

Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes June 26, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Lincolnwood Jr/Sr High School Library in Raymond at 7:00 p.m. Board President Teresa Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Teresa Payne, President; Dana Pitchford, Vice-President; Gabe Pope, Secretary; Darrin Daugherty, Heather Millburg, and Gretchen Rovey

Board Members Absent: Scott Cowdrey

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Kyle Herschelman, Kaitlan Cray, Debbie Jenkins, and Denny Held

Community Comments

Denny Held addressed the board regarding the current financial needs at the golf course. The course suffered during Covid, but more recently is doing better. Mr. Held requested that the district consider paying toward the golf team's use of the golf course. Anything would help and Mr. Held believed that a group could get together to discuss the matter. Mr. Held stated that he had previously spoken to Mr. Hopper regarding the matter.

Board members Pitchford and Rovey asked questions about the membership fees for students and families at the golf course.

Mr. Hopper reported that he had already talked to Mr. Stone and surveyed other schools about the issue. Mr. Hopper will follow up with district staff and report back to the board in July.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of May 15, 2023, regular and executive sessions and the June 5 special and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of June and July 1st 2023 bills, May 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts
- C. *Approval of Scheffel & Co. to prepare the audit.*
- D. *Approval of the district's treasurer's bond renewal*
- E. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Old Business Items

Approval of the FY23 Panhandle CUSD 2 Amended Budget

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve the FY23 Budget amendment as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Building repair and maintenance update.

Mr. Hopper reported on summer progress within the school district. Classrooms are scrubbed and waxed in nearly all the buildings. Remodeling in the learning center and Lincolnwood is progressing.

Solar Presentation

Kyle Loyd from Future Green presented information to the board regarding the possibility of having solar within the school district. Mr. Loyd shared the potential location and output of the fields and what the process would be if the board considered pursuing the option. The board asked about the long term impact to the district and the solar field if unforeseen situations were to arise. Mr. Loyd shared the timeline for the project and what to expect from Future Green through the term of the lease. The lease would require very minimal to no financial investment from the school district during the life of the twenty-five year term of the contract.

The board discussed the options and requested more information from another solar firm in order to gain perspective before consider a formal project within the school district.

New Business Items

*Approval of the tentative 2023-2024 Lincolnwood schedule**

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pope to approve the 2023-2024 Lincolnwood scheduled as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Approval of first reading of board policies.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Rovey to approve the first reading of board policies as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Board Development

Mr. Hopper presented information on the history of the district, the district mission statement, goals, and district improvement plan. Mr. Hopper also explained what would be presented over the course of this upcoming board meetings in an effort to highlight district programs, staff, and goals for the future.

Community Comments

Executive Session

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Millburg to enter into closed session at 8:40 p.m. for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Appointment, employment and/or dismissal of employees of the District; deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and Student Matters. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Daugherty to reconvene into open session at 9:15p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Executive Session Action

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to approve Emily Grandchamp as a special education teacher for the 2023-2024 school year pending successful completion of all state and local employment. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to Ryan Webb as an assistant soccer coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve non-certified pay for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Rovey to approve administrative pay for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.

Adjournment

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Millburg to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Cowdrey absent.



Teresa Payne, President



Gabe Pope, Secretary