

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:24 p.m. January 17, 2024

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Jason Nash
Tarryne Marchione

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Maura Raleigh, Jeanine Arundel, Tousha Summers, James Mukite and Almir Emso. Community members in attendance included Tom Arra. Several students and their parents attended, including Charles Naurath, Rebecca Wesolowski, Michael Pintaro, Kaeyi Zaw, Lukas Tapia, Kaitlyn Brocob, Gabriel Houch, and Hayes Hanna.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Pleasantdale Elementary School Rubik’s Cube Club members. Members of the club include Charles Naurath, Rebecca Wesolowski, Michael Pintaro, Kaeyi Zaw, Lukas Tapia, Kaitlyn Brocob, Gabriel Houch, and Hayes Hanna.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Arra addressed the Board regarding school safety projects.

ACTION NO. 13

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of December 20, 2023 Regular Board meeting; minutes of December 20, 2023 Closed meeting; payment of December payroll/January warrants; January 2024 Personnel Report; Students (sec. 7) and Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies; Registration Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year; and FY25 School Calendar. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Nash, and Marchione).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion: Endorsements of Election Candidate

As a dynamic and responsive governance team, the Board discussed the process by which Board members may endorse candidates running for office. The Board concluded that endorsements by individual Board members are permissible and directed the administration to work with legal counsel to develop a potential policy that would guide Board members when making endorsements.

Parent/Student Handbook Review

Each year, the building principals convene a committee of parents and teachers to review the student/parent handbook and make recommendations for revisions based on new laws and best practices. The handbook was reviewed and approved by the Board. The handbook will be available on our website and will also be available in our online registration system.

School Safety Report

Dr. Palzet presented the annual safety plan update to the Board. The District safety plan was developed in consultation with a school safety expert, Paul Timm, who did a thorough review of the safety features of our buildings and grounds. A district safety committee then reviewed the report to develop the plan based on Mr. Timm's recommendations and their experiences within our district. The district continues to make good progress in implementing the components of the plan and will continue to implement new safety measures each year.

Five-Year Financial Projections

The District Business Manager, Griffin Sonntag, presented the five-year financial projections to the Board. Financial projections are a tool used to ensure the district's financial stability. Financial projections are developed using a variety of financial assumptions about costs and revenue and allow the district to forecast spending and maximize taxpayer dollars.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; Audit Report; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; Board Policy 4:85 Analysis For Programs (written); Review Governance Planning (sec. 1) Board Policies; Preliminary Staffing Recommendations and District Audit Report.

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WRITTEN
REPORTS

The Board fulfilled Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from Shari Reed from SmartProcure seeking information about purchasing records

ACTION NO. 14
Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Nash, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:26 PM to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Marchione).

The Board came out of closed at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Marchione, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:24 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____