

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade science and math room at Anderson School, May 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, Walt Zidack
- Trustee Absent** Gene Miceli
- Staff Present** Jeff Blessum, Superintendent, Linda Svensrud, Business Manager, Kathy Derby, Martha Lowe
- Visitors Present** Erica Mineau, Kristi Mills
- Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2010.  
  
Motion: Trustee Catlett  
Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.  
  
Motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2010.  
  
Motion: Trustee Zidack  
Seconded: Trustee Lencioni – passed unanimously.
- Reorganize the Board**
- Board Chairperson Joe Long volunteered to be Board Chairperson.
- Vice Chairperson Motion to nominate Walt Zidack as Vice Chairperson  
  
Motion: Trustee Lencioni  
Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.
- Appoint Clerk Motion to appoint Linda Svensrud as Clerk of Anderson School District.  
  
Motion: Trustee Catlett  
Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.
- Establish Committees Board members were appointed to board committees for 2010-11. The list will be published.
- Correspondence Letter received from the Department of Administration regarding the FY 2008-09 audit.  
Periodical received from WTR Engineers.  
Letter received from G.V.A.C. Farm Fair
- Committee Reports**
- Anderson Parent Council Erica Mineau updated Board members on recent Parent Council activities. The spring fundraiser was well attended and people enjoyed themselves. The net was under \$9,000

and there is now approximately \$17,000 in the bank. End of year activities are currently underway.

Safety Committee Trustee Lencioni reported on recent Safety Committee activities. A meeting was held recently with office staff members to talk about the front entry project and input has been collected regarding what works and what does not work. A bike safety rodeo is currently being organized for grades K-4. The Safe Routes to School process is ongoing, property owners along the proposed walking/biking path have been contacted and returns are being received.

Facilities Committee Trustee Zidack updated board members on the meeting with engineers held recently. Hot water heat in the kitchen is an ongoing concern, and the boiler has been reprogrammed which should help alleviate the problem. The parking lot will be repaved June 21. A new diesel tank has been ordered. Bids for blinds in the older portion of the school have been received and blinds will be ordered. Gutters on the south side of the older portion of the building and the north side of the west wing may have to be replaced. The flat portion of the roof and the roof line over the older north side offices may have some maintenance issues.

Two engineering consultants met with Mr. Blessum to discuss any building issues in the older portion of the building. At the present there are no issues.

Endowment Fund No formal report was received.

Wellness Committee 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. Mr. Blessum encouraged all Anderson trustees to attend the Gallatin County Trustees meeting in Manhattan later in June..

A brief discussion of the Race to the Top Funds was held. A decision will be made under the agenda item below.

**Old Business**

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

Annual Agenda Discussion of the annual agenda was held and agenda items for May were discussed.

Review of Election Results Board members reviewed the May 4, 2010 election results.

**New Business**

**Action**

Add Second Kindergarten Class Discussion was held regarding adding a second Kindergarten class. Parents are currently being polled to see if they are interested in full time or part time Kindergarten. If a

second class is added, most of the students may be part time, but the school will receive full ANB.

Motion to add a second Kindergarten class for the 2010-11 school year.

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

A position will be opened and a hiring committee named.

Out of District  
Applications

Staff are supportive of increasing class sizes if RTI is still a viable program at Anderson School.

Motion to approve nine out of district students in Kindergarten for 2010-11.

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

The Anderson Cap is 34, total Anderson students is 23, and the state cap is 40.

Motion to approve two out of district students in First grade for 2010-11.

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

The Anderson Cap is 17 and total Anderson students is 19 and the state cap is 20.

Motion to approve two out of district students in Third grade for 2010-11

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

Anderson Cap is 20, total Anderson students is 24 and the state cap is 28.

Motion to approve two out of district students in Fourth grade for 2010-11.

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

Anderson Cap is 24, total Anderson students 19 and the state cap is 28.

Motion to approve one student in Fifth grade for 2010-11.

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

Anderson cap is 24, total Anderson students is 23 and the state cap is 30.

Motion to approve #60128101N and #60329102N out of district students in Sixth grade for 2010-11.

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

Anderson cap is 26, total Anderson students is 27 and the state cap is 30.

Personnel

Letter of Resignation      A letter of resignation was received from Camille Larsen, Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Board members commented that Ms. Larsen has been a positive addition to the Anderson School staff and they are sorry to see her go.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Camille Larsen with regret

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.

Reduction in Force      Superintendent Blessum updated board members regarding a reduction in force for a .5 classroom teacher.

On Motion Duly made by Walt Zidack and seconded by Chris Catlett the following resolution was presented to the Board:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has presented the Board with a recommendation to non-renew the employment of Mrs. Staci Weichel (.5 certified classroom), tenured teacher with the District:

WHEREAS, this recommendation is being made with cause pursuant to 20-4-204, MCA which provides in part, that:

20-4-204. Notification of tenure teacher reelection – acceptance-termination.

\*Student Enrollment of the 6th Grade Class for the 2010-2011 School Year – 10.55.712.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Anderson School District No. 41, accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and hereby non-renews the .5 certified employment of Mrs. Staci Weichel, a tenured teacher with cause pursuant to 20-4-204, MCA.

Vote being had on the foregoing Resolution, the results of which are as follows:

Walt Zidack      – In Favor

Cynthia Lencioni – In Favor

Joe Long      – In Favor

Chris Catlett    – In Favor

Non-Tenure Staff  
Renewal/Nonrenewal

Superintendent Blessum recommended renewing the .5 K-8 Grades Spanish Program.

Teacher Contract  
Renewals

Superintendent Blessum distributed a list of his recommended teacher contracts for 2010-11.

Motion to approve the stated list of teachers for 2010-11 as recommended by Superintendent Blessum.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Lencioni – passed unanimously.

Request for Parental/  
Extended Leave

A letter was received from Mrs. Staci Weichel regarding parental leave for the 2010-11 school year.

Motion to accept Mrs. Weichel's request for parental leave for 2010-11 school year after extended leave has been used.

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.

Health Insurance Renewal  
Update

Discussion was held regarding the current health insurance plan and renewal and the various options available to the school.

Motion that Anderson School is going to renew the health insurance plan through MSHWP with BCBS of Montana with an employer contribution of \$450 per month towards the insurance and the employee has from May 12 to May 27 to decide on the benefit package.

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.

Building Insurance  
Discussion

Superintendent Blessum recommended retaining Western States as the building insurance.

Motion to keep Western States as building insurance representative.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

3rd reading Policy #4330F  
Facilities Use Agreement  
And Policy #4330P, Rules  
And Regulations for  
Building Use

Motion to approve #4330 F, Facilities Use Agreement and Policy #4330P, Rules and regulations for Building Use.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Memorandum of  
Understanding – Race to  
The Top Funds

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding – Race to the top Funds.

Motion: Trustee Catlett

Seconded: Trustee Zidack – passed unanimously.

**Discussion**

Building Walk Through  
Report

See above discussion.

Contract Negotiations

Trustee Catlett updated board members regarding contract negotiations. The current contract will be reviewed. Committee members will be meeting soon.

Land Acquisition Update No formal report was received.

School Funds Discussion Tabled until June.

**Approval of Warrant Report**

Motion to approve claim warrant #36112 - #36201, ACH Payments and Payroll Claims #2044 - #2096.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items** Board members discussed future agenda items.

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, 2010.

**Adjournment** No objection to adjournment at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk Board Chair Date