

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the Science and Math Room at Anderson School, November 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 7:01 p.m.

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

Trustee Absent

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

Visitors Present Tanya Roberts, Rosemary Seppi, Jen Wold, Carol Walden

Minutes Motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2010.

Motion: Trustee Zidack

Seconded: Trustee Catlett – passed unanimously.

Correspondence No correspondence was received.

Committee Reports

Anderson Parent
Council

Jen Wold updated board members on recent Parent Council activities. All teacher requests have been approved. The Halloween carnival was a success with about \$2100 received. Grandparents' Day will be next week and approximately 110 grandparents will be attending the event. This event will be a good community outreach program.

Safety Committee

Trustee Lencioni updated board members about recent Safety Committee activities. The Safe Routes to School projects are under way. The committee met recently with representatives from the State Department of Transportation.

Facilities Committee

Superintendent Blessum updated board members about recent Facility Committee activities. Two urinals will be replaced in the boys' bathroom during Christmas break.

Transportation
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.

A question was asked if any board members are aware of mandatory reporting of issues. Superintendent Blessum responded if a teacher or staff member suspects abuse, it must be reported to a state hotline.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent Blessum presented the attached Superintendent's Report.

A robotics club will be started soon as an after school program. End of the trimester is November 19, and Parent/Teacher conferences will be held soon.

**Strategic Planning/Goals
For Anderson School**

Board members discussed Strategic Planning and Goals for Anderson School.

Trustee Catlett updated those in attendance regarding the Strategic Planning session held last year. In the planning session, Board members discussed community involvement along with using Anderson School as a resource to the community, how the community perceives the value of the school, how to communicate that value, the best way to formulate plans for future facilities expansion, and out of district student population.

During a board meeting earlier in the fall, Board members decided on goals for the future of Anderson School. Those goals were learning technology in a teaching environment, Human capital, professional staff development and attracting and retaining staff.

Issues facing the school are future funding of the school, arrangement of classes and the pros and cons of moving in a particular direction.

Discussion of the priorities.

Does the board want to discuss the priorities again or bring in the governmental group along with stakeholders and hold another goal planning session?

Trustee Long stated that if results from the World Cafes from three years ago are used, the data is old but it could be used as a hypothesis to brainstorm ideas.

Trustee Zidack stated that if the Board looks at facility growth, a lot of the items that are mentioned are tied to the mission statement. Would community members support a facility expansion with almost one third of our student population being out of district students?

Trustee Lencioni added stakeholder input can be used to validate or invalidate strategic planning.

General comments by board members.

Budgets will be impacted more than likely after the legislature meets. The entry way is an issue that should be pursued, but make sure it dovetails with goals the school board wants. The parameters for Anderson student population are different than how Bozeman Schools determine their student population. Objectives for the school include academic performance, community engagement and student success. There are a group of Anderson parents willing to raise money for classroom development, but a discussion needs to take place prior to deciding what the best purchases for the school are. Student safety and academic success has to be the foundation of the school. A suggestion was made to hold a facilitation meeting again in order to fine tune the lists and set specific goals in one area.

General consensus among board members was to hold another facilitation meeting with parents and staff in order to fine tune the list.

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

Hire Business Manager/
District Clerk

Superintendent Blessum thanked board members for their efforts in the search for the Business Manager/District Clerk position. He recommended hiring Tanya Roberts as the new Business Manager/District Clerk with a start date of November 15.

Motion to hire Tanya Roberts as Anderson School Business Manager/District Clerk and pay her \$18.50 per hour beginning on November 15 as needed and .8 FTE beginning December 1.

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

Stipend for Memory
Book Advisor

Motion to increase the stipend for Memory Book Advisor from \$250.00 to \$500.00

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

Special Education Para
Hourly Pay

Superintendent Blessum updated board members regarding a paraprofessional who helps with a student who has special needs. This paraprofessional has had to undergo special training in order to help with the student.

Motion to, based on the superintendent’s recommendation, increase Martha Schneider’s hourly salary as special education paraprofessional from \$10.48 per hour to \$11.25 per hour.

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

4th Reading Policy
#3141, Discretionary
Nonresident Student
Attendance Policy

A 4th reading of Policy #3141, Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy was held on October 12, 2010.

Motion to approve Policy #3141, Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy as rewritten with the changes noted.

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

1st Reading Policy #8240
Non-Instructional
Operations – Animals
In School

A first reading was held on Policy #8240, Non-Instructional Operations, Animals in School. A second reading will be held in December.

