

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
February 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the Science and Math Room at Anderson School, February 17, 2011 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustees Absent

Staff Present Jeff Blessum, Superintendent, Tanya Roberts, Business Manager/Clerk

Visitors Present Debbie Costle, Justin Hill, Brandon Vancleeve, Erica Mineau

Minutes Motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2011.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett– passed unanimously.

Correspondence There was none.

Committee Reports

Anderson Parent
Council

Erica Mineau reported that the Parent Council had set the spring fundraiser, (Red and Black Ball), for April 2nd, 7pm, at the Emerson Cultural Center. Tickets will be \$40. She reported that they were also working on the Little Red Schoolhouse spring clean-up.

Safety Committee

Trustee Lencioni reported that a Community Meeting was scheduled for February 23rd at 7 pm at the Anderson School to share the preliminary trail design with property owners and to get feedback from the community. She stated that easements will be needed on Cottonwood but not on S. 19th. Trustee Zidack asked if they had considered extending the trail from Starling to Green Acres, due to a contiguous owner. Trustee Lencioni replied that funding had not been approved to investigate this piece, but could be considered with future funding requests.

Facilities Committee

Trustee Zidack reported that a transformer had to be replaced, of which part of the cost was covered under warranty.

Discussion Item:

Rus Distance Learning
Grant Presentation

(Mr. Brandon Vancleeve) Brandon Vancleeve and Justin Hill from Pine Cone Consulting gave a presentation on the Distance Learning Grant, through the USDA, that Anderson School could apply for in a consortium with other schools. Anderson School along with the consortium could be awarded up to \$500,000 which would go toward the purchase of video-teleconferencing equipment, video cameras, and smartboards. This could allow students and teachers to experience virtual fieldtrips around the world. Math teacher, Alex Ator from Froid Montana, video-conferenced in to share the benefits of the distance learning program to their school district. Mr. Vancleeve discussed characteristics needed to be a successful applicant, such as: rurality, ability to provide an in-kind match, and demonstrated

community involvement. The timeline for this grant period would be to submit application by May 15, 2011, review the scoring from September to October 2011, implementation by spring of 2012. A grant writer would be hired, and would receive up to 5% of a successful grant award. The grant cycle is three years and districts are encouraged to re-apply after that time.

**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.

There was no comment.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent Blessum presented the attached Superintendent's Report.

Old Business

Annual Agenda

March Agenda:
Review condition of school for major summer projects: Superintendent Blessum said one potential need was an asphalt path from the school to the playground for wheelchair accessibility.
Trustees call for an election: Deadline is March 24, 2011
Review Budget Projections/preliminary budget
Arrange for school board forum and place informative articles in the newsletter for each candidate.
Contract Negotiations
Policy Review

**New Business
Action**

**2011/2012 School
Calendar**

Superintendent Blessum's stated the staff had voted on options a & b and chose option a.

The trustees asked if it was similar to Bozeman High School's calendar. Superintendent Blessum said that it was except ours had Martin Luther King Day off. Trustee Zidack made a motion to approve option A calendar without Martin Luther King day off, to remain consistent with Bozeman High School's calendar.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Lencioni - passed unanimously

**Trustee Resolution
Calling for an Election
By Mail Ballot**

Chairperson Long stated that he would worry about changing the format of the regular school election and not being sure if we will ask the voters for a mill levy this year. The motion died.

Approve Superintendent
Evaluation Tool

Chairperson Long stated that he would like the evaluation filled out and returned back to him in one week.

Motion to approve Superintendent Evaluation Tool

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Zidack - passed unanimously

Personnel:

Hire part time Girl's
Basketball Coach

Superintendent Blessum recommended hiring Alex Brevier as the middle school girl's basketball coach. She would receive a \$250 stipend.

Hire 2011 Head
Track Coach

Superintendent Blessum recommended hiring Joey Roberts as the head middle school track coach. He would receive a \$500 stipend.

Trustee Lencioni made a motion to approve hiring Alex Brevier as a middle school girls basketball coach, paying a \$250 stipend, and hiring Joey Roberts as the middle school head track coach, paying a \$500 stipend.

Motion: Trustee Lencioni

Seconded: Trustee Zidack - passed unanimously

Approve additional
Para-educator time

Superintendent Blessum recommended approving up to twelve additional para-educator hours per week for the 3rd grade classroom, to help with reading and math. He stated there are 27 3rd graders, 7 over Anderson's limit, and 1 under the state requirement.

Motion to approve additional para-educator time.

Motion: Trustee Lencioni

Seconded: Trustee Catlett - passed unanimously

Discuss/Approve
Superintendent
Contract

The board tabled this item.

Policies

2nd Reading Policy
#3311(R) Firearms and
Weapons

A second reading was held on Policy #3311(R), Firearms and Weapons. The Board agreed upon option 3 under this policy and asked that there be training in place for transition of authority.

Motion to approve Policy #3311, Firearms and Weapons.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett - passed unanimously

3rd Reading Policy
#3310 Student
Discipline

Motion to approve Policy #3310, Student Discipline.

Motion: Trustee Zidack
Seconded: Trustee Catlett - passed unanimously

2nd Reading Policy #5255
Personnel Disciplinary
Action

Motion to approve Policy #5255, Personnel Disciplinary Action.

Motion: Trustee Zidack
Seconded: Trustee Catlett - passed unanimously

Discussion

Strategic Planning/Goals
For Anderson School

Trustee Zidack asked about goal area 2 and where are we going in terms of student enrollment. His question is if we want to remain at 200 students since this will determine facility size.

FP14 &FP14A Student
Attendance Agreement

Clerk Robert's explained that this particular agreement originated as a parent request when it should have been a district to district request. It will be submitted to the District of Residence requesting the allowable costs.

Contract Negotiations

Tabled until further budget amounts are known.

Business Manager/District
Clerk Evaluation Format

Trustee Catlett and Clerk Robert's are working on constructing an evaluation matrix similar to the Superintendent's.

**Approval of Warrant
Report**

Motion to approve claim warrant #36694 - #36761, ACH Payments and Payroll Claims #2548 - #2603.

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

Future Agenda Items

Board members discussed future agenda items.

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 2011.

Adjournment

No objection to adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk Board Chair Date