

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
December 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in Room 7 of the Anderson Brown School, December 10, 2009 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Joe Long presided.

Chair Joe Long called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Trustees Present Joe Long, Walt Zidack, Cynthia Bradford Lencioni, Chris Catlett

Trustee Absent Kristi Mills

Staff Present Jeff Blessum, Superintendent, Linda Svensrud, Business Manager

Visitors Present Danielle Scharf, Erica Mineau

Minutes Motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2009.

Motion: Trustee Lencioni

Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.

Correspondence National Conference on Education for School Administrators information was received.

Committee Reports

Anderson Parent
Council

Erica Mineau updated Board members on Parent Council activities. They would like to thank the Board and Mr. Blessum for their continued support. The 501(c) 3 status is now official. A Staff appreciation luncheon will be held December 18 from 11:30 to 1:30. 7th Graders were given the opportunity to host the Halloween Carnival this year to raise funds for their 8th grade Close Up Trip in 2011. The carnival was the most successful to date. The Poinsettia fundraiser went well and raised approximately \$3200. There is about \$9867 available for school assistance. Teacher requests will be considered in the spring.

Safety Committee

Trustee Lencioni reported on the recent Safety Committee meeting. She introduced Danielle Scharf from Sanderson Stewart who will present a draft report of the findings of the Safe Routes to School Committee. Trustee Lencioni stated another Safe Routes to Schools Grant will be submitted by the December 31 deadline.

Ms. Scharf gave background information regarding the Safe Routes to School process. Goals and objectives were identified for the safety of Anderson students and staff walking or bicycling to school. Various data collection and analysis was done and recommended improvements were suggested. Off-site trails along various roadways in the community have been researched but easements from property owners would have to be obtained.

Parking lot improvements have been suggested to improve parking lot safety. A playground barrier has also been researched for installation along the road and playground.

The next steps were shared with board members: Prepare a final draft, Anderson School, MDT and Gallatin County review, address comments and prepare a final report, complete

SRTS funding application for infrastructure improvements, coordinate request for MDT study on Cottonwood speed zone.

Motion to approve the draft engineering assessment report as presented and to approve the submission funding application for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Motion: Trustee Lencioni
Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Wellness Committee Mr. Blessum and Trustee Catlett attended the Wellness Committee meeting.. There is a 6-step process to apply for a wellness grant. The deadline has passed for this year so one will be applied for next year.

Facilities Committee Trustee Zidack updated board members regarding school facilities. Window installation project has been completed and a difference has been felt already. Drama media storage is underway. Misc. minor projects have also been completed.

Endowment Fund No formal Endowment Fund was received.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Chairperson Joe Long reminded those in attendance that no names are to be used in the conversations and no decision can be made since any discussion is not on the agenda.

No formal public participation was held.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Blessum presented the attached Superintendent's Report. Parent/Teacher Conferences went very well. There was close to 100% participation. Suggestions for improvements for next year were made and Mr. Blessum will follow up on them.

Old Business

Review of Action Items The Action Item list was reviewed by Board members.

Annual Agenda Discussion of the annual agenda was held.

New Business

Action

Safe Routes to School Update See above discussion under committee reports.

Anderson 403 (b) Plan Update Discussion was held regarding retaining the current TPA versus moving to another TPA. Consensus was reached that the school remain with the current TPA for the next year.

Personnel

Hire After School Coordinator Motion to hire Jessica Neely as After School Coordinator at 3 hours per day contingent on a successful background check.

Motion: Trustee Zidack
Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Hire Activities Director Motion to hire Staci Weichel as Activities Director starting January 4, 2010.

Motion: Trustee Zidack
Seconded: Trustee Lencioni – passed unanimously.

Building Walk Through Report Tabled until February.

Discussion

Land Acquisition Update Trustee Zidack spoke recently with Emmelkamps regarding the land acquisition. They may be interested in having a discussion regarding Anderson School purchasing 2.5 acres of land at a price of \$95,000 per acre with an option to purchase an additional 2.5 acres. This price is considerably above the preliminary appraisal of \$40,000-60,000 per acre.

Discussion was held regarding potential growth of the school and ways to expand the building. Another land appraisal could be done in March. A meeting with Emmelkamps will be scheduled after the holidays.

Future Board Retreat Trustee Lencioni updated board members regarding a future board retreat. Unfortunately, board retreats cannot be held outside the county, so board members discussed where a retreat could be held. Format for the retreat could include data from the World Café held a couple of years ago which could be used to set an agenda for the retreat.

Food Service Budget Update Discussion was held regarding the budget for Food Service.

Approval of Warrant Report

Motion to approve claim warrant #35868 - #35911, ACH Payments and Payroll Claims #1783 - #1835.

Motion: Trustee Zidack
Seconded: Trustee Lencioni – passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items Board members discussed future agenda items.

The next regular board meeting will be held January 14, 2010.

Superintendent/Principal Evaluation

Executive Session

Chairperson Long announced that the next matter to come before the board for consideration was a personal matter involving the Superintendent/Principal Evaluation, and that in connection with this matter has determined as follows:

- 1) that the matter involves individual privacy; and
- 2) that such privacy demands protection of the individual and that little, if anything, would be gained by publicly disclosing the information to be discussed; and
- 3) that the demand of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure in this matter.

Therefore the Chairperson has declared that the meeting will be closed while this matter is discussed.

The executive session started at 9:55 p.m.

The executive session ended at 11:00 p.m.

Adjournment

No objection to adjournment at 11:01 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk Board Chair Date