

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
August 8th, 2016 8:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 8:03 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, Rod Whipple, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: Kelly Breinig.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent, Bob Braithwait, Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Tammie Middagh.

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

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

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Tammie Middagh reported that she attended a Teammates Seminar in York and is looking forward to starting the year. Watson expressed his appreciation to Tammie for all of the work she does with the Teammates program.

REPORTS

Braithwait started off with a huge thank you to the people at Good Samaritan for having a back to school backpack give-a-way on August 3rd. I was honored to be invited to help out with the hot dog feed and give-a-way. It looks as if we are going to have some nice size classes. Some of our classrooms can't hold some of the bigger classes in the High School so we are working on some things to accommodate the class sizes. The eligibility policy seemed to work pretty well last year. The first day for eligibility check will be August 29th. Computer check-out is August 9th at 6:00 pm for grades 10-12 and 7:00 pm for grade 9 and new students. Football practice started today with around 18 kids. Volleyball and Cross Country start Monday, August 15th. Volleyball has 16-18 kids participating and Cross Country has around 10. All of the teachers have been in the last several weeks. I think we are excited and ready for another good school year. RPAC Fall Meeting will be Wednesday night at Southwest High School. After attending Administrator Days, I learned that the Nebraska Department of Education will be performing safety inspections of all schools in the next couple of years.

Griffith reported that he and Cassie attended the new superintendent / business manager training in North Platte on July 19th and gained some good insight into the Nebraska Budget process. Mr. Braithwait and I attended Administrator Days in Kearney and there were a number of good sessions. I got some good information on school accreditation and school law among others. I was able to have the tentative budget document looked at and was informed it looked correct but it would be beneficial to make two small changes which have been done. I would like to have a budget review meeting with the board on August 24th at 7:00 pm or 8:00 pm prior to publication. I was able to attend the hotdog feed and backpack give away with Mr. Braithwait at Good Samaritan and enjoyed getting to meet the staff, residents, parents and students that stopped by. I appreciate the hard work and support of the staff at Good Samaritan in providing this opportunity for our students. I look forward to meeting the rest of the staff and doing some team building activities with staff when they return on August 9th. I received communications from the Arapahoe Public Library thanking us for the use of the gym this summer and from David Blessing thanking us for continuing our contract for the 16-17 school year.

Board Member Reports – None.

Board Committee Reports – Anderson reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the claims and everything looked good. The budget is coming along and looks forward to the budget workshop on the 24th.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included minutes from previous meetings and financial reports. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve claims including the General Fund, Equipment Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Lunch Fund, Building Fund, QCPUF, Student Fee Fund and Bus Depreciation Fund totaling \$360,200.41. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple but abstaining from claim number 28009 to ATC for \$498.36, and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve the purchase of a Vulcan Model # VC33E Convection Oven from Cash-Wa Distributing Co for \$6,570 including delivery. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Whipple to reaffirm the Parent/Community Involvement in Schools Policy #6400. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to reaffirm the Anti-Bullying Policy #5415. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to approve the resolution to adopt the Quad Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Plan Update. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve the renewal of ALICAP as the Worker's Compensation and Property, Liability, Boiler and Machinery Insurance at a rate of \$58,504 which includes a dividend credit of \$4,356. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

Griffith informed the board that he had spent some time reviewing the current staff benefits and is working towards a more consistent benefit package based on contract length. One change would be addressing the current school cell phone plan and allocating a percentage of those phones as personal vs business and showing that as a taxable benefit to the employee(s). Another is putting the Timeclock program on all hourly staff computers to enable them to clock in and out for lunch and provide better tracking. The Timeclock App will also be placed on the phones of a few staff members for call-in situations.

Budget Workshop, Wednesday, August 24th, 2016 at 7:00 pm, with supper at 6:30 pm and possibly at Cunningham's if available.
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 12th, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary