

Anderson School District #41  
Regular School Board Meeting  
January 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held in the Technology Classroom at Anderson School, January 16, 2020, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees.

Board Chair Warren Bauder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Trustees Present** Warren Bauder, Jack Huczek, Mary Burrows, Jaime June, and Brandon Atkins

**Trustees Absent**

**Staff Present** Scott McDowell: Superintendent; Tanya Roberts: Business Manager; Karen Hedglin: Owner's Representative

**Visitors Present** Heather Baughman: Parent & APC Member

**Correspondence** There was none.

**Committee Reports**

**APC Report** Heather Baughman reported the APC was planning a March 6, 2021 gala at the 1915 Barn. The APC is also working on the 2020 spring foothill run and sponsoring an after school coding program.

**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 Calendar**

January 9th- Superintendent Evaluation  
January 14th- Facility Committee Meeting  
January 15th- Board Work Session  
January 16th- Regular School Board Meeting  
January 20th- PIR Day

**Facility Project STEM Activities**

The classroom teachers identified STEM areas of interest related to our Bond project and this was provided to the owner's representative Karen Hedglin in December, 2019. We will coordinate these activities over the next 18 months and utilize parent volunteers in the process. I look forward to being a part of this coordinated effort to bring real life STEM activities to our students with our facility project.

**Budget Analysis: Information on substitute days and budget**

Below is a 5 year look at our expenditures for substitute teachers at Anderson School. As you can see we are seeing a decline in this budget line of the general fund. There has been a significant decrease in our cost of special education.

	<i>General Education</i>	<i>Special Education</i>
1/10/20 payroll	\$ 4,439.00	\$ 647.00

as of 1/10/19 payroll	\$ 14,254.00*	\$ 1,530.00
as of 1/10/18 payroll	\$ 5,498.00	\$ 3,194.00
as of 1/10/17 payroll	\$ 5,526.00	\$ 3,666.00
as of 1/10/16 payroll	\$ 4,481.00	\$ 2,250.00

\*Included an approved maternity leave

### **Leadership Committee Meetings Begin**

As I have done the last several years, I began meeting with the staff leadership committee this month. On top of our usual agenda of items for the next several months (budget, negotiations, class sizes, and staffing) we also began a discussion about continuing to strengthen the relationships between the Board, administration, and staff.

### **Out of District Policy Update**

On January 6th we began accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year per Board policy. It was a typical first week with the arrival of many applications at this very early stage of the process. As I do each spring I will continue to keep you updated on our numbers and our enrollment. We anticipate our kindergarten roundup to be the first week of April which helps us in finalizing decisions regarding new students, number of classes, and staffing. I would also like to see the Board review the Out of District policy this spring in regards to our neighboring public school district, Cottonwood, and consider adding a priority line item for their 6th-8th grade students.

### **Professional Development Information**

Paula Schultz and Heidi Fasting have arranged our staff training on January 20th, 2020. They also secured a CSPD mini-grant to help cover the costs of our trainer on this day. We will be hosting Estee Aiken to work with our staff on supporting advanced and highly capable learners in the classroom. Estee served as an elementary classroom teacher and differentiation coach for more than a decade before transitioning to higher education. Since 2011, she has been focused on educating pre-service teachers and consulting about gifted education and differentiation. Her areas of research and publication focus on gifted education, early childhood, and very young children with special needs. (*University of Montana-Western faculty website*) There is no school on this day and it is a 4 hour required PIR for our certified staff. I have also arranged for Ms. Pearson and Mr. Pilch to fulfill required annual hours of bus driver professional development on this day. (*\*Next month I will be sharing with you a mid-year report of professional development activities that have been completed by staff this year.*)

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

I have scheduled the following upcoming Board/District level committee dates with my staff:

**Curriculum:** February 13th @ 6:00PM before the monthly Board meeting

**Technology:** February 19th @ 3:30PM in the library

**Wellness:** 6:00PM before regular monthly Board meeting

### **Old Business**

Annual Agenda

#### February Agenda:

- Next year's school calendar
- Resolution calling for school election
- Policy Review
- Contract Negotiations
- February child count due to OPI

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion/Report**

Facility Project

Monthly Report

The Trustees' reviewed information from the facility project work session that had occurred the previous day and recapped the following alternate options that are not included in the project budget:

- **land purchase/green space:** the Board was in agreement that their top priority would be to negotiate the purchase of adjacent property to the south of the school if funds were available. Karen Hedglin recommended that the Board may want to get an appraisal scheduled.
- **music addition-remoteness-move location? bleachers “done right”, incld. Dressing room expansions:** after much discussion the Board agreed that the music room should stay where it is and be modified depending on funds availability. The bleacher option would stay on the west wall and not the full length of the gym and be installed based on funds availability. If these two alternates were to happen, they would be delayed until the end of the project so the Board could determine how to best use funds if they’re available. Dressing rooms would stay in current locations.
- **library space-larger/smaller, new shelving, more reading nooks, maker space, mobile furniture:** With input from the Librarian, Debbie Costle, the determination was made that the proposed space was the right size. It was also discussed that it maybe helpful to have a committee and/or inquire on outside services to re-design the space. Discussion amongst Trustees was that this may potentially be a project that APC would want to fundraise for.
- **solar and alternative energies:** The Trustees were in agreement that the current budget would not support full solar energy, but they would like to have it in the plans to easily add it at a later time. This maybe another area that the APC would like to fundraise for.
- **cafeteria/multipurpose room:** The Trustees were in agreement that a cafeteria/multipurpose room would not be feasible in this project budget, but would like to see a “future phase” sketch for additional planning.

Policy 8550-Cyber  
Incident response &  
Technology Incident  
Response Plan Draft

The Board reviewed both the policy and the response plan and asked that MTSBA review the response plan and then have it on next month’s agenda as an action item.

YTD Budget Report

Business Manager Roberts presented the Budget Reports as of 12/31/2019.

**Action**

Resolution for disposition  
of abandoned, obsolete and  
undesirable property

Motion to approve resolution for disposition of abandoned, obsolete and undesirable equipment:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee Atkins–passed unanimously.

Anderson School Food  
Procurement Policy

Motion to approve the Anderson School Food Procurement Policy:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee June–passed unanimously.

