

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

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2023
Time of Meeting: 6:03 PM
Meeting Location: Pioneer Middle School Mr. Farr's Classroom
Vice President: Ms. Rowe

Prior to the start of the school board meeting, Superintendent Davis swore in newly elected board member Ms. Rebecca Bechtolt, Position 1 and re-elected board members Rick Lee, Position 2; Robert Clark, Position 3; and Ellory Rowe, Position 4.

The following community and staff members were in attendance in person or via Google Meets Chris Bishop, Lynn Chakos, Cicely Conklin, Amy Dalhberg, Caroline Davenport, Jeff Davis, Dan Deacon, Kalie Enlow, Mark Gudger, Becky Guilford, Matt Urban, Tricia VanMarter, Joel Williams and Janelle Wytham.

Requests to Address the Board - None requests at this time.

Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda - Ms. Bechtolt asked to have New Business added to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda - Dr. Day moved to add New Business to the December agenda Mr. Lee moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Principal Reports - December was a busy month at the Elementary School. Two music concerts, an end of the month assembly, and students brought in over 1, 300 items for their food drive. Elementary SOAR expectations will be retaught to students when we return from Winter Break. The math curriculum committee will meet in early January.

With good attendance being a high priority for both the school board and schools, Dan Deacon, Middle School Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) reviewed attendance procedures and data with board members.

Business Operations - Fiscal Director Chris Bishop read financial balances, reports, and charts for the month of November 2023.

Recognition & Appreciation - Superintendent Davis and the Pioneer Board of Directors recognized Dr. Stephanie Schlitz with a token of appreciation for her wisdom, leadership, and dedication to Pioneer School District. Dr. Schlitz served as a school board member from August 2021 to December 2023.

Superintendent Report - In addition to the Superintendent Board Report, Mr. Davis was happy to report that beginning the first of January, we will be back to having six full bus routes. The district office project continues to make progress and we anticipate the delivery of the module sections will be mid-January.

Discussion Items – Superintendent Davis shared WSSDA’s Legislative Conference and Day on the Hill is scheduled for January 28-29, 2024.

Dr. Day moved to approve the Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program (TBIP) Grant as submitted. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with four board members voting in favor of the motion. Ms. Bechtolt abstained due to her being unfamiliar with the application.

Fiscal Director Chris Bishop presented a 2022-2023 Year End Fiscal Report. A question and answer time followed. The Board thanked Mr. Bishop for his presentation.


Mr. Clark moved to approve the email security and authentication steps presented by Technology Director Joel Williams. Dr. Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business – Ms. Bechtolt asked the Board to consider creating a parental/ stakeholder/ community advisory committee. This will be considered and discussed at the January Study Session.

Ms. Bechtolt asked that the Board consider creating a Google Meeting link for study sessions to encourage community involvement. As well as consider video-taping board meetings and posting them to the District website. This will be considered and discussed at the January Study Session.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Dr. Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.



Rebecca Bechtolt

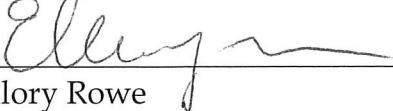
Richard Clark



Dr. Susan Day



Rick Lee



Ellory Rowe

ATTEST: 

Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board of Director