

Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes November 27, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 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, Vice-President; Gabe Pope, Secretary; Darrin Daugherty, Scott Cowdrey, and Heather Millburg

Board Members Absent: Gretchen Rovey

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Joe Webb Principal, Josh Stone, Kaitlan Cray, Matt Millburg, and Kyle Herschelman.

Community Comments

None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of October 2023, regular and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of November 2023 bills, October 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts.
- C. Approval of an engagement letter with Chapman and Culter LLP to perform continuing disclosure services.
- D. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

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

Old Business Items

Approval of the Tentative 2024 baseball Trip

Mr. Hopper asked Mr. Stone to present an update on the trip. The plan would be to take the team to play in Marion, IL instead of the previous presented plan. There would not be conflicts with the new weekend trip.

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to approve the updated baseball itinerary as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

*Discussion regarding district properties**

Mr. Hopper and the board discussed the board's desire to research the possible sale or trade of the district's property south of Raymond. Mr. Hopper requested the board's

direction and approval to contact the district's attorney to learn more about the process.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to authorize Mr. Hopper to research the district's options for the sale of district land. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

*Discussion and action regarding procedures for driving school vehicles**

Mr. Hopper presented information that was shared with the board at the October meeting regarding possible changes to driving procedures within the school district. Mr. Cowdrey asked about the process needed to complete a van license. Mr. Hopper discussed the process and shared with the board the need to increase the starting bus pay as a part of the plan.

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to approve the school vehicle driving procedures as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

*Approval of the emergency generator bid**

Mr. Hopper reviewed the bid process with the board and when over the outcome of the bid opening with the board. Walch Electric provided a bid for the work and the work will be seventy-five percent funded through a grant.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pope to approve the emergency generator bid as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

Board Development

Mr. Webb presented information about the district's homeless procedures during board development. He provided an overview of the guidelines, funding sources, and what opportunities are available for students who qualify within the school district.

New Business Items

*Approval of the tentative 2022 district levy**

Mr. Hopper presented information regarding two options for the tentative levy to the board and the possibility of the EAV's increase being greater than what is in the tentative levy that is being recommended. The levy presented will not require a truth in taxation levy. The final levy will be presented in December.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pope to approve option 2 as the tentative district levy. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

*Discussion and action regarding school district investments**

Mr. Hopper presented information to the board on school investment options and requested that the board authorize him to work with the local banks to finalize certificates of deposits.

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to authorize Mr. Hopper to finalize certificates of deposits not to exceed FDIC limitations with district banks. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

*Discussion and action regarding the basketball trip**

Mr. Hopper asked Mr. Millburg to provide the board with information regarding the tentative plan for the basketball trip to Indianapolis in January, 2024.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pitchford to approve the basketball trip as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

Community Comments

None

Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were presented.

Executive Session

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to enter into closed session at 8:15 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 Rovey absent.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to reconvene into open session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

Executive Session Action

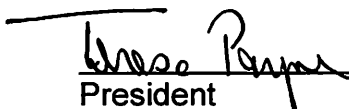
It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to approve the request of Samantha Bourke to move from an assistant cheer coach to a volunteer cheer coach. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Cowdrey approve Judy Best as art club sponsor. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve Avery Pope as a volunteer girls basketball coach pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements. Motion carried 5-0 with Rovey absent and Pope abstaining.

Adjournment

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pope to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Rovey absent.



President



Secretary