PIONEER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:

April 26, 2022

Time of Meeting:

6:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Pioneer Middle School Commons & Virtual Link

Board Vice-Chair:

Dr. Schlitz

Dr. Schlitz called the meeting to order. Mr. Clark led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established with five board members in attendance.

The following community and staff members were in attendance;
Trisha Amundson, Leticia Barrales, Banyan Barry, Scott Barry, John Bash, Pa Benedict,
Tawan Benedict, Tony Benedict, Connie Bingham, Chris Bishop, Allison Boutwell, Matt
Boutwell, Mindy Boutwell, Lynn Chakos, Cicely Conklin, Amy Dahlberg, Eric
Dahlberg, Dan Deacon, Kayla DeHart, Fran Driedger, Kristen Drogmund, Rhonie
Duncan, April Gardenhire, John Gardenhire, Selena Gardenhire, Skylar Gardenhire,
Zoie Gardenhire, Becky Guilford, Gildy Guzman Barrales, Pamela Harrell, Drew
Helser, Jacob Hitsman, Mya Keyzers, Jennifer Lorenzo, Ginny Parker, Steve Parker,
Jason Rowe, Devin Rubino Shepard, Xiomara Sanchez, Kerry Schuffenhauer, Rod
Schuffenhauer, Amanda Simmons, Laura Smith, Lee Strohm, Megan Thurston, Matt
Urban, Jessie VanAagten, Joel Williams, Glenn Wyatt, Lynne Zamzow, and Susan Zetty.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> – Mr. Clark moved to amend the April 26, 2022, agenda by adding Discussion Item 10 – Superintendent Finalist Announcement and Discussion Item 11 – Board Comments. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Consent Agenda</u> – Mr. Clark moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the March 22, 2022, April 12, 2022, April 19, 2022 and April 21, 2022 school board meetings. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Business Operations</u> – After reviewing budget status reports for the month of March, Finance Director Chris Bishop shared a budget update will be given at the May school board meeting.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u> – Superintendent Bolender's report included details regarding year-end activities such as Spring testing, interviews for next year staffing, and student events happening at both the Elementary and Middle Schools. April recipients of the GRIT Awards were announced and acknowledged. Pioneer Middle School students who participated and received awards in the Discovery (Western Washington Regional) Science & Engineering Fair were recognized and Pioneer Kiwanis Club was acknowledged for the commitment and dedication to the students and staff at Pioneer School District.

<u>Discussion Items</u> – Mr. Clark moved to approve the 2021-2022 Out of Endorsement Assignments for Dan Farr, 5th Grade teacher and Brett Lewis, Elementary STEM teacher. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lee moved to approve the April surplus list as submitted. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the formation of the Pioneer Citizen Advisory Committee which will focus on the District's Strategic Plan, will report to the superintendent, and will be reviewed by the Board annually to determine if the committee will continue or expand. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The first reading of draft Policy 5161 – Civility in the Workplace, Policy 5225 – Staff Code of Conduct, and Policy 5515 – Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress was completed by Dr. Schlitz.

At 7:10 PM, Dr. Schlitz announced the board would be going into an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The board will be in an executive session until 7:30 PM. The board is expected to action following the executive session. At 7:30 PM Dr. Schlitz announced the board will be extending the executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 7:40 PM.

At 7:40 PM, Dr. Schlitz called the Special School Board Meeting back to session.

Ms. Rowe moved to invite superintendent candidate Jeff Davis to the District as a finalist for the open superintendent position. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved to invite superintendent candidate Lisa Riggs to the District as a finalist for the open superintendent position. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments - In honor of Administrative Professional Day, the Pioneer Board of Directors honored the District's Administrative Assistant Lynn Chakos.

Requests to Address the Board

Connie Bingham – Will the superintendent interviews be open to the public. There will be an open interview time for stakeholders to hear superintendent candidate interviews.

Shawn Montano – Would like the school board to consider recording board meetings in the future.

Mr. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, 2022

Robert Clark

Dr. Susan Day

Richard Lee

Ellory Rowe

Dr. Stephanie Schlitz

ATTEST: D. ROOM

Doris Bolender, Secretary to the Board of Director

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