

Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes December 18, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 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, Heather Millburg, and Gretchen Rovey

Board Members Absent:

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Joe Webb Principal, Josh Stone, Kaitlan Cray, Christine Lipe, Laura Snyder, and Kyle Herschelman.

Community Comments

None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to move New Business A: Employability Skills Class Presentation to before Old Business A: Solar Update. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of November 2023, regular and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of December 2023 bills, November 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts.
- C. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

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

New Business Items

*Employability Skills Class Presentation**

Mrs. Lipe's employability skills class presented to the board regarding their proposal to create a Lancer Lounge at the high school. The lounge would be used by students, staff, and classes throughout the day. They proposed developing a class business to help raise funding for the lounge and furniture needed. The class would also like to work to get all their students certified food handlers as a part of the class activities. The certificate will help students gain experience and provide increased opportunities for them post high school.

The board thanked the students and teachers for the presentation.

Old Business Items

Solar Update

Laura Weber from GRP presented information to the board on solar options for the school district. Mrs. Weber went through the incentives and timelines necessary for completing a project. The board did ask a few questions about the incentive process and the timeline as one of the incentives might expire December 31, 2024. The board will seek additional information before moving forward with a project.

Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy

Mr. Hopper indicated there were no changes from the approved tentative levy which was presented in November.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Cowdrey to approve the 2023 tax levy as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*District Land Update**

Mr. Hopper shared the information that he had learned from the district's attorney. The best option is to reach out to the neighbors to see if anyone would be interested in trading properties. The unit office will work to make contact with landowners to gauge interest.

*Board Development**

Mr. Hopper presented information on the first semester of the school year and reviewed the three goals that the district had set for improvement. Goals included attendance, school climate and culture, and organization of leadership within the district. Mr. Hopper reported on the work completed within the district to achieve each district goal.

New Business Items

Resolution (i) transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of the district to the bond and interest fund of the district and (ii) abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, of the District.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Cowdrey to approve the resolution (i) transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of the district to the bond and interest fund of the district and (ii) abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, of the District. Motion carried 7-0.

*First Reading of Board Policies**

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

*Softball Trip Proposal**

Mr. Hopper shared the softball trip proposal with the board. The trip would be to the U of I to watch a softball game and return the same day.

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

Community Comments

None

Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were presented.

Executive Session

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to enter into closed session at 8:37p.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 Millburg and seconded by Pope to reconvene into open session at 9:03p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session Action

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg approve Monty Elvidge as summer FFA sponsor. Motion carried 7-0.

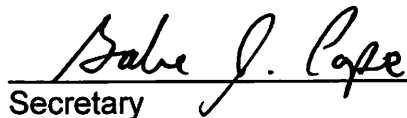
It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to approve Shannon Mitchelar as an assistant cheer coach pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Pope to adjourn at 9:04p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



President



Secretary