

# **Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education**

**Regular Session Minutes    September 25, 2023**

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the Panhandle Learning Center 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, Scott Cowdrey, Darrin Daugherty, Heather Millburg, and Gretchen Rovey

**Board Members Absent:** Gabe Pope

**Also in attendance:** Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Kyle Herschelman, and Carrie Huber

## **Community Comments**

None

## **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of minutes of August 2023, policy meeting, regular and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of September 2023 bills, August 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts.
- C. *FY24 Report of Contracts over \$25,000.00*
- D. *Salary Compensation, Administrator, and Teacher Salary and Benefits Reports*
- E. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

## **Old Business Items**

### *Approval of the FY2023 Panhandle District Budget*

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pitchford to approve the FY2024 Panhandle School District Budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

### *Second Reading of Board Policies*

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

### *Maintenance update*

Mr. Hopper reported on maintenance items within the school district. Mr. Hopper reported that there was another round of Maintenance Grants this year and the district will be researching needs and report back to the school board later this fall. Possible

projects include oiling and chipping the grade school parking areas and upgrades within the cafeteria as well.

### *Board Development*

Mr. Hopper presented information regarding current investments within the school district and shared the need to review new investment options with local banks. Mr. Hopper also shared information about the school district current bonds.

### **New Business Items**

*Consideration and action regarding a letter of support for the Village of Farmersville's efforts to update the signage at the railroad crossing in Farmersville\*\**

Mr. Hopper shared information regarding a request from the Village of Farmersville requesting that the district support their efforts to have the railroad crossing in Farmersville declared abandoned.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve a letter of support for the Village of Farmersville's efforts to update the signage at the railroad crossing in Farmersville as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

*Consideration and action regarding an easement request at the Raymond Campus\**

Mr. Hopper presented an easement request for access to the corner of the Raymond campus near the intersection of School and Prairie. The easement would allow for fiber to be run across Prairie to residences along School Street.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Rovey to approve the easement request as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

*Discussion regarding potential projects within the school district*

Mr. Hopper shared that he met with representatives from the Grand Prairie Energy Park regarding the potential construction of the wind farm in the north region of the school district. If approved the wind farm would begin construction in the fall of 2025.

*FY24 Maintenance Grant Application approval\**

Mr. Hopper shared that the FY24 maintenance grant application was open. He shared that the district is finishing up the FY23 grant which added concrete to the Farmersville and Raymond campuses. Possible projects for FY24 include oiling and chipping the grade school parking areas and upgrades within the cafeteria as well.

*Consideration and action regarding the purchase of used minivan(s) from another school district.\**

Mr. Hopper presented information regarding two minivans that Hillsboro has for sale. The presentation included information about our current van fleet and if purchased how all vans would be utilized within the school district.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pitchford to approve the purchase of two 2010 Town and Country minivans from Hillsboro CUSD for \$3,000.00 each. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

### **Community Comments**

Mrs. Huber thanked the board for continuing to update the Raymond Grade School parking lot.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Rovey to enter into closed session at 7:43 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 6-0 with Pope absent.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to reconvene into open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

### **Executive Session Action**

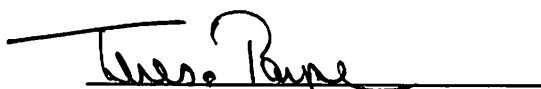
It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Rovey approve the early graduation request from student A. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

It was moved by Daugherty and seconded by Pitchford accept the resignation of Rulene Kuchar as district cook effective September 22, 2023. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Rovey approve the hire of Vickie Anderson as district cook pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Pope absent.

  
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