

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
July 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the Science and Math Room at Anderson School, July 21, 2011 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Joe Long presided.

Chairperson Joe Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present Joe Long, Cynthia Bradford Lencioni, Chris Catlett, Gene Miceli, Scott Stroh

Trustees Absent

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

Visitors Present None

Minutes Motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2011.
Motion: Trustee Miceli
Seconded: Trustee Bradford-Lencioni– passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2011.
Motion: Trustee Miceli
Seconded: Trustee Stroh– passed unanimously.

Correspondence There was none.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee Superintendent Blessum reported that letters had been sent to property owners regarding a potential trail and he had received one response. Discussion took place of having a trail with a narrower width for easier maintenance and less cost.

Facilities Committee Superintendent Blessum reported that pricing and discussion was taking place whether to purchase a walk-in freezer for the food service program. The quote from J & V was approximately \$10,000. Superintendent Blessum that the following summer projects had been completed: asphalt path to special needs swing area, washer and dryer hook-ups, painting from hail damage, new carpeting, changed art room to grade 1 classroom, bus barn drainage/gravel, repaired/replaced inlet boxes where ground had settled.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Chair 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.

Superintendent's Report See attached.

Old Business

Annual Agenda

August Agenda:

Budget meeting on or before August 20
Approve out-of-district applications
Policy Review

**New Business
Action**

Approve Out-of-District
Application #5712111N
(5th grade)

Superintendent Blessum recommended approving this application. Chair Long stated that it would bring this class size to 19 students, with Anderson's cap at 24 and the state's cap at 30.

Motion to approve Out-of-District Application #5712111N

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Miceli - passed unanimously

2nd Reading Policy 7515
Financial Management
Fund Balance

Business Manager Roberts explained that this policy was to put our District in compliance with GASB 54. It had been reviewed by the school's auditor.

Motion to adopt Policy 7515:

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Miceli - passed unanimously

2nd Reading Policy 8425
Service Animals

Trustee Bradford-Lencioni reported that she had contacted MTSBA staff attorney, Joe Brott, and he stated the two animals which qualify as service animals are dogs and miniature horses. She stated that this policy gives the District good guidelines on procedure if the situation occurs.

Motion to adopt Policy 8425:

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Stroh - passed unanimously

2010-11 Audit Agreement
with Olness & Assoc.

Business Manager Roberts explained that this agreement sets the guidelines of what will occur during the audit of the 2010-11 school year, which is set to begin September 13, 2011.

Motion to Approve 2010-11 Audit Agreement with Olness & Associates:

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Bradford-Lencioni - passed unanimously

Personnel

Approve Full Time
Certified One Year
Contract for Martha
Schneider (grade 1)

Superintendent Blessum stated that the hiring committee had great applicants and they recommend the Board offer Ms. Schneider a one year contract.

Motion to Approve a One Year Certified Contract for Grade 1 to Martha Schneider:

Motion: Trustee Miceli
Seconded: Trustee Stroh– passed unanimously

Approve Classified Para-Educator Contracts for 2011-12 School Year

Superintendent Blessum recommends the Board offer the following contracts:
Christina Soderberg, Special Education Para-Educator, 37.5 hours/week at \$10.35/hr.
Katherine Rossell, Special Education Para-Educator, 37.5 hours/week at \$10.35/hr.
Jenny Baber, Special Education, GATE, Pre-Algebra Para-Educator, 37.5 hours/week at \$10.35/hr.
Motion to approve contracts:

Motion: Trustee Stroh
Seconded: Trustee Miceli– passed unanimously

Approve Superintendent Contract

Trustee Bradford-Lencioni stated the following changes to the Superintendent’s Contract: The compensation was increased to an annual salary of \$90,956. This figure was calculated using Superintendent Blessum’s base salary of \$72,000 and then adding in the cost of a family health insurance premium that he would prefer to take in salary. That annual cost is \$18,956 based on Anderson School District’s health plan. She stated that this contract would keep us at parity with the original agreement. She reported that the contract was reviewed by MTSBA legal staff.
Motion to approve the Superintendent’s Contract:

Motion: Trustee Catlett
Seconded: Trustee Bradford-Lencioni– passed unanimously

Discussion Items

2010-11 Food Service Budget Report

Business Manager Roberts reported that the food service budget was approximately \$20,664 short of sustaining itself. The general fund allocation makes up the shortfall.

2010-11 Preliminary Trustee’s Financial Summary

Business Manager Roberts reported that Anderson School District did not qualify for the one time only general fund transfer under the guideline of SB 329. She stated that the Trustee’s Financial Summary would be presented at the August 18th Board Meeting.

Approval of Warrant Report

Motion to approve claim warrant #36971 - #37084, Payroll Claims: #2796-2827.

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

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2011, at 7 pm.

Adjournment

No objection to adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk Board Chair Date