



Strasburg School District 31-J Agenda

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 12, 2024 6:00 pm
2102 Wagner St
Strasburg, CO 80136

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. by President Michael Marrero.

ATTENDANCE: (Roll Call)

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

Others participating were Dan Hoff (Superintendent) & Brooke Kartus (Board Secretary).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

AYE: Elliott, Marrero, Winter, Marrero

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

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

AYE: Elliott, Marrero, Winter, Marrero, Winter

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Daymon Johnson arrived at 6:06pm.

Celebrations:

- Hannah McClintock: State Science Fair finalist. Will go to State at CU
- Zoey Torrez: Placed Science Olympiad 2nd in Fossils 4/6 State, UCCS
- Athletics: Boys Basketball, final 6. Women's Basketball top 6. Wrestling to state. Bowling to state. Coach Bollers as Patriot League coach of the year

Public Participation:

- Robyn Handy: Transparency concerns. Special meeting agenda and announcement was late. Meeting minutes not consistently posted.
- Tracie Gates: Transportation concerns. With resignation of current director- want to share what drivers/department would like to see in next Director. Top 5 qualities department/drivers would like to see. 1) Communication 2) Dedication/Dependability 3) Passion. Would like transportation radios to be looked at and evaluated for improvement.

Old Business:

- 4-day Calendar: This was approved and will stand despite leadership change. This was a Board decision. Please look at this change as a positive decision.
- Coffee with the Board: Intend to make coffee with the board prior to the work session each month. Location & time will vary and will be posted online when we know what location that given meeting will be at. 2 board members to

be present at a time. Topic will be focused on first. Purpose is not to solve. 1 or 2 board members cannot speak on behalf of the entire board. Part of accessibility & transparency. For parents, community and students.

- Strategic Plan: Community Driven. Ramping up for implementation. More developments the plan end of March.

New Business:

- Land Acknowledgement: This has been underway for some time. The SNAP Council has now taken over this partnership to get the Land Acknowledgement approved with the Northern Arapaho Tribe. A draft has been proposed and sent to the tribe for their input. The new VP SNAP Council was announced, and she read the draft.

Board Reports:

- Board feedback: Welcome and appreciate the feedback, however this does not mean the board or Superintendent can comment on items. Hiring questions: please reach out to and call HR Manager. When sending an email to the board, the president and or the Superintendent will reply- all board members will see them but not respond.
- Legislative updates/CASB: Covered some of the main legislative updates in regard to current house bills in house and or senate. Including but not limited to: nicknames, opioids, attire at graduations, ethic complains, healthier social media, safety measures, concealed carry permits and training,
- DAC: Meeting was 3/11 @ 4:00. Ronda Lee came and spoke to testing season. Very insightful. Stacey Alonzi spoke to ICC. DAC has approved ICC proposed curriculum and is moving forward to board. ICC is now on a rotation for years to come.
- ECBOCES: Next meeting 4/17 via Zoom.
- Chamber of Commerce: Business after hours on 3/14 at the bank. Poker run. Next lunch and learn 3/20- but will be out on spring break.
- Construction: Meeting on May 1. SHS Commons & Athletic field. Showed renderings of projects to come. Safety is top priority with contractor and district. Came up that before we destroy, we must respect and preserve history. Press box will be split up per coaches feedback. Bleachers- local business to provide. After spring break- will start putting together plan for starting to box up locations for smooth transition. IT is on board- "save the fiber!". Spoke with Park and Rec on shared construction- ensuring no hairs to be crossed. All sounds fine there. Construction to begin post graduation. Taylor Kohrs notice of default has been sent to legal- pending the will of the board.
- Auditor Engagement: Held interview last Friday for new auditor. DMC Consulting. Impressed and does have the lowest fee. Has been in communication with our former auditor. This auditor is primarily digital.

Superintendent Report/Discussion:

- ICC: Stacey Alonzi shared most recent ICC proposals (SHS & SES). These have been shared by Superintendent, on our website and shared via social media. Curriculum is here at Central Services for review if you wish to see it.
- Kindness campaign: Showed FaceBook video- HMS did a campaign for student recognition.
- Snow Day: Monitoring and aware of upcoming weather just before spring break. Will abide by protocols and make assessment and call as best as possible. Student safety will come first. IF a snow day is called- parent teacher conferences will be cancelled that day and be made up 2/27. Quarter will still end.
- Collaborative for high performance schools: recognizes SES with CHPS status. Read the letter of recognition from CHPS.

Superintendent Resignation Agenda Item:

- Effective June 30, 2024. Board thanks Mr. Hoff for his time as Superintendent. Will begin search for new Superintendent
- Next steps: Dan will remain until June 30th for all day-to-day decisions and operations. New discussions will be for post June.
 - Options:
 - Post internally then post externally. Possibly involve HYA to help recruit new Superintendent. Per policy would require a couple of bids first based on cost exceeding \$10K.
 - Key positions that Superintendent will be involved in: SHS Principal and AD. BOE should not opine or interview but ensure process is followed. Will new Superintendent be involved in these searches?
 - Per board request- position hiring for these positions have been placed on hold
 - Board consensus is to move quickly on these vacancies
 - Executive session with legal counsel on next steps and legality (guidance)

Future Dates & Times:

- Special Meeting and Executive Session: 10:00AM Thursday 3/14/24 via Zoom
 - o Superintendent next steps, Principal & AD. Contractual obligation with A&P.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS):

On a motion by Diana Elliott and seconded by Daymon Johnson, it is hereby resolved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

AYE: Elliott, Marrero, Winter, Marrero, Winter

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Diana Elliott and seconded by Daymon Johnson it is hereby resolved to adjourn at 8:05p.m.

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

NAY: NONE – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Michael Marrero, President

Date

Diana Elliott, Secretary

Date