

**PIONEER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2022
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM
Meeting Location: Pioneer Middle School Library & Virtual Link
Board President: Mr. Kipple

Board President Kipple opened the virtual meeting at 6:00 PM and swore in newly appointed school board member Robert Clark, Position 3. At 6:05 PM the meeting was called to order by President Kipple and he led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established. All five directors were present.

The following community and staff members were in attendance; Paula Ackerlund, Trisha Amundson, Abbie Ashcraft, Kim Auset, Kathleen Beaudoin, Hannah Bennett, Trish Bennett, Aimee Beutel, Connie Bingham, Doris Bolender, Rana Brown, Kamala Budge, Amy Byykkonen, Sherrie Cadle, Tawnya Chemers, Steve Collier, Amy Dahlberg, Eric Dahlberg, Caroline Davenport, Dan Deacon, Katie Deacon, Donna DeMott, Tami DuBois, Elizabeth Earles, Shelly Gable, Becky Guilford, Darla Hylton, Morgan Jump, Ron Klopfenstein, Amy Koster, Robin Kotelnicki Deann Maples, Sara Montalto, Shawn Montano, Izzy Oleson, Joan Pauly, Kathleen Peck, Deneen Phelan, Douglas Pierce, Josh Reese, Cassandra Rhoades, Margie Rolfs, Asia Schreiner, Artemia Settle, Marissa Shumaker, Mason Shumaker, Laura Smith, Valerie Smith, Megan Thurston, Matt Urban, Jessie VanAagten, Carolyn Vivian, Terry Weeden, Gordon Weeks, Lynne Zamzow.

Approval of Agenda – Dr. Day moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Dr. Schlitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Dr. Day moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the board minutes dated December 14, 2021, and December 22, 2021. Dr. Schlitz seconded the motion with the board minutes as amended.

Business Operations – Finance Director Chris Bishop shared month-end financial reports for the month of December.

Superintendent's Report – Pioneer Elementary Principal Kimberly Powell and MTSS Specialist Laura Smith presented an overview of the District's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Sharing the impact and importance of having MTSS for all students.

Discussion Items – The Board discussed scheduling a retreat for possibly the end of February. The purpose would be to establish board goals, define roles, and responsibilities and team building.

Dr. Schlitz moved to nominate Dr. Susan Day, as Pioneer School Board Chairperson. Mr. Kipple indicated he would be willing to remain Pioneer School Board President. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Clark – Dr. Day
Dr. Schlitz – Dr. Day

Mr. Lee – Dr. Day
Dr. Day – Dr. Day

Mr. Kipple – Mr. Kipple

Dr. Day was voted Pioneer School Board President.

Mr. Clark nominated Dr. Schlitz to be Pioneer School Board Vice President. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Clark – Yes
Dr. Schlitz – Abstain

Mr. Lee – Yes
Dr. Day – Yes

Mr. Kipple – Yes

Dr. Stephanie Schlitz was voted Pioneer School Board Vice President

Dr. Day nominated Mr. Kipple to be Pioneer School Board Legislative Representative. A roll call vote was taken

Mr. Clark – Yes
Dr. Schlitz – Yes

Mr. Lee – Yes
Dr. Day – Yes

Mr. Kipple – Yes

Mr. Clark and Mr. Lee will work with committees as they are established.

At 7:17 PM Dr. Day announced the Board would be going into executive session for 30 minutes to review a personnel matter. At 7:47 PM Dr. Day called the regular meeting back to order.

Requests to Address the Board

Tawnya Chemers – Will Dr. Day and Dr. Schlitz reschedule their Elementary onsite visit? With the absence of Dr. Diehl who will staff go to for district leadership? We are seeing that she has ghosted us.

Dan Deacon – My question is as a parent and community member. I understand the classified union was presenting a vote of no confidence with Superintendent Diehl tonight. I'm wondering why there is no mention of this in the minutes or public record.


Connie Bingham – I would like to talk about the recent school closure due to COVID. We need to be mindful of how we pivot. Staff and students had less than 20 minutes' notice prior to school being released that school would be closing due to COVID. For the wellness of our students, we need to have at least a 4-5 hour notice and certainly more accessibility for parents after the closure to get prepared. Thank you very much.

Deneen Phelan – Some teachers did not have access to the internet during this closure. Teaching from the parking lot, without heat, a desk, and no bathroom is not acceptable. Teachers work really hard. It is important to have flexibility. We need to come up with real solutions. Starbucks parking lot is not a solution.


Trisha Amundson - I would like those individuals who have left the district to have the opportunity to have time to talk with Dr. Ackerlund. Especially Josh Stoney. She needs to understand we are losing amazing staff members. Please reach out to staff who have left within the last year and allow them to be interviewed by Dr. Ackerlund.

With no further public comments, Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

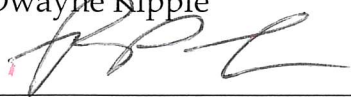


Robert Clark



Dr. Susan Day


Dwayne Kipple



Richard Lee



Dr. Stephanie Schlitz

ATTEST: 

Doris Bolender, Secretary to the Board of Directors

