

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

Date of Meeting: March 26, 2024
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM
Meeting Location: Pioneer Middle School Commons & Virtual Link
Vice President: Ms. Rowe

Ms. Rowe called the meeting to order at 6 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established with all five board members in attendance.

The following community and staff members were in attendance Chris Bishop, Lynn Chakos, Amy Dahlberg, Jeff Davis, Kalie Enlow, Mark Gudger, Heidi Hauge, MacKenzie Noble, Kathy Sheahan, Nicole Toy, Tricia Van Marter, and Joel Williams.

Requests to Address the Board – No requests to address the board.

Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda – Ms. Rowe moved that Agenda Item 12 Executive Session be moved to the end of the agenda. Ms. Bechtolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda – With the approved change to the agenda, Dr. Day moved to approve the agenda as revised. Ms. Bechtolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Dr. Day moved to approve the consent agenda as posted. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations – Elementary STEM Teacher Heidi Hauge started her presentation by outlining the significance of the STEM program and its encouragement for all students. Highlighting the invaluable exposure to science, technology, and mathematics, students engage in collaborative and critical thinking projects. Ms. Hauge expressed gratitude to the Board for their continued support for Pioneer students.

Members of the District's Math Curriculum Team shared their comprehensive system and approach for evaluating proposed math curriculum. The system included gathering input from staff, families and community as well as visiting another district to see how proposed curriculum being used in classrooms. After thorough consideration, the team recommended the Board proceed with the adoption of i-Ready Math curriculum for grades K-8.

Principal Reports – Elementary Principal Gudger shared that the Elementary band who had recently performed continues to make grow and improve from year to year. In the month of March, the Character Strong focus was on Honesty. The PTO Book Fair was also a success. Vice Principal Enlow talked about the priority and progress made as the Elementary team actively reaches out to families regarding improving attendance.

Middle School students are involved in many positive events. Ms. Van Marter proudly shared that two middle school students received a superior rating in a band competition and several other students completed in a regional science fair, results are forthcoming. While the majority of students are engaged in Tier 1 practices, there is still significant work ahead for both students and staff. Teachers are focusing on consistency and acknowledge a positive momentum.

Business Operations – Mr. Bishop presented and answered questions regarding the February 2024 budget summary and status reports.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Davis shared details about the company CGI Digital being onsite capturing footage of various activities across both buildings to produce a 60-second promotional video for Pioneer School District, to be featured on the Mason County website. The Pioneer Kiwanis Annual Dinner and Auction was very successful, benefitting Pioneer students and staff. Board members were also given a monthly written report.

Discussion Items – Dr. Day moved to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar (3.2) as presented to the Board. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Day moved to approve i-Ready Math Curriculum (K-8) as recommended. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee moved to approve Resolution 02-2024 Reduction in Force: Certificated. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved to approve Resolution 03-2024 Reduction in Force: Classified. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Davis and the Board of Directors recognized the outstanding efforts of Fiscal Director Chris Bishop in completing the recent 2022-2023 audit. The finalized audit results revealed no deficiencies in the reviewed areas, a validation to the excellence work of Mr. Bishop and the fiscal team.

New Business – No new business at this time.


Board Share – The Board appreciates the hard work and effort going to improving student attendance. This foundational work and consistency create a stable environment for our students and families.

At 7:28 pm, Ms. Rowe announced the Board would now be going into executive session to review the performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110 1 (g). The Board will be in session until 7:48 pm and it is not expected to take further action following the executive session.

At 7:48 pm. Ms. Rowe called the regular meeting back to order.

Ms. Bechtolt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Dr. Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

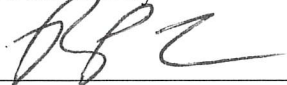
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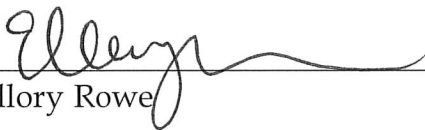
Rebecca Bechtolt



Robert Clark

Dr. Susan Day


Rick Lee



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Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board of Director

