Asotin-Anatone School District Board Meeting Agenda
March 21, 2011
High School Library

Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Chris Loseth, Chairman
Warren Benner, Vice Chair
Graeson Parsons, WIAA Rep
Laura Ackerman, Member
Tim Simpson, Legislative Rep

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT
Greg Godwin, Superintendent
Dale Bonfield, High School Principal
Wes Nicholas, Elementary Principal
Adric Arndt, Special Services Director

Patrons present: Whitney Bonfield, Kelly Brady, Kathy Bremner, Nate Reade

Call to Order 7:10 P.M.
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Consent Agenda
Tim Simpson motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; Warren Benner seconded the motion, which carried.

/Minutes
/ Enrollment
/Budget Status
/Personnel Report
/ASB AP Mid Month  Mar 104280-104297  $ 12,657.67
/GP AP Mid Month  Mar 104298  $ 994.57
/GF AP  Mar 104299-104368  $ 77,931.04
/ASB AP  Mar 104369  $ 19.35
/GF Comp Tax  Mar 104370  $ 524.76
/ASB Comp Tax Mar 104371  $ 230.16
/GF AP 2nd Run  Mar 104372  $ 770.19
/AP Payroll  Mar 104373-104394  $340,653.43
/IRS  Mar WIRE  $ 69,549.62
/CP  NONE
/TVF  NONE

For security purposes the Detailed Payroll Report is hand delivered to the board for approval then shredded.
Comments and Questions from Patrons
There were no comments or questions from patrons.

Approval of the agenda
Chairman, Chris Loseth asked to add Item #14a Library Report

Laura Ackerman motioned to add Item #14a Library Report to the agenda; Tim Simpson seconded the motion, which carried.

Good News Report
Warren Benner commented on the great success of the Read Across America day at the elementary. It was fun for all and well attended by parents. Thank you to Potlatch Credit Union for providing the donuts for the event. Mr. Benner also congratulated the FFA on doing well at their competitions.

Laura Ackerman congratulated Mr. Nicholas on receiving the distinguished principal award. Mrs. Ackerman also commented that she attended the recent Mr. AHS competition and enjoyed the program. Thank you to all who contributed to the event.

Graeson Parsons thanked Shari Lyons for her hard work in organizing Mr. AHS. Mr. Parsons also recognized the athletic teams for receiving the collective GPA award from WIAA. It is great to have teams that excel in academics as well as sports.

Tim Simpson commented on the outstanding performance by the Jazz and choir groups at the Lionel Hampton Music Festival.

Chris Loseth congratulated Sheila Witters for receiving the ESD 12’s Shoot for the Moon Award.

Science Curriculum Status Report
Members of the Science Department gave a report on the Science Curriculum. It was one year ago this month that the board approved the technology based science curriculum.

Ms. Bonfield stated that grades k-5 are still learning how to use the program, but are enjoying what they are learning. Kindergarten has incorporated the program but still looking for other ways to bring it into the classroom for this age group. The program is highly used in the 2nd grade and they have been able to work on the laptops with the Junior High students. The 3rd and 4th grades are using the science program as a supplement to what they are already doing in the classroom. In the 5th grade, it has been used successfully and the students enjoy the visuals and opportunities for at home learning.

Ms Bremner notes that the 6-8th grades have had a little more difficult time incorporating this into their program. The supplements have been great which has encouraged students to research the information they are looking for. However, certain things cannot be duplicated in the program and there is little time to do the virtual labs. The
students would all enjoy spending more time in the labs which leads to further discussion and real life problems. A great feature is that research can be done without leaving the site. No other supplemental websites or research is needed to complete a lab or research project.

Mrs. Brady commented that she likes the program for the 9-10th grades. Mrs. Brady is still doing all the same things as before, but the virtual labs bring a whole new content into the classroom.

Mr. Reade noted that the 11-12th grades have switched to a new Chemistry textbook. It is easier to follow and up to date. There are more environmental problems and examples in the text.

Mr. Bonfield noted that next year will be the first year that we will be offering a standalone calculus class. As challenging classes such as math and science are introduced in the earlier grades, the students are prepared to take more challenging classes in high school.

Mr. Godwin notes that the increase in technology in the classroom and the added hands on leaning is all part of the strategic plan.

**Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Nicholas commented on the 5th & 6th grade band performing at Lincoln. The kids did a great job not only performing, but listening as well. Thank you to Mr. Bowman for his hard work and commitment to this program. Laura Ackerman questioned the Missoula Children’s Theater only coming every other year. Mr. Nicholas stated that the PTO is talking about this option, which would allow Shari Lyons to present a program such as Circus or At the Hop like we have seen in past years.

There were no questions or comments on the Special Services report.

Mr. Bonfield noted that technology is always changing. The high school has several classes that are moving towards online blogs for students. E-mail is already an outdated piece of technology with the younger generation. Teachers are looking at courses and discussions being done through on line blogging in the future. Mr. Parsons questioned who would monitor this information. Mr. Bonfield noted that there are programs you can put into place to review what is on the blog. There has been a decrease in bullying since technology has been used, as technology can provide proof of what is going on.

Mr. Parsons commented the Clarkston High School is a NIKE school and asked if we could look into this for our school. Mr. Bonfield will research this.

Tim Simpson asked if there was a Knowledge Bowl program for the Junior High or High School School students. Mr. Bonfield noted that there was, but the cost is about $500.00 per year. The Clarkston School District has a High School program, but there is no one in the area doing a Junior High program.
**Business Managers Report**
Mrs. Schaefer noted the auditors would be here in April. She will contact Mr. Loseth for the opening introductions when they are ready for this.

**Report on Agreement with Asotin County Library**
Mr. Bonfield stated that a rough draft of the agreement as gone to the Library’s attorney. Mr. Loseth and Mr. Simpson are also on the committee reviewing the agreement. The committee is looking for what would be in the best interest of our schools and students, as well as considering the community’s needs. One of the considerations is that the internet filters will remain on the computers. Not everything on the internet would be available to community. Since this is a school, we are required to maintain the integrity of the school rules.

Mr. Simpson noted that more information should be available in May. Mr. Loseth commented that the school is getting a gift in that the line is delivered to the school at no cost, but then we have to decide how much of the line we want to lease. The library will be located in the high school library. There will be gates and only on entrance open to the facilities during the time the library is open. The police have already pledged to monitor the school area during the open times.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Math Field Trip Request**
Laura Ackerman motioned to approve the overnight field trip request for math; Graeson Parsons seconded the motion, which carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on High School Athletic Handbook (First Reading)**
A group consisting of students, parents, administrators and a board member have reviewed the current High School Athletic Handbook and made the changes reflect in red. It is being submitted to the board for its first reading. The board discussed some of the changes being presented.

Tim Simpson motioned to approve the first reading of the High School Athletic Handbook; Warren Benner seconded the motion, which carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Policy No. 3115 Transitional Students (Second Reading)**
Policy No. 3115 is being updated to reflect changes in wording from transitional students to homeless students. There are also changes being made to the process for parents to disagree with a student’s eligibility. There have been no changes since the first reading.

Warren Benner motioned to approve the second reading of Policy No. 3115 Transitional Students, Graeson Parsons seconded the motion, which carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Advertising Signs on Baseball Field**
Mr. Bonfield made a proposal to allow advertising signs at the baseball field. The board discussed the proposal of allowing signs on the baseball field.
Graeson Parsons motioned to approve the advertising of signs for organizations during the organized baseball season of March 1st to July 30th. The advertising must be displayed on a 3x4 vinyl sign with grommet holes on the lower fence. It will be the sponsor’s choice of which field they would like the sign to be hung on. The placement order of the sign will be determined by the school. Tim Simpson seconded the motion, which carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Washington Achievement Awards Presentation
The Asotin Jr. Sr. High School recently received the Washington Achievement Award in two categories. We have been given an invitation to attend the Awards Ceremony and reception where the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction present plaques to the 186 Districts qualifying. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. in Tacoma.

Tim Simpson motioned to send Dale Bonfield, a teacher and a board member to the Washington Achievement Awards Presentation in Tacoma; Laura Ackerman seconded the motion, which carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on QSAB Funding
In late January the board was notified that we were the recipient of a $12.8 M QSAB grant to pay interest on the facilities bond. We can only use this money if we pass a bond before June 21, 2011. If we do no pass a bond, the money will automatically revert back to OSPI. OSPI has requested that the district attempt to notify them as early as possible if we are not going to run another bond before June 21. That way the funds can be released to another school district.

Mr. Godwin noted that the results of the recent meeting, showed an overwhelming rejection of running another bond. The board discussed other options that would allow us to keep the QSAB and change the amount of the bond.

Mr. Loseth noted that the community has spoken and decided that they do not want a bond. If we were to run a bond at a scaled back version, there would be a huge amount of research that there is simply not time for.

The board understands the need for a new school, but to relay this information to the community in an informative and timely way is crucial. The community as a whole understands the need, but they simply cannot support the funds for this during this economy.

Mr. Godwin notes that we are currently seeking bids for the HVAC and roof as this still needs to be replaced. The energy efficiency changes the school needs cannot be done as we do not have funds at this time. This will need to be done with a new building or a large amount of funds.

Warren Benner motioned to notify OSPI that we will not be using the QSAB grant; Tim Simpson seconded the motion, which carried.
Adjourned
Chairman, Chris Loseth adjourned the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

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Chris Loseth, Chairman            Greg Godwin, Superintendent