

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
May 11th, 2015 8:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

President Todd Watson welcomed the visitors and announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Todd Watson, Dan Warner, Kelly Breinig, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

The following members were absent: Rod Whipple.

Also present was Charlie Curnyn, Superintendent, Daren Hatch, High School Principal, Bob Braithwait, Elementary Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guests included Tammie Middaugh, Grant Craeger, Katie Wenz, Junior Hilker, Kaylea Watson, Spencer Watson, Hailey Utterback, Madison Hanke and Heidi Thomas.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to excuse the absence of Rod Whipple. AYES: Warner, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Breinig to approve the agenda. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Junior Hilker and Kaylea Watson requested hotel assistance to attend National FCCLA. Watson congratulated the students on their accomplishments. Tammie reported that 5 Team Mates will be graduating on Sunday. Spencer Watson, Hailey Utterback and Madison Hanke introduced themselves and informed the board they were attending the meeting to fulfill requirements for credits.

REPORTS

Braithwait reported that there were several meetings on the eligibility policy for next year. I think the meetings have gone well and I have included a draft for your review. The eligibility committee plans to meet annually in April to review the policy. The Elementary Fun Day will be May 20th at 1:00 pm. The Elementary Awards will be presented at 8:30 am on Thursday, May 21st. Final checkout will be at noon on May 21st. The teachers last day will be May 22nd. NeSA testing was completed by May 1st.

Hatch reported that NeSA tests are finished. Graduation is Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 pm with board members arriving at 1:30 pm. Honors night is May 12th at 7:15 pm. The last day of school is May 21st with a noon dismissal. The summer school list is being compiled and letters will be sent out soon. Summer school is scheduled for June 1st through June 25th from 8:30 to 11:30 for credit recovery and will be run by Mrs. Thomas using the OdysseyWare program.

Curnyn reported that Cindy Huxoll is continuing to get bids for summer projects (kitchen upgrades, parking lot repairs and elementary restrooms) that we discussed at the Strategic Planning Workshop in January. The NASB is holding a School Law Seminar June 4th – 5th in Kearney. If anyone is interested in attending please let me know. At our April teacher in-service we reviewed the data from the parent, student and teacher perceptual surveys that we have done over this past year. Most positive items by students: feel safe, good teachers; by staff: co-worker support, safe environment; by parents: feel welcomed, safe environment, meeting academic needs. Most negative items by students: freedom at school; by staff: student achievement due to standards; by parents: students respecting other students. Work continues to be done with the architects on addressing safety and security needs of our buildings and grounds. Attached to my report is the information I have shared at the Chamber Lunch, and with the Arapahoe Senior Citizens, Arapahoe City Council, Holbrook Zoning and Planning Board, D & D Repair Shop (aka "The Flip"), Arapahoe-Holbrook Foundation Board and the patron of HoJo's. With today's market we could have \$9.5 million dollars with a tax levy of 15.5 cents for 20 years. Here are some examples: 1) the tax impact on a home worth \$75,000 would result in \$116.25 more per year, 2) the tax impact on a home worth \$100,000 would result in \$155.00 more per year, and 3) the tax impact on a home worth \$150,000 would result in \$232.50 more per year. Also attached to this report are the quotes for financing provided by Ameritas Corp.

Breinig attended an Open Meetings Law Workshop and reported that it was a very good workshop.

The Finance Committee met and Breinig reported that many of the bills being paid this month are for supplies for the 2015-16 school year.

The Eligibility Committee met and Roskop reported that options for the eligibility policy were discussed.

The Negotiations Committee met and Watson reported that they discussed classified staff and Superintendent contracts for the 2015-16 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to remove the FCCLA's request from the Consent Agenda to the final item for Business Action Items. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Roskop to approve the revised Consent Agenda. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Anderson to approve claims including the General Fund, Building Fund, Bus Depreciation Fund and the Equipment Depreciation Fund totaling \$343,003.62. AYES: Watson, Warner, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Three bids were presented for repairing the track. A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Breinig to approve Fisher Tracks bid of \$62,305 plus a 1% Performance Bond. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to approve a 4% raise for the classified staff. AYES: Watson, Warner, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Warner to enter Executive Session at 9:21 pm to discuss the Superintendent's contract. AYES: Warner, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to exit Executive Session at 9:30 pm. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Roskop to approve Superintendent Charlie Curnyn's contract for the 2015-16 school year. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Watson to give those attending the National FCCLA competition \$20 per day per diem funds for food. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Grant Craeger from CG Architects reviewed some of the changes made to the preliminary plans. He also informed the board that there could be some savings on insurance premiums once fire sprinklers are installed.

Braithwait reviewed the new Eligibility Policy. The new policy places accountability on the students while still providing 9th hour as an avenue to get caught up. The plan is to include the new Eligibility Policy in the 2015-16 Handbook.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 8th, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Breinig to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary