

Anderson Union High School District
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Staci Adams, Clerk
Butch Schaefer
Dustin Gurney
Joe Gibson
Jonah Thomas, Student Board Member

Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

An Organizational meeting of the Governing Board of the Anderson Union High School District was called to order by Mr. Joe Gibson at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the Anderson Union High School Library. Present for Closed Session were:

Members of the Board:

Mr. Joe Gibson
Mr. Butch Schaefer
Mrs. Staci Adams
Mrs. Jackie LaBarbera
Mr. Dustin Gurney

Administration:

Mr. Brian Parker
Mrs. Paula Foster

Other:

CLOSED SESSION

Public comment regarding closed session and non-agenda items:

Anderson City Council members Stan Neutze and Melissa Hunt addressed the board and let them know that Anderson City Council supports the district and the district's Pledge of Allegiance policy.

The board went into Closed Session at 6:12pm.

REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Open Session was called to order at 6:39pm. The flag salute was led by Dustin Gurney, Board Trustee. In addition to those in closed session, the following were present:

Administration

Terry Bennett
Donell Evans
Chris Fort
Josh Mason
Brandt Shriner
Tom Safford
Derek Taff

AUHSD Staff

Tamara Pellow

Other

Chris Kelstrom
Hannah Hunt
Keith Webster
Melissa Hunt

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the agenda for the Organizational Meeting of the AUHSD Board of Trustees for December 19, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

In Closed Session the Board voted unanimously to approve the Expulsion Panel recommendations for student cases #CS042324 and #JR052324.

Student Representatives, Hannah Hunt (AUHS), Mary Claire Sulzer, (WVECHS) and Terry Bennett (filled in for Matthew Smith-Sharrah and Emmerson Sublett) (ANTHS), reported on school activities, athletics, and academics.

ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee LaBarbera asked that BP/AR 5141.6 School Health Services be removed from consent. After removal, Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the following:

- 4.1 The minutes from the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- 4.2 The Human Resources Report
- 4.3 The athletic, activity, and academic trips, contingent on the availability of substitutes and the completion of transportation paperwork
- 4.4 The following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
 - BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units
 - AR 4161.1/4261.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave
 - AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves
 - AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave
 - AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses
 - BP 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance
 - BP 5141.5 - Mental Health
 - BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements
- 4.5 The warrants for the following funds: General Fund (Fund 3201); Charter School Fund (Fund 3209); Adult Education (Fund 3211); Cafeteria Fund (Fund 3213); Special Reserve fund for other than Capital Outlay (Fund 3217); District Building Fund (Fund 3221); County School Facilities (Fund 3235); Capital Facilities (Fund 3225); Special Reserve fund for Capital Outlay (Fund 3240); Payroll Clearing Fund (Fund 3276); Deferred Maintenance Fund (Fund 3214); Bond Interest and Redemption Fund (Fund 3251)
- 4.6 The Request to Declare Surplus: 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan

The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 5.1 At the request of Trustee LaBarbera, BP/AR 5141.6 School Health Services was removed from the Consent Agenda. Trustee LaBarbera stated that she is not comfortable adopting the policies as is. She is concerned about certain medical services that we may offer including immunizing kids on campus, and feels the wording needs to be changed. Mrs. Pellow, AUHSD Special Education Teacher reminded the board that this policy could include a nurse helping a diabetic or checking their blood sugar. She

stated we need to be very mindful and don't want to eliminate these services and put our students at risk. Trustee LaBarbera moved, seconded by Trustee Gurney to amend the policy and regulation with input from staff and the school nurse and present them again.

- 5.2 Trustee Gibson nominated, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to elect Trustee Schaefer for President. The motion failed by lack of votes. Trustee Adams nominated, seconded by Trustee Gurney to elect Trustee LaBarbera for President for 2024. The motion carried. Ayes: Adams, LaBarbera, Gurney; Noes: Gibson, Schaefer

Trustee LaBarbera nominated, seconded by Trustee Adams to elect Trustee Adams for Clerk for 2024. The motion carried. Ayes: Adams, LaBarbera, Gurney; Noes: Gibson, Schaefer

- 5.3 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to adopt the Resolution Fixing the Date, Time and Location of Regular Board Meetings of the Board of Trustees for 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5.4 Trustee Gurney moved, seconded by Trustee Gibson to authorize the following persons to sign for approval of warrants and fund transfers of the Anderson Union High School District, in accordance with Education Code §42631, §42632, and §42633:
Brian Parker, Interim Superintendent; Paula Foster, Executive Assistant; Donell Evans, CBO, Jennifer Parks, Accountant; Joe Gibson, Board Member; Butch Schaefer, Board Member; Staci Adams, Board Member, Jackie LaBarbera, Board Member and Dustin Gurney, Board Member. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5.5 Review of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (1st Read)
AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
AR 5141.31 - Immunizations
BP 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications
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BP 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
BP 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education
BP 6173.4 - Education for American Indian Students
AR 6174 - Education for English Learners
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AR 6173.4 - Title VI Indian Education Program- *Delete*

Trustee LaBarbera asked that the board waive the second read for AR 5141.31-Immunizations and adopt it. Trustee Gibson stated that it is only a review item and not an action item. Trustee LaBarbera stated that under Board Bylaw 9310 the board can waive the second reading. Trustee LaBarbera moved, seconded by Trustee Gurney to adopt AR 5141.31-Immunizations. Ayes: Adams, LaBarbera, Gurney, Schaefer; Abstain: Gibson

- 5.6 Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Gibson to approve the request to purchase an AUHS Football Scoreboard. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.7 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the request to purchase an AUHS Softball Scoreboard. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.8 Trustee Gurney moved, seconded by Trustee Gibson to approve the request to purchase a WVHS Football Scoreboard. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5.9 Lisa Michaud, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to amend Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3: *Nondiscrimination/Harassment* and Board Policy 6164.2: *Guidance/Counseling Services*, reported that they had a diverse group of members and each participant shared points and concerns. The main focus was on Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3. Revisions would include adding socioeconomic status to all other protected classes and removing section highlighting right to privacy as it does not pertain to discrimination or harassment and there is policy dealing specifically with privacy rights.

INSTRUCTIONAL

- 5.10 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adopt the 2024-25 School Calendar and the 2024-25 11 and 12 month Calendars. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.11 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adopt the novels that are recommended by the AUHSD Curriculum Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

- 5.12 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Gurney to approve the Annual Certification regarding Worker's Compensation. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.13 Trustee Gibson moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the request to reject all bids for the Anderson High School Small Gym HVAC Project. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.14 Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Gibson approve the request to purchase Cyber Security Software. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.15 Trustee Gurney moved, seconded by Trustee LaBarbera to approve the 2023/24 First Interim Reports and Resolution for Budget Adjustments. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Tom Safford, Principal of Anderson Union High School stated that the Pledge of Allegiance is cited during first period every day. He reported that the Curriculum Advisory Committee has approved two new courses for Anderson High School, Ag Farm Power and Equipment and Ag Mechanics IV.

Chris Fort, Director of Alternative Education stated that they have a recorded Pledge of Allegiance that is played. They are reevaluating their Elevate and Hope City programs. Students seem to prefer the one on one meetings and not the group meetings.

Terry Bennett, Principal of Anderson New Technology High School spoke about his increase in enrollment. He informed the board that Jonah Thomas, our Student Board Member, applied for a scholarship through Questbridge, which had approximately 20,000 applicants and received a full ride scholarship at a Liberal Arts School in Maine.

Josh Mason, Principal of West Valley High School and Director of Instructional Services reported on activities at West Valley. He stated that they are no longer using Elevate Services and will continue to use Dunamis services. He will have the results of the surveys for Prop 28 at the next board meeting.

Brian Parker, Interim Superintendent reported that the sites already have gender-neutral bathrooms. He suggested that the agenda be restructured so that the reports and comments are at the beginning so attendees are still in attendance.

Staci Adams, Board Trustee declined Clerk of the Board, which she was nominated for earlier in the meeting. She would like Mr. Schaefer to be Clerk again since he has experience. This will be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Butch Schaefer, Board Trustee congratulated Jackie LaBarbera on her nomination as president. He reported that the gym dedication to Mr. Brown was good. He stated that he is glad the sites are citing the Pledge of Allegiance and feels that is very important.

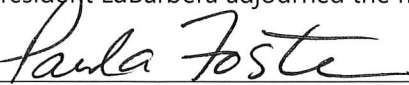
Dustin Gurney, Board Trustee stated that he appreciates everyone that has stayed until the end of the meeting. He is glad that the agenda will be restructured so everyone can hear comments.

Joe Gibson, Board Trustee stated he is very impressed with the board working together and hope it continues and looks forward to working as a team.

Jackie LaBarbera, Board President thanked the board and the district for letting her attend the CSBA conference. She learned a lot in the many workshops she attended. She stated that the last year she has done things that are not the best way but knows she also has done good things. She stated she would do her best as president.

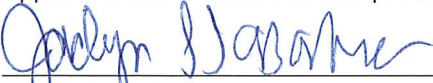
ADJOURNMENT

President LaBarbera adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm. Minutes submitted by:



Paula Foster, Executive Assistant

Approved and entered into the proceedings of the district, January 16, 2024.



Jackie LaBarbera
President, AUHSD Board of Trustees



Staci Adams
Clerk, AUHSD Board of Trustees