

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
January 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in Room 7 of the Anderson Brown School, January 14, 2010 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 7:02 p.m.

- Trustees Present** Joe Long, Cynthia Bradford Lencioni, Chris Catlett, Kristi Mills
- Trustee Absent** Walt Zidack
- Staff Present** Jeff Blessum, Superintendent, Linda Svensrud, Business Manager
- Visitors Present** Melea Mortenson, Nancy Becker, Ava Swanson, Dan Swanson, Mary Jo Segaar
- Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2009 as amended.
Motion: Trustee Lencioni
Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Correspondence Misc. Mass mailings were received.

Committee Reports

- Anderson Parent Council** Melea Mortenson updated Board members on Parent Council activities. She thanked board members for their efforts. The spring fundraiser is in the planning stages, tentatively the first Saturday in March. Other fundraising avenues are being researched.
- Safety Committee** Trustee Lencioni reported on recent safety committee activities. The Safe Routes to School Grant was submitted on December 18, with a maximum request. The application has been received and the committee will meet in January. Sheriff's training for active shooter training will take place January 15 at the brown school.
- Wellness Committee** No formal report was received.
- Facilities Committee** A walk through by F.L.Dye of the energy audit recommendations has been completed.
- Endowment Fund** No formal report 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

Student Council representative, Ava Swanson, updated board members on recent student council activities. A recycling program has been instituted at Anderson School. Snow targets have been built. In November the 5th graders had a fundraiser that went to the breast cancer research. In December, the 8th graders had a cozy day and the proceeds

went to cystic fibrosis. The 7th graders are working on a fundraiser. Each grade gets a chance to choose a fundraiser and where the proceeds go. Soup of the day as well as an expanded salad bar has been instituted by food service staff, and is quite popular with all students.

Mary Jo Segaar shared that it is fun working with all the student council students. Student representatives from 3rd to 8th grade are members of the council. A student stores is currently being explored as a way to provide services to Anderson students.

Superintendent Blessum identified goal areas from his evaluation for board members. The drama storage is nearing completion. There are 22 - 5/6 graders and 12 - 7/8 graders involved in the basketball program.. The basketball program does not pay for itself, so Mr. Blessum is looking at options to help pay the stipends.

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

RTI Presentation Nancy Becker, reading intervention teacher, updated board members regarding the Response to Intervention (RTI) program. She tests K-6 in reading and a para tests K-8 in Math. After data is received, students are monitored throughout the year to help them progress in each area.

Board Retreat Update Superintendent Blessum updated board members regarding the board retreat. He contacted MTSBA to see if they would provide such a service and they would lead a retreat at a cost of \$1500.00. Discussion was held regarding the board retreat and consensus reached that a board retreat should consist of strategic planning and must be held in a public place for transparency reasons. Trustee Catlett knows someone who may be able to lead a retreat, who has a strategic planning background and has done this for large firms. He will contact the person and inform Mr. Blessum if the person is interested.

Establish Committee To Review Administrator Contract Discussion was held regarding the Administrator contract. A revised contract would not be much different than the current contract and would possibly contain an addendum. Board members appointed to the committee were Chris Catlett and Cynthia Lencioni.

Contract Negotiations No formal report was received.

Final Audit Report The final FY 2009 audit has been received. A response to the Department Of Commerce and OPI will be sent and the standard information published in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

403 (b) plan update Tabled until February.

Discussion

Policy Review No policies to review.

Food Service Budget Update Trustee Mills updated board members regarding food service and the budget. The Food service budget looks pretty good. Food Service staff is doing a great job, and the suggestion box is working very well.

Land Acquisition Update No formal report was received.

May School Election School Board Vacancies There are two vacancies for the May, 2009 election.

Approval of Warrant Report Motion to approve claim warrant #35912 - #35969, ACH Payments and Payroll Claims #1836 - #1886

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

Future Agenda Items Board members discussed future agenda items.

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

Superintendent/Principal Evaluation

Executive Session The Superintendent/Principal evaluation was completed in December, so no follow up is needed at this time.

Adjournment No objection to adjournment at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk Board Chair Date