meeting will be held on April 9 to discuss the teacher contracts. One change needed in the negotiated contracts is to change the pay from once a month to twice a month. Andrews thanked Reitan for setting up the initial meeting with the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: Move to approve the CCSD Job Description Handbook as a second and final reading.

By: Andrews

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nea: 0

Resolved: motion passed

Discussion: A discussion ensued about requiring employees to live within the district instead of remote positions. The issue was one of the changes in the handbook. Suggestions and recommendations were made about the technicalities of the business manager position and offering

an upcoming contract considering the changes in the Handbook. Andrews called the question.

Motion: Move to approve the 2024/2025 CCSD School Calendar as a second and final reading

By: Conatser

Second: Andrews

Board Vote: Yea: 0; Nea: 4

Resolved: motion denied

Discussion: Hjort appreciated the public comments. Discussion of the calendar approval process was reviewed. Andrews questioned whether the calendars were shared with the staff. He wanted to see more opportunity to review the calendar. Conatser said the calendar was incomplete and did not show the closing date. She would like to have the presented calendar fixed and the staff to be happy.

Motion: Move to approve the PACE 2024/2025 School Calendar as a second and final reading

By: Andrews

Second: Conatser

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nea: 0

Resolved: motion passed

Discussion: Woodward said the PACE staff saw the calendar and liked it.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion: Move to approve the personnel reports as presented.

By: Andrews

Second: Conatser

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nea: 0

Discussion: Hjort said he will miss Hollis Yenna and his family. Conatser hopes the science fairs Yenna worked so hard to put together will continue.

Motion: Move to approve the presented board policies and administrative regulations as a second and final reading.

By: Conatser

Second: Andrews

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nea: 1 (Conatser)

Discussion: Andrews shared that a significant change was made in BP2250. It discussed how to define a principal who holds a Type B administrative certificate. Reitan explained that most of the policies are recommended updates from the Alaska Association of School Boards. Andrews and Conatser wanted to bring the changes up to the Board before changing anything. Discussion ensued about the intent of the

policy. One suggested change was to strike the terms "resources and training" from BB9200, so the district is not responsible for funding.

Motion: Move to approve the external audit services proposal by Altman Rogers for FY 24 – FY 26 for a total inclusive maximum 3-year contract of \$120,600.

By: Conatser

Second: Page

Board Voice Vote: Yea: 4; Nea: 0

Discussion: Reitan shared that we had three proposals three years ago, but this year the only proposal we have is from Altman, and it is reasonable.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

April 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM (General meeting)

April 11, 2024 (Joint workshop with city council. Time to be determined)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

By: Hjort

Second: Conatser

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM