

Conway School District No. 317
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Oct 19, 2015

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Director's of the Conway School District was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 in the Digital Commons. Director Halliday called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attendance:

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

Staff Present: John Townsend, Angela Pederson, Liz Caldwell, Bernd Strom, Ron Haywood, Patti Hayes, Sheena Wilson, Bennie Rawson and Deenie Berry

Communications:

CEA Comments: None

PSE comment: None

Student/ Staff Comments: None

PTA Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

Director Melton moved and the motion was seconded by Director Bell-Hinderstein to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2015 Special and Regular Board meeting. Motion passed.

Director Melton moved and the motion was seconded by Director Sicklesteel to hire Julie Mitchell for the 6.5hr Para Professional position. Motion passed.

Director Melton moved and the motion was seconded by Director Bell-Hinderstein to hire Todd Mitchell pending his clearance for the new Bus Driver position. Motion passed.

Director Melton moved to approve the check vouchers 8814-8865 in the amount of \$274,031.30 with payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 58,228.22 for a total of \$ 332,259.52. Director Bell-Hinderstein seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Director Melton made a motion and it was seconded by Director Bell-Hinderstein to the memorial donation from the Conway PTA for Glenda Lindall. Motion passed.

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Sicklesteel to accept the donation from Conway PTA for Memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Chris Pearson's Superintendents Report:

Teaching and Learning

Tonight we will present to you our district improvement 'Road Map'. This 'Road Map' was created by all staff and facilitated by the District Leadership Team. Members of this team are present tonight to speak about the process and the goals. As you will see/hear in our presentation, our work this month has set the stage for our work over the course of the year.

I presented school report card data to parents at the October PTA Meeting. I was also able to address some questions/concerns around testing, particularly in Math.

Facilities

Tonight you will be presented with a final resolution from the Robinson Company. This resolution references the completion of all outstanding projects.

We are currently working with Spectra, the flooring company, to eliminate the 'streaks' in the cafeteria floor. We expect this improvement work to be completed before Thanksgiving.

Technology

We recently completed our MacBook 'Roll out'. All teachers have now been equipped with the new teacher laptops. Our Technology Committee recently met to discuss several topics, including planning for teacher support and setting short-term and long-term goals. Creating a cost-effective purchasing cycle is included in this planning.

Policy Work

Tonight we are presenting two policies for your approval or 2nd read; one for Gifts and Donations and the other for Internet Usage and Safety.

Communication

In addition to hosting 2 different parent forums – one at Curriculum Night and one at the October PTA Meeting, we have also updated our Conway 4 Kids Facebook Page, and we are working with the ESD to completely revamp our school website.

Deenie Berry's Principal report:

Late Start Professional Development – Friday, October 2nd was our Staff Development Day. Dr. Pearson led the training that focused on a shared vision in the morning and working in grade bands in the afternoon. Our primary teachers have chosen to focus on realigning our writing with the Common Core Standards this year. They worked collaboratively to read and discuss current research on best practice in Writing and then they began their work to align at the grade levels. Intermediate teachers will focus on Math this year. Mary Ellen Huggins, from ESD189, worked with our teachers to begin to map out their teaching and learning for the year. This work includes collaboration around the Common Core Standards and preparing assessments to measure student progress. Middle School has chosen to focus on the "soft" skills of high school readiness. This includes 21st Century Skills of Persistence, Perseverance, Study Skills, Organizational Skills, Independence, Intrinsic Motivation, Planning for HS and beyond, etc. This work is being done through the lens of "Who are we teaching"? "What are we teaching"? "How are we teaching"?

Monday mornings are used for professional development (District Directed) once a month and three PLCs each month. The PLCs are teachers directed and center on the 4 PLC questions: "What do we want our students to learn?" (Alignment with Common Core) "How will we know if they have learned what we have taught?" (Common Assessments) "What will we do if our students don't learn it?" (Interventions) "What will we do if our kids already know it?" (Extensions, Differentiation) This is important work and by narrowing the focus by grade bands, we hope to accomplish a great deal this year.

Marzano Framework Specialist PD – I will be attending another day of Marzano Framework Specialist training on October 14th in Yakima. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to grow in my practice in this area. My Professional Growth Goals this year centers around Discourse. 21st Century Skills for students center around the discourse needed to develop conceptual understanding in real world ways. In order to increase student-to-student discourse, I plan to increase my discourse with teachers, utilizing appropriate questioning skills to facilitate growth.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – It’s hard to believe it is time for conferences already. With conferences comes Halloween activities and soon there after, Thanksgiving and the Holidays. We are looking forward to having time with our families to discuss student growth and support

Enrollment 418.5

Financial Report:

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

· Month end account balance amounts:

ASB: \$ 11,876.79
Capital Projects, State Match & Bond Proceeds: \$ 456,416.06
Tech Levy: \$ 31,866.00
Debt Service: \$ 241,539.92
Transportation: \$ 154,009.17

· Month End General Fund Balance

Cash Balance with County Treasurer: \$ 775,815.70
Unassigned: \$ 283,837.35
Outstanding Warrants: \$ 123,034.86
Total Expenditures: \$ 391,236.70
Committed Cash: \$ 391,978.35
Contingency: \$ 100,000.00

· Revenues and expenditure amounts-general fund:

Revenues: \$ 287,019.54
Expenditures: \$ 391,236.70
Cash & Investments: \$ 775,815.72

Presentation:

Bennie Rawson ask the board approve the use of the facility to Skagit Swings and Camano Junction Community Jazz Ensembles.

- Director Sicklesteel moved and the motion was seconded by Director Dalseg to waive the Insurance with the use of a Hold Harmless instead and to accept Piano tuning in place of Facility fees. Motion passed.

Dr. Chris Pearson presented the District Improvement plan.

Dr. Chris Pearson presented Resolution 13-2015 & 14-2015 from the Robinson Company, after a short discussion the board chose to table these until next month.

Action Agenda:

Director Sicklesteel moved and the motion was seconded by Director Bell-Hinderstein to approve Policy 6114. Motion passed.

They had a second read on Policy and Procedure 2022 asked for a few more changes and bring it back next meeting.

Director Melton made a motion and it was seconded by Director Sicklesteel to forgive the Lunch account Presented to the Board. Motion passes.

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Bell-Hinderstein to approve a donation for the Science Department of \$1700.00. Motion passed.

Future Board Meetings:

- November 23, 2015 Monday
- December 7, 2015 Monday
- January 11, 2016 Monday
- February 22, 2016 Monday
- March 21, 2016 Monday
- April 18, 2016 Monday
- May 16, 2016 Monday
- June 20, 2016 Monday
- July 18, 2016 Monday
- August 15, 2016 Monday
- September 19, 2016 Monday

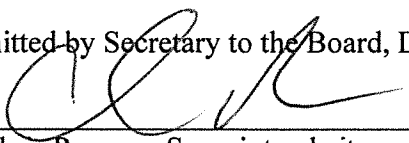
Board Comments: None

The Board went into Executive session and no action was taken.

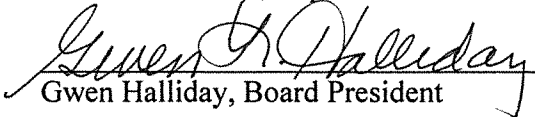
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm
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



Gwen Halliday, Board President