

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

Date of Meeting: April 25, 2023
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM
Meeting Location: Pioneer Middle School Commons & Virtual Link
President Pro Tempore: Dr. Schlitz

At 6 PM Dr. Schlitz called the meeting to order and Mr. Clark led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established with four board members present. Dr. Day was absent and excused.

The following community and staff members were in attendance Chris Bishop, Lynn Chakos, Amy Dahlberg, Jeff Davis, Dan Deacon, Katie Deacon, Kalie Enlow, Mark Gudger, Amy Koster, Amanda Simmons, Sam Simmons, Ta'lesha Smith, Megan Thurston, Coral Warren, Lisa Wilkes, and Joel Williams.

Requests to Address the Board – There were no online requests to address the board at the time of the meeting. Shawn Montano, in attendance, asked fiscal clarification questions. Dr. Schlitz, emphasized the board is always interested in comments and thoughts from the public and indicated the board would respond to Mr. Montano's question by email.

Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda – Mr. Lee moved to that under agenda item 11 Discussion/ Action to add Facilities Update (Information) to the agenda. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rowe moved that under agenda item 11 Discussion/ Action to add Formation of an Early Learning Committee (Action). Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda – Ms. Rowe moved to approve the revised agenda with the changes and additions as moved and seconded. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Lee moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Rowe seconded the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Operations – Fiscal Director Chris Bishop reviewed the March 2023 financial reports as well as revenue and expenditure charts.

Student Report – ASB Officer Ta'lesha Smith shared upcoming events for both May and June. Middle School ASB officers also visited and talked with 5th grade students about leadership skills and responsibilities.

Principal Reports – The Elementary School's 1st Grade Team proudly shared photos of their students celebrating 120 days of school. The day was filled with fun educational and interactive activities all relating to the number 120.

Assistant Principal Kalie Enlow shared the Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2022-2023. The plan has school-wide goal areas, supporting data as well as the action steps to achieve the goals, resources, responsibility, evidence of implementation, monitoring effectiveness and next steps.

Middle School Science Teacher Coral Warren and 6th-grade student Sam Simson shared exciting details about the new elective class entitled Garden to Table. With two days focused on gardening and two on cooking, both teacher and student agree learning is creative, inspiring, and fun. With the leadership of Principal Van Marter, Middle School staff continues to discuss next year's courses which will focus on academic achievement but also include some enrichment electives.

Superintendent Report – We are waiting for final approval by the county on moving forward with permits for the administrative building. L&I will be reviewing the project and should give us approval in the coming month. Will meet with Chris Bishop to take a preliminary look at our budget. A preschool survey will be created and sent out to get feedback from our families and community regarding if there is a need for a preschool at Pioneer. Human Resources getting ready to post open positions for next year. We continue to advertise for bus drivers and substitutes.

Discussion Items – Facilities Update – District building plans will be completed and submitted to Labor and Industries as well as the county. The goal continues to be moved into the new building the first week of August.

Ms. Rowe moved to form an Early Learning Committee preliminary led by Elizabeth Derrick, Preschool and Inclusive Learning Teacher, and an administrator appointed by Superintendent Davis. The committee's charge will be to research early learning and to make an early learning program recommendation to the Board. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee moved to table the approval of the modular classroom at the Elementary School until the May meeting so additional information could be collected. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rowe moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit Passenger Van. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rowe moved to approve the purchase of the electric buses and charging stations as presented by Fiscal Director Chris Bishop. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


At 8:00 PM, Dr. Schlitz announced the board will meet in an executive session to review the performance of a public employee RCW 42.20.110.1 (g). The board will be in executive session until 8:20 PM. The board is not expected to take further action following the executive session.

At 8:20 PM, Mr. Clark announced the board would be extending the executive session for a period of 15 minutes, until 8:35 PM.

At 8:35 PM, Dr. Schlitz called the regular board meeting back to order.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

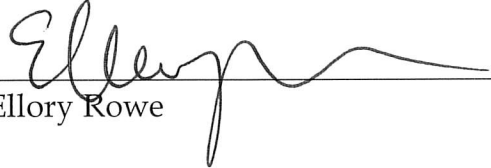
APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2023.



Robert Clark

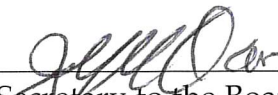


Rick Lee



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Dr. Stephanie Schlitz

ATTEST: 

Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board of Director

