



Strasburg School District 31-J Agenda

**Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024 6:00pm
2102 Wagner St
Strasburg, CO 80136**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Michael Marrero.

ATTENDANCE: (Roll Call)

Board members present were: Diana Elliott, Mary O'Malley, Michael Marrero, Julie Winter and Daymon Johnson.

Others participating were Brooke Kartus (Secretary to the BOE), Dan Hoff (Superintendent) & Nancy Taylor (CFO).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Diana Elliott and seconded by Mary O'Malley, it is hereby resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

AYE: Elliott, Marrero, Winter, Marrero, Johnson

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Mary O'Malley and seconded by Diana Elliott, it is hereby resolved to approve the minutes as presented.

AYE: Elliott, Marrero, Winter, Marrero, Johnson, Winter

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

A moment of silence of the recent loss of a Strasburg student and her mother.

Celebrations:

- ACEC Career Expo: Joseph Martinez 8th grade student at Hemphill Middle School won 1st Place at the ACEC expo.

Public Participation:

- Stephanie Bloomfield: From her perspective the district preaches focus on transparency, communication & engagement however, feels as though the district may not be practicing what they preach.

Board Reports/Discussion:

- Legislative Updates: CASB conference survey has been sent out. Please complete when you can. Property tax topic- lowering of property taxes. Budget stabilization factor.

- CASB Annual Convention Report Outs: Top take aways: Student board members. Model what we expect of others. The future with AI. Role of ECBOCES Board Members. Student strand. Retention through wellness. CTE. Speaker Liz Murray. The purple book.
 - SSD31J: would like to be more present, board needs to be more involved.
- Board of Education Retreat Agenda: Friday 1/19/24, offsite at Colorado Air and Space Port. 9-5. Open to public. To include ECBOCES, CASB, Strategic Plan, Work Session

Superintendent Report:

- Mid-Year Budget: Last approved budget was in June. Now a revised budget based on updated factors such as October student count. Updated budget will be published online after this meeting. Focus points:
 - October count declined. Funds reduced based on declining enrollment. Last year was \$9,800/student. This year \$11,000/student
 - Budget stabilization factor was reduced
 - Mill levy: decrease from 44.136 to 40.939
 - Up to this point we have not received any funding for any 3 y/o pre-k students (SPED or IEP)
 - Increased transportation costs for students placed outside of the district
 - IT and network support costs that were unexpected
 - Approx 78% of our recurring costs are allocated to salaries and benefits (up from 66% from about a year ago)
 - General fund: see comparison on page 12 of budget packet
 - Staffing allocations: Principals and department management have the autonomy to flex within their staffing allocations to best suit the needs of their building or department. Encourage leveraging what is currently in their buildings before asking for additional FTE
 - Food service year over year side by side can be found on page 39
 - Food costs have increased. We do get a per meal reimbursement however it is just a credit per meal not dollar for dollar
- Audit: Was completed. Letter included in the board packet.
- DAC: Covered some data- dropout rate, mobility & graduation rates. Nancy Taylor spoke to mid-year budget
- Rescind Policy GDBB: CASB nor surrounding districts have a policy like this one. It may be a previous practice but is not the most prudent way of handling taxpayer dollars. Should not be acting as a savings and loan. Requesting that this policy be removed.

Dates & Times:

- February Meetings:
 - February 13th: Meeting
 - February 23rd: Work Session
- Next meeting 1/9, next work session 1/19 (1/19 is offsite, all-day retreat)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF POLICY GDBB.

On a motion by Julie Winter and seconded by Diana Elliott, it is hereby resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

AYE: Elliott, Johnson, Marrero, Johnson, O'Malley

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

On a motion by Julie Winter and seconded by Diana Elliott, it is hereby resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

AYE: Elliott, Johnson, Marrero, Johnson, O'Malley

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Diana Elliott and seconded by Mary O'Malley it is hereby resolved to adjourn.

AYE: Elliott, Johnson, Winter, Marrero, O'Malley

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Michael Marrero, President

Date

Julie Winter, Treasurer

Date