

Anderson School District #41  
Regular School Board Meeting  
February 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held via google meet, February 11, 2021, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees.  
Board Chair Warren Bauder called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Trustees Absent**

**Staff Present** Kristi Jacobs: Superintendent; Tanya Roberts: Business Manager

**Visitors Present** Google meet attendees.

**Recognition** Abigail Burrows received recognition as the 2021 Anderson School Spelling Bee winner. She will be representing Anderson School in the upcoming Gallatin County Spelling Bee.

**Correspondence** No Correspondence.

**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

MTSBA HR Symposium Feb 9, 16, 23

Four Rivers Regional Superintendents Meeting February 10th

AASA National Conference on Education Feb 18 and 19

Non Tenured Teacher PLC February 11th

Committee Meetings

The wellness committee met a few weeks ago and discussed ways to support staff and students during this unprecedented time. The leadership team met on February 3rd to review items for the staff meeting and the board meeting tonight. The curriculum committee will meet February 24th to review the teachers feedback on the math curriculums they are currently evaluating. I'm looking to have a recommendation to the board for the March meeting. Ms.Lourie and Ms. Grimes are both doing a full unit pilot of Illustrative Math which includes a two hour staff development.

APC Library Capital Campaign

The APC Library Campaign is in their final stretch with it scheduled to end at the end of the month. There is a \$10,000 matching campaign in place for a final push. Thus far they have raised approximately \$42,000 toward their goal of \$50,000. This is incredible, and we are all grateful for the contributions from the Anderson School Community.

### Enrollment February Count

Our enrollment is currently at 212 students with the additional students who enrolled in January. This is three higher than our count in the fall. The state takes the average of the two to configure ANB.

### YAA Tubing

Grades 3-8 are going to do an afternoon of tubing at YAA in their cohort groups. This will take place the last few weeks of February. Distance learning students will have that afternoon off. A big thank you to Mr. Olson for coordinating.

### Benchmark Testing

Benchmark testing has been completed in all grades and we are completing the process of TTM's with all of the grade levels. This is allowing us to use our MTSS system to look at Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and analyze our Tier 1 instruction. Besides reading and math, the students and teachers also complete the SABRES which looks at the social emotional behavioral component for students.

### Evaluations

I am in the process of conducting evaluations for our non-tenured certified staff and our classified staff. I should have these done by the end of the month and then will work on certified tenured staff evaluations.

### SBAC Testing

I attended the state assessment conference January 28 and 29 with Mrs. Fasting. There will be changes to state testing this year. The OPI has requested a waiver from all state testing requirements from the Department of Education. The results of this waiver will not be known for about six weeks potentially. The department actually has 100 days to respond. We are to go ahead and plan testing as typical. With that, however, there are some changes to testing this year. All opt out students will not participate in Smarter Balanced, there is no secure way to do remote testing. They do have the opportunity to take various interim assessments. The Smarter Balanced Test itself will be shorter than in previous years, and average of three hours versus five. This is accomplished by removing the English Language Arts Performance Task and instead including a brief writing section as part of the English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test. This is a permanent change to the Smarter Balance that was in action before the pandemic. I will keep you updated as information changes regarding state testing requirements.

### Nordic Ski Donation

Montana Endurance Academy donated thirty pairs of nordic skis and poles for the use of Anderson School. The skis are the adjustable kind that attach to kids boots, they do not need separate boots for them. Mr. Olsen will be coordinating the use of these items as part of his HE program.

## **Old Business**

Annual Agenda

### March Agenda:

Trustee Candidates filing deadline, levy language sent to election office  
Arrange for trustee candidate forum/place candidate information in school newsletter.  
Election Notice Posted  
Review budget projections/preliminary budget  
Resolution of intent to raise/lower levies for next budget year  
Contract Negotiations  
Review condition of school for major summer projects  
Policy review

## **New Business**

### **Discussion**

Construction/Bond

Project Monthly Report Owner's Representative, Karen Hedglin reported on the construction project:

- Septic Review
  - Awaiting review by DEQ engineer, who leaves her job on 2/9
  - If review does not occur prior to 2/9, it will be passed on to a new reviewer.

- Exterior windows and glazing are installed
- Masonry is in progress at new front entrance
- Fire alarm, tele/data are being roughed-in at south area
- Ceramic tile in the south area has started
- Painting in the south area is on going
- Cabinets will start going into K-2 wing this week
- Exterior canopy roofing will begin the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Ceilings will begin in the south area the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- NWE will install new transformer on 2/15-2/18, limited playground access during this time
- Recommend February action item for bus drop off loop change order
- Staff tour on 2/2 went well
- Staff mtg on 2/10 re: moving plan, summer schedule
- Community tours, 10 people at a time, will be offered on Fridays in March

#### Onsite Instruction Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported we have had a successful return to in person school the last two weeks after our necessary break for two weeks. We currently have no active cases within the Anderson School Community.

We have done strong reteaching of protocols including switching to all snacks outside when the weather allows. Having access to the gym this week for students has made this cold snap more tolerable for all.

We have had a request from the Gallatin County Special Education Cooperative to assess a former Anderson student at Anderson this spring. The student will not come into contact with any other students at Anderson when they are in the building being assessed. Cooperative staff who already come to Anderson will be conducting the evaluation.

Our school nurse still has access to testing kits for students or staff who would like testing. Families need to contact the school office to schedule.

As we do approach spring break next month I want to remind everyone that this is not a time to take our guard down just because cases are lower in the valley. The more contagious variants of COVID-19 are out there. I am strongly encouraging any family who travels out of state or out of the country to please quarantine and distance learn for a week upon returning from their trip to help ensure the safety of all of our staff and students and help maintain our in person cohort model.

#### 2021-22 Preliminary School Calendar

Superintendent Jacobs reported the leadership team, Liz and I have worked hard on the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. A few items of note:

- 1) We will start after Labor Day and have a full week of PIR to help with the transition into the new building. The full week of PIR changes the calendar a bit.
- 2) January 17th (MLK Day) will be a full day off for staff. Due to our five days of PIR at the beginning of the school year we will not need this day for PIR hours.
- 3) This calendar is based upon a school day of: K-3 8:20-3:15 and 4-8 8:10-3:30. In order to still get out on June 10th and get our state required instructional minutes in, plus have a two week Christmas break, we have to go to school these hours which match this years time but are longer than previous years.
- 4) The spring break is approximate MSU has not published anything yet for next year.

5) The staff considered whether they would prefer the Friday before President's Day off or the Friday before spring break off. We have to give back one of those days in order to meet instructional minutes. You will see both marked on your calendar. Overwhelming the staff voted to have the Friday before Presidents Day off. I hopefully will have the final calendar for vote at the March board meeting if the MSU calendar has been released.

1<sup>st</sup> reading of proposed  
Policy 3312-Academic  
Honesty

Superintendent Jacobs stated that it has come to my attention that Anderson School has not had an academic honesty policy in place. After a few issues this fall the middle school teachers and myself felt this was something that needed to be addressed. This is based on BSD's policy with our own consequences. This was developed with the support of MTSBA who helped with the policy language.

YTD Budget Report

Business Manager Roberts presented the 1/31/21 budget report.

February 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment  
Count to OPI

Business Manager Roberts reviewed the February 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment report that was submitted to the Office of Public Instruction. The February 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment count was 212 students, up 4 students from the Fall 2020 count. The average 2020-21 enrollment count equates to an ANB (average number belonging) of 219, which drives next year's general fund budget.

**Action**

Consideration of bus  
drop off loop  
construction change  
order

Project Manager, Karen Hedglin, presented the bus drop off prime contract potential change order for a grand total of \$95,620. This amount would come from contingency funds which are safe to allocate at this time.

Motion to approve the bus drop off prime contract potential change order for a grand total of \$95,620:

Motion: Trustee Atkins

Seconded: Trustee Huczek-passed unanimously

Consideration of  
Opt-In students

Motion to approve Opt-in student 7G:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee June-passed unanimously

May 4, 2021 Election  
Resolution

Business Manager Roberts presented a resolution calling for a May 4, 2021 school election conducted by mail ballot for the purpose of electing one Trustee to a three year term and to seek approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the school district for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion to approve the election resolution as presented:

Motion: Trustee Burrows

Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

Resolution for disposal of  
abandoned, obsolete, and  
undesirable property

Motion to approve the resolution as presented:

Motion: Trustee Huczek

Seconded: Trustee June-passed unanimously

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the January 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes, claim warrants 43504-43539; payroll warrants 5146-5148, and two new substitute teachers as presented:

Motion: Trustee Atkins

Seconded: Trustee Burrows-passed unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items**

Policy review, Trustee Candidates filing deadline, levy language sent to election office, resolution of intent to raise/lower levies for next budget year, Contract Negotiations, 2021-22 School Calendar, Math Curriculum

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6 pm via google meet.

**Adjournment**

No objection to adjournment of meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk

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Board Chair

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Date