

Minutes
Appleton City R-2 School District
Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 2020
Library 7:15 PM

Board President, Janet Payton called the meeting to order. Members present: Nick Oehring, Laura Smith, Jessica McClure, Janet Payton, Sandra Long, Katy Brownsberger, and Craig Siegismund.

Others Present: Superintendent Joe Dunlap, High School Principal Jim Gurney, Karen Murray, Sarah Bourland, Joni Bollig, Darrell Dains, Misty Long, Trisha Freemyer, Terry Mayfield, Kevin Post, Taylor Townsend, Brad Townsend, Kris Townsend, Cassidy Cooper, Harry Cooper, Matt Stephan, Kamber Grishow, Travis Basore, and Micah Noble.

The Board opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

McClure made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of check #36472 to Kelly Tindall, PT, DPT. Motion carried 7-0

McClure made a motion, seconded by Oehring to approve check #36472 to Kelly Tindall PT, DPT as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Abstention/Brownsberger/Personal Conflict).

New Business

Presentation by Jim Gurney with additional explanation from Joe Dunlap regarding the 4 day week calendar proposed for the 2020-2021 school year. Presentation included explanation of the proposed calendar, survey results from District staff survey, survey results from the parent survey, frequently asked questions, staff professional development, snow makeup days, Vo-Tech, extracurricular activities, and pros and cons of a 4 day week.

Terry Mayfield, Superintendent of Drexel R-IV School District, spoke in regards to how the 4 day week has worked for Drexel and answered questions regarding Vo-Tech on weekly day off, struggles they faced with implementing 4 day week, adjustments needed/made for 4-day schedule, staff and student morale, extracurricular activities, applicants looking for 4 day week, addition of professional development.

Superintendent Dunlap asked for questions regarding 4 day week calendar. Discussion regarding 4 day week involving: Darrell Dains, Terry Mayfield, Kevin Post, Matt Stephan, Laura Smith, Katy Brownsberger, Janet Payton, Joe Dunlap, Brad Townsend, Jessica McClure, Joni Bollig, Cassidy Cooper, Trisha Freemyer, and Kamber Grishow.

Oehring made the motion, seconded by Smith, to table the 4-day week calendar motion until March meeting until more information can be provided. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion regarding 5 day school calendar.

Presentation regarding Preschool presented by Superintendent Dunlap. Discussion regarding deficit preschool program and sustainability of program at a continued deficit. Declined enrollment, loss of MPP and CCDF funding. Tuition not high enough to maintain a preschool program without local effort. Input provided by: Taylor Townsend, Joni Bollig, Kevin Post, Cassidy Cooper, Kamber Grishow, Joe Dunlap, and Harry Cooper. Discussion by board.

McClure made the motion, seconded by Long to table the motion to suspend preschool for next school year until March meeting until more information can be provided. Motion carried 7-0.

OPAA Review Presentation presented by Superintendent Dunlap. Discussion regarding offer vs serve, rebid process coming soon, options for other avenues.

Oehring made a motion, seconded by McClure to approve the updated 2019-2020 Substitute Teachers List as presented with the addition of Cynthia McEvoy. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

Discussion regarding the revision of the 2019-2020 School Calendar. Beginning immediately, no more Early Out Wednesdays for professional development. Starting March 2, District will extend the school day by 6 minutes to a daily dismissal time of 3:19 pm. Will also make March 6 a full day instead of a half day. Last day of school is May 13, 2020 with a dismissal of 12:25 PM.

Long made motion, seconded by Smith to approve the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent report presented by Superintendent Dunlap. Discussed implementation and quotes on the Remind program, student cell phone usage in the classroom, chromebooks/laptops in classrooms, MSIP 6.

Superintendent Dunlap presented the Elementary Board Report.
Enrollment: 146 Attendance: 95.29% - See Report for additional information

High School Principal Jim Gurney presented the High School Board Report.
Enrollment: 180 Attendance: 94.00% - see Report for additional information

Oehring made a motion, seconded by McClure to hire Jim Gurney/High School Principal for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 contract as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Brownsberger made a motion, seconded by Oehring to hire Mona Reid/Elementary Principal for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 contract as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Next regular board meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Brownsberger made a motion, seconded by McClure to close open session @ 11:08 PM and go into closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to MO School Law RSMo 610.021 Sub Section 3 and 6. Roll call vote: Oehring-yes, Smith-yes, McClure-yes, Payton-yes, Brownsberger-yes, Long-yes and Siegismund-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Appleton City Board of Education having duly voted to close its open meeting will conduct a closed meeting immediately following the open session on this date in the Library.

Open session resumes @ 11:38 PM.

Smith made a motion, seconded by Long to hire Joseph Dunlap as Superintendent for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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Adjournment @ 11:42 PM.

Board President, Janet Payton

Board Secretary, Jessica McClure

