

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
March 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the 7th grade Science and Math room at Anderson School, March 11, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Absent None

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

Visitors Present Elizabeth Johnson

Minutes Motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2010.

Motion: Trustee Mills

Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Correspondence Misc. mass mailings were received.

Committee Reports

Anderson Parent
Council

Elizabeth Johnson updated Board members on recent Parent Council activities. The spring fundraiser is April 10 at the school. The theme is Moonlight Café and gourmet desserts will be served. The goal is to raise \$10,000. Parent Council will also help with getting voters out for the mill levy election in any way they can, i.e., parent contact, letters, etc.

Safety Committee

Trustee Lencioni reported on recent safety committee activities. Correspondence was received from the County Commissioners regarding a meeting for a potential speed study on Cottonwood Road.

Facilities Committee

Trustee Zidack updated board members regarding recent facility activities. The elevator on the west end of the building will be fixed soon and an annual maintenance schedule instituted. There could be a number of students who will need access to the elevator in the next few years. A bid has been received for blinds on the south windows of the older part of the school. Paving and relining bids for the parking lot have also been received. F.L. Dye has gone through the building with Superintendent Blessum and costs to remedy issues identified during the energy audit would be approximately \$200,000.

Endowment Fund

No formal report was received.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met recently and reviewed the Writing Curriculum of Bozeman and Cottonwood Schools as well as looking at Anderson's current curriculum to determine if there were any gaps. A new math curriculum will cost about \$6,500.

Wellness Committee

Superintendent Blessum updated board members regarding Montana School Wellness in action. State guidelines are being followed regarding disposal of food during hot lunch.

**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. Montcas tests have been completed and Anderson School should have 96% of our students taking the tests.

Trustee Catlett thanked all the coaching staff for their efforts and support during the 2009-10 school year.

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**

2010-2011 School Calendar Approval Discussion of the 2010-11 calendar was held, but a vote was tabled until April.

Superintendent Contract and Board Resolution Trustee Lencioni updated board members on the amended Anderson Superintendent contract which combines the existing contract and amendments into one contract.

Future negotiations are understood to be calculated on the original base salary in the first contract.

Whereas, the Anderson School Board of Trustees and Jeff Blessum entered into a contract for employment as District Superintendent from July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011, and the parties would like to extend the contract by one year, with a new term of three years, ending on June 30, 2012;

Whereas, the Trustees are offering to change the annual salary to \$80,400 and the benefit for group health and hospitalization insurance to a single premium for coverage;

Be it resolved that the Trustees hereby offer Jeff Blessum, Superintendent, an "Amended Anderson Superintendent Contract," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Motion to approve the resolution to the amended Anderson Contract as written.

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

**May 4, 2010 School
Election**

Motion to hold a school election on May 4, 2010 for the purpose of electing two trustees for a three-year term and approving a General Fund Levy to operate and maintain Anderson School for the 2010-2011 school year. The polling site will be at the Anderson Brown School and the polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Discussion

Strategic Planning Session	The Strategic Planning Session will be March 30 from 1-5 p.m. in the Spanish room.
Contract Negotiations	Trustee Mills updated board members regarding contract negotiations. A negotiation team meeting will be held March 25.
Land Acquisition Update	Trustee Zidack reported on the land acquisition. He called the landowners and left a message, but no return call was received prior to the board meeting.
1 st Reading Policy #2140 Guidance and Counseling	A first reading was held on Policy #2140, Guidance and Counseling. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #3221 Student Publications	A first reading was held on Policy #3221, Student Publications. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #4330F Facilities Use Agreement	A first reading was held on Policy #4330F, Facilities Use Agreement. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #4330P Rules and Regulations for Building Use	A first reading was held on Policy #4330P, Rules and Regulations for Building Use. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #4331 Use of School Property for Posting Notices	A first reading was held on Policy #4331, Use of School Property for Posting Notices. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #4332 Conduct on School Property	A first reading was held on Policy #4332, Conduct on School Property. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #8225 Tobacco Free Policy	A first reading was held on Policy #8225, Tobacco Free Policy. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #1401 Records Available to Public	A first reading was held on Policy #1401, Records Available to Public. A second reading will be held in April.
1 st Reading Policy #3110 Entrance, Placement and Transfer	A first reading was held on Policy #3110, Entrance, Placement and Transfer. A second reading will be held in April.

