

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
August 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held August 16, 2023, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees.

Board Chair Brandon Atkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present Brandon Atkins, Warren Bauder, Kerri Norick, Tiffany Ball, and Shawna Taylor

Trustees Absent

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

Visitors Present

Correspondence There was none.

Public Participation on

Non-Agenda Items **Chair Atkins 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

County Superintendent Meeting August 14th 9-12

Gallatin Valley Coop Meeting August 15th 11-1

MTSS Workday August 16th 9-12

ELA Professional Development Grades K-5 August 23rd 8:30-3:30

New Staff Orientation August 24th 9:00-12:00

APC August 25th 12:30-1:30

Staff PIR August 28th and 29th

First Day of School Grades 1-8 August 30th

First Day of Kindergarten September 5th

Kindergarten and new parent coffee September 5th 8:30-10:00

Graduate Profile

The Board of Public Education with guidance from OPI has set new accreditation standards for K-12 schools beginning this fall. There will be a two-year implementation of the new accreditation standards. As part of the process the district needs to develop a Graduate Profile of an Anderson student over the next year. I will be working with the leadership team, APC, and you all in this process. One of the first steps will be developing a survey for parents about which competencies are the most important. I will cover this topic in the second coffee with Kristi in November to share and gain information. I'm also going to use a middle school extension course to get student feedback and have them help me develop the graphic we use for our design.

ELA Benchmark Professional Development

Our K-5 teachers plus some other support staff will participate in a day long professional development on our new Benchmark ELA curriculum on August 23rd. Teachers will receive flex PIR time for this day. We are all excited to implement a new curriculum in the classrooms this fall.

PIR Days

Anderson Staff will participate in two days of PIR days August 28 and 29. This will be a time for staff to join together for our opening staff orientation meeting, prepare their rooms for the Popsicle Pop In, and we will participate in a two-hour professional development from OPI on Special Education and 504's.

The building is Clean!

A huge shout out to Kate for doing an amazing job cleaning all the classrooms this summer. Also, to Omar for all of his hard work helping Kate and doing the fine tuning on cleaning the other rooms and solving various maintenance issues.

ESEA/Title 1 Grant Approved

The district has been approved for its annual Title 1 Grant. This totals about \$12,000. This money helps to cover salaries for various staff.

Job Openings

I have posted an aftercare assistant position on the website. Colby Burns, our coordinator's schedule is different then he originally thought for the year so is going to have limited availability. The exact hours and schedule of this will be determined.

2022-23 Data Presentation

Superintendent Jacobs shared 2022-23 information on assessments, absenteeism, and office discipline referrals.

Old Business

Annual Agenda Policy Review

New Business

Discussion

Policy 3310P2 revision:

Student discipline, academic

Honest-1st reading Superintendent Jacobs reported our 8th grade teacher Ms. Wold brought to our attention the need to address the use of artificial intelligence as a resource for students. I worked with MTSBA to draft this adjustment to this policy language to address this.

Playground Walkthrough

Report Superintendent Jacobs reported this past Tuesday Brandon, Omar, Kerri and I walked through the playground to do our annual review. The results of this are in your packet. Omar is almost done with all the action items that we found. We are still hoping to have the new bars installed. Brandon did pull out the tether ball which was not being used. Overall, our playground is in good shape. We will need another load of wood chips next summer.

Action

Consideration of 2022-23 Trustee's Financial Summary

Business Manager Roberts presented the 2022-23 Trustee's Financial Summary.

Motion to approve the 2022-23 Trustees' Financial Summary as presented:

Motion: Trustee Bauder

Seconded: Trustee Norick

Public Comment: None

Trustee Comment: None

Vote: passed unanimously

Consideration of 2023-24 School Budgets

Business Manager Roberts presented the 2023-24 proposed budgets. Overall adopted budgets are \$3,047,145 with a decrease of 73.40 mills from the previous year. The tax impact is \$167.65 per \$100,000 of a market value home. The mill value increased by 66% with the reappraisal cycle. Business Manager Roberts stated the technology budget increased by \$28,000 due to the implementation of student technology fees. This was in place of asking the voters for an increased technology levy to cover expenses.

Motion to approve the 2023-24 budgets as proposed:

Motion: Trustee Bauder
Seconded: Trustee Norick
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Consideration of 2023-24 out of district student applications

Superintendent Jacobs recommends the Board approve Out of District Applications 0608122023N16 and 0203222023N15, two students for out of district placement at Anderson, one in 6th and one in 2nd. We had a student depart from each of these grades in the past few weeks which allowed for these openings. This puts our total enrollment at 217 for the school year.

Motion to approve the 2023-24 out of district applications as presented:

Motion: Trustee Norick
Seconded: Trustee Ball
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment:
Vote: passed unanimously

Consideration of 2023-24 Bus Route Revision

Superintendent Jacobs said we have revised the buses down to one route, due to only one driver. A large thank you to Mr. Sam for consulting with Jerry and I on these stops. There may be some small tweaks necessary after everyone signs up for the bus, but this is based on our ridership from last school year. I did have to add one stop on Meadowlark to accommodate a student.

Motion to approve the 2023-24 bus route revision as presented:

Motion: Trustee Taylor
Seconded: Trustee Ball
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Consideration of Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Jacobs shared her 2023-24 school year goals.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals as presented:

Motion: Trustee Ball
Seconded: Trustee Norick
Public Comment: None

Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Consideration of proposal
for copper compliance
improvements

Superintendent Jacobs reported we are continuing to have an issue with copper being high in the water in the building. This is not a danger to the students, but DEQ would like it fixed. We are not sure of the best avenue to do this so are going to contract with a water engineer to help advise on the project. Omar is overseeing this and working with DEQ to help us be in compliance.

Motion to approve the proposal for copper compliance improvements:

Motion: Trustee Bauder
Seconded: Trustee Norick
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Resolution for disposal of
abandoned, obsolete, and
undesirable property

Motion to approve the resolution as presented:

Motion: Trustee Norick
Seconded: Trustee Ball
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Copier Maintenance
agreement

Superintendent Jacobs reported we have been struggling with the service and price with Fisher's Technology who we have had a contract with. Since we are due for a renewal Elliott went and looked at quotes from other companies. The recommendation is we go with Kelly Connect. This will result in a savings of \$4,000 and they have a service model that will better meet the school's needs.

Motion to approve the copier maintenance agreement with Kelley Connect:

Motion: Trustee Taylor
Seconded: Trustee Ball
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Personnel

Consideration to increase
SPED teacher contract
from .7 to .8 FTE

Superintendent Jacobs reported with our increased enrollment we are seeing an increase in student needs. Therefore, I'm recommending we up the hours of our special education teacher, Tess Thomas. This will come from some medicaid set aside funds and not from the general fund for next school year. This will put the special education teacher at Anderson four days per week.

Motion to approve the SPED teacher FTE increase as presented:

Motion: Trustee Bauder

Seconded: Trustee Norick
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the July 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes, August 3, 2023 special meeting minutes; claim warrants 44801-44853; ach payroll warrants 83459-83433; payroll warrants 5521-5529:

Motion to approve the consent agenda:
Motion: Trustee Bauder
Seconded: Trustee Ball
Public Comment: None
Trustee Comment: None
Vote: passed unanimously

Future Agenda Items

Policy Review
Little Red School House Discussion

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Spanish classroom and via google meet.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.:
Motion: Trustee Bauder
Seconded: Trustee Norick—passed unanimously

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk

Board Chair

Date