

Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes August 28, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2028, at the Lincolnwood Jr/Sr High School Library in Raymond at 7:00 p.m. Board President, Terri 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; Scott Cowdrey, Darrin Daugherty, Heather Millburg, and Gretchen Rovey

Board Members Absent:

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Kyle Herschelman, Kaitlan Cray, Dee Neisler, Sarah Weatherford

Community Comments

None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of July 24, 2023, budget hearing, regular and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of August 2023 bills, July 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts.
- C. *Annual approval of the District Affirmation of Assignments*
- D. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business Items

Building repair and maintenance update.

Mr. Hopper reported on summer progress within the school district. He and Mr. Wagahoff are meeting this fall to develop a 1 year and 5-year plan for continued improvements across the district. Mr. Hopper thanked the maintenance staff for all of their work this summer.

Board Development

Mr. Hopper reviewed with the board the different organizations and cooperatives that the district belongs to this school year. The board reviewed the document which was presented. The board also learned that district had a finalized updated motto. Staff, students, and families voted and selected the motto, Charging Toward Excellence.

Discussion regarding district land, use, and plan for future activities

The board continued their discussion regarding the long range plans for the district's land outside of town. The board would like to evaluate the possibility of selling or trading land which is closer to the campus in Raymond.

Solar Presentation and Discussion

Mr. Hopper reported that He had a meeting to discuss options for the district if the board would to choose to build solar through a different model. Mr. Hopper discussed what options were available and how Illinois SRECS and Federal Credits would apply. Mr. Hopper will have more information by the October board meeting.

New Business Items

District Registration Information

Mr. Hopper reviewed the student information from registration with the board.

First Reading of Board Policies

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct

2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services

4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery

4:100 Insurance Management

5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline

6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives

6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

6:240 Field Trips

7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

7:330 Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access

8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities

8:95 Parental Involvement

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve the first reading of board policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*Consideration and action regarding the need for an emergency generator for district use**

The district is requesting the approval to create an RFP that could be sent out to obtain and install an emergency generator for the district use. The generator would be funded through an approved grant. The generator is needed due to frequent power failures that impacts district servers and programs and their ability to come back online after an outage.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pitchford to approve the motion to request bids for an emergency generator as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*Consideration and action regarding the proposed FFA trip to the National Convention**

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Pope to approve the FFA trip to the national convention as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Comments

Executive Session

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pope to enter into closed session at 7:36 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 and student matters. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to reconvene into open session at 7:48p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session Action

No action was taken.

Adjournment

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Millburg to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.