

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
September 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the Library at Anderson School, September 12, 2019, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chair Warren Bauder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Trustees Present** Warren Bauder, Jack Huczek, Mary Burrows, and Brandon Atkins
- Trustees Absent** Jaime June
- Staff Present** Scott McDowell: Superintendent; Tanya Roberts: Business Manager; Kjell Olson: Teacher; Karen Hedglin: Owner's Representative
- Visitors Present** Scott Stroh
- Correspondence** There was none.

Public Participation on

Non-Agenda Items Chair Warren Bauder reminded those in attendance that to avoid violations of individual rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, staff member, or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak. In addition, the Board will not hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings.
There was none.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's Upcoming Calendar

- September 12th-** School Board Meeting
September 23rd- Bozeman Chronicle Back to School Panel
September 23-24- MASS Fall Conference in Bozeman
September 25th- Supaman coming to Anderson!
September 25th-27th- Amplify Science Training

Playground Walkthrough Update

Following the kindergarten coffee last week Trustee Atkins joined Mr. Pilch and myself to do a playground/outdoor walkthrough. Below are some things we identified as things to note:

Swing set: Need to replace the s hooks connecting the swings to the chains. Will be completed by 10/1/19

Blue swings (ADA accessible): The swings are secure and there is no safety issue. However, the top crossbar has been stuck in an angle that is not fully parallel to the ground. Trustee Atkins is working with Mr. Pilch to remedy this issue.

Wood chips: 30 yards of wood chips were delivered and spread by an Anderson family prior to the start of school. The depth and location of the woodchips looks sufficient for safety inspection.

Spinner: one small spinning ground component is very wobbly due to some broken/loose components. But it does work and does not appear to be a safety issue at this time.

Climber- The large climber is in good condition. It was inspected for loose parts and hornets. We did not find either.

Steps: Last year I reported that the plastic steps were broken. One of our parents stepped up and replaced them and they are in excellent shape one year later.

Sportcourt: The sport court is in great condition. A call has been made to the supplier to check out the volleyball net components.

Rocks and gophers: Following the septic dig there are a lot of rocks in the areas where the holes were dug. We are working on removing some of these large rocks or may ask for someone with a rock picker to come help us out. There are a couple significant gopher holes that we will try to plug up as well.
gopher holes

Gaga pit: The gaga pit is in good condition but could use some minor adjustments in the next year and will also need another order of the rubber chips we have been using inside of it.

Sprinklers: The sprinklers were not working when summer started. There is a problem somewhere near the first box near the school. I did not pay to have them repaired at this time due to our digging and other areas of need over the summer. Instead we utilized hoses with sprinklers in the front of the school to get it looking as green as possible. Depending on our building project and/or septic improvements we will reevaluate the situation.

Snow Removal and trail maintenance: Our biggest issue is snow removal during the winter on the trail. I recommend we consider investing this fall in equipment to handle more snow removal at Anderson and maintain a portion of our safe route to school. It has been 5 years since the trail was installed and we will want to consider sealing it next year.

Technology Update

Network

Currently we are sitting really well on the network side of things. There will be a lot that next year will depend on the potential bond and facility project. For example, building expansion would require classroom network drops, running cables, getting things hidden and done right the first time. Also figuring out what costs would be in the construction cost and what we would need to consider beyond that. Fortunately, we are up to date with access points and such that they can be moved and used without further purchasing. We will need to replace/purchase a switch (48/64 port example) and we will most likely replace our server this winter.

Computers

We are in great shape. New iPad are ready and looking great. Our K-2 computer and iPad set up downstairs is in really great shape and will serve the students/classes well. Our biggest challenges coming up will be figuring out the best way to lifecycle our chromebooks in grades 3-8 and plan the budget for these updates. We are currently transitioning the staff from Mac to chromebooks. We will also need to purchase a new POS computer next summer for the lunch room. Other things to note is that we are all set with our Amplify science on the tech side of things for teachers and students, and we are working on purchasing 3-D printers for the 6-8 breakout room with funding from a private donation.

Back To School Events

It has been an exciting few weeks. We had a great turnout at our first 6th-8th Back to School Bash and our Sneak-A-Peak was we attended as well. We also had our curriculum night on Tuesday, September 10th. I big thank you to APC for helping with this night. It provided a great opportunity for us to talk about our bond project one last time and also show that we are excited to start this school year with the kids!

Back To School Panel- Bozeman Chronicle Luncheon

I was invited to be a part of the panel at the September Bozeman Chronicle Luncheon to discuss updates and new developments in our school system on September 23rd. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent Anderson School District at this event alongside Darren Strauch (Monforton), Bob Connors (Bozeman), Godfrey Saunders (Belgrade) and Kate Anderson (Bozeman Field School).

Health Enhancement Curriculum Presentation-Kjel Olson:

Mr. Olson presented a report to the Board on the history and current status of Anderson School Health Enhancement curriculum. The question is if H.E. time needs to be increased for K-5 students, and if so, should it be taught by the classroom teacher or another specialist teacher. The Trustees' agreed that they would like to further research this topic through Mr. Olson, the wellness committee, and teaching staff.

Old Business
Annual Agenda

October Agenda:
Fall Enrollment Count (First Monday)
Superintendent goals and expectations
Policy Review

New Business
Discussion/Report
2019-20 Athletic
Director Stipend/
Job Description

Superintendent McDowell stated that he was working on a recommendation to reduce the Athletic Director duties at the request of Kjel Olson, where he maintains scheduling, player management, and parental communications. The on-site game management duties would be assigned to another person. Superintendent McDowell will come to the next meeting with a recommendation.

Bond Project
Monthly Report

Owner's Rep, Karen Hedglin, reported that the door to door informational campaign had been completed and that ballots were mailed out by the County Elections Dept. today.
Architect, Scott Stroh, reported that he had been contacted by Anderson neighbors requesting if the addition could be added to the north and not the south end of the school. He replied to them with the reasons this wouldn't work as well for the school.

YTD Budget Report

Business Manager Roberts presented the Budget Reports as of 9/6/2019 and a detail report of the general fund expenditures.

Action

Dept. of Commerce
Grant Application-
Septic System

The Trustees' reviewed the full grant application for Delivering Local Assistance through the Montana Department of Commerce, requesting \$340,000 from the state and matching \$10,000 to replace the District's septic system that is not up to current code.

Motion to approve Superintendent Scott McDowell to submit the grant application to the Montana Department of Commerce, for replacement of the District's non-compliant septic system, requesting \$340,000 in state funds and the District matching \$10,000 in general fund dollars if the grant is approved:

Motion: Trustee Huczek
Seconded: Trustee Atkins—passed unanimously.

Classified Leave Policy
5321 revision

The Board had a second reading of classified leave policy 5321, which keeps the immediate family definition consistent with the Teacher's contract.
Motion to approve the revisions to policy 5321:

Motion: Trustee Burrows
Seconded: Trustee Atkins—passed unanimously.

Personnel

Consideration of 2019-20

Classified Contracts Motion to approve a revision to 2019-2020 classified contract of Paige Stewart with an increase in hours per week to 16 and an increase in hourly pay to 14.50 to allow for after care coordinator hours that includes administrative duties:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee Atkins—passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the August 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes; claim warrants 42671-42713; ach payroll claims 85673; payroll warrants 4892-4893:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee Atkins—passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items Policy Review, Superintendent goals and expectations

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7 pm in the Library.

Adjournment No objection to adjournment of meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk

Board Chair Date