

Conway School District No. 317
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2016

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Director's of the Conway School District was held on Monday, May 23, 2016 in the Digital Commons. Director Bell-Hinderstein called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Director Bell-Hinderstein, Director Melton, Director Sicklesteel, Director Dalseg and Director Gwen Halliday.

Staff Present: John Townsend, Angela Pederson, Liz Caldwell and Deenie Berry

Communications:

1. CEA/PSE Comments: None
2. PTA Comments: Talked about the Auction and its success. Grandparent's Tea is coming up along with the BOGO Book Fair May 31-June 1. This summer they are going to work on the Nature Trail.
3. Student/ Staff Comments: None
4. Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

Director Sicklesteel moved and the motion was seconded by Director Halliday to accept the minutes from the April 2016 Regular Board meeting with a correction. Motion passed.

Director Melton moved to approve the check vouchers 9394-9480 in the amount of \$372,669.60 with payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 61,992.40, for a total of \$ 434,662.40. Director Sicklesteel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Personnel Report:

- The Board approved the Voluntary Transfer of Julie DeBellis from 2nd Grade to 4th Grade
- The Board approved the hiring of Sheida Afham Dehghan as a Leave Replacement Teacher in 4th grade, ending on June 14, 2016.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Chris Pearson - Superintendent

This is a busy and exciting time of the year. We have lots of events happening – concerts, field trips, field day, 8th grade graduation...all coming up over the next month. Most importantly, this is the week where we celebrate all of our staff – a special Conway Staff Appreciation Week. From the Board and from the Superintendent, I would like to share my appreciation and gratitude for our certificated and classified staff members. Thank you for your dedication to Conway's students and families. This is also when we start planning for next year. With that in mind, here are some of the topics that drive our planning process:

- School/District Improvement: Several teachers who are members of our district leadership team attended a teacher leadership conference earlier this month. This conference provided us with a powerful theme moving forward – this notion of leading together for kids. We are hoping to use this theme to drive our planning work over the summer and throughout next year. Our Instructional Materials Committee has met three times to review and evaluate different Math curricula for the purpose of future adoption. During our most recent meeting, we identified two – and possibly one – K-5 curricula that met our goals around Focus, Alignment & Coherence, and Rigor. We are still examining different middle school math curricula. Our Public Art Installation Committee has also been meeting, and they have identified an Artist who will visit the campus in June to look at possible Art ideas and placement.
- Budget: Today we had our first presentation of next year’s budget. Our overall philosophy in preparing this budget is ‘sustaining current programs and operations’. We anticipate some potential major changes next year regarded how schools are funded and to what extent they are funded by the state. There are a couple of additional elements within this budget for student support and technology support.
- Enrollment: Next year will be the first year that the state will fully fund our kindergarten program. Essentially, this equates to funding for approximately 17 more students. This increased funding shifts responsibility for funding away from local dollars to state dollars. We have also communicated with our waiver families about renewing waivers for next year. We will keep a particularly close eye on class-sizes in next year’s 2nd and 3rd grades. Packet page 11 of 21
- Facilities: We continue to be proud of our incredible campus here in Conway. We anticipate possible future capital expenses related to continuous roof damage/replacement in the 300 building. And we will examine other potential replacement costs, moving forward.
- Policy & Risk Assessment: Our annual risk assessment review for next fall focuses on different elements of school safety and emergency preparedness.

Deenie Berry’s Principal report:

Teacher/Student Feature: Julie Hummel’s Kindergarten class reviewed the information presented at our Spring Kindergarten Parent Information Night and several students shared their literacy growth from Fall-Spring as a result of their enrollment in our full-time section.

Enrollment:

Dr. Chris Pearson
 Head Count Enrollment: 440
 FTE: 417.5
 Monthly Average: 413

Financial Report:

Business Manager Liz Caldwell reported on this month’s financial reports:

· Month end account balance amounts:

ASB: \$ 27,539.70
 Capital Projects: \$ 376,997.77
 Tech Levy: \$ 52,222.83
 Debt Service: \$ 426,364.10

Transportation: \$ 22,180.21

· Month End General Fund Balance

Cash Balance with County Treasurer: \$ 1,289,292.33

Unassigned: \$ 797,313.98

Accounts Payable: \$ 406,325.26

Committed Cash: \$ 391,978.35

Contingency: \$ 100,000.00

· Revenues and expenditure amounts-general fund:

Revenues: \$ 876,589.93

Expenditures: \$ 406,325.26

Cash & Investments: \$ 1,289,292.33

Action Agenda:

Director Sicklesteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Melton to approve Technology Surplus. Motion passed.

Director Sicklesteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Halliday to approve the 2016-17 Skagit Detention Ed. Program Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed.

Presentation: None

Facilities Update:

Dr. Chris Pearson updated the Board about the roof: We have done some investigation and have determined that any improvements to the roof of the 3000 Building and/or 4000 Building will require the bidding process. No decision was made.

Future Board Meetings:

June 21, 2016, 6:00 pm: Special Board Session to Review and Approve 2016-17 Budget

June 21, 2016, 7:00 pm: Regular School Board Meeting

July 25, 2016: 7:00 pm: Regular School Board Meeting

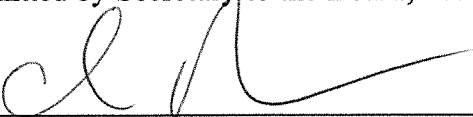
Board Comments: None

Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

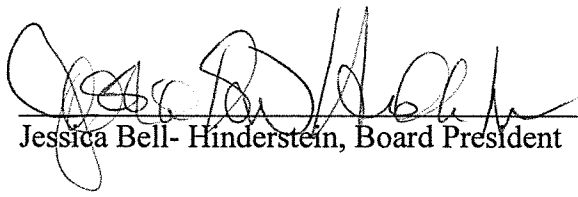
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

This meeting has been recorded and the tape is available in the District Office.

Submitted by Secretary to the Board, Dr. Chris Pearson.



Dr. Chris Pearson, Superintendent



Jessica Bell- Hinderstein, Board President