

ACH Cooperative Joint Board Meeting

March 24, 2022

7:00 PM Joint Board Meeting

Almira Portable Cafeteria

PRESENT

Jim Evans, Dan Read, Lyndsey Mitchell, Dawn Baergen, Kelley Boyd, Liz Molitor, Cameron Carstensen, Ryan Poe, Josh Wood, Jesse Brunner, Todd Monson, Ryan Peha, Rayna Edwards, Sean Matthewson, Kelsey Hoppe, Justin Manning, Brandon Walsh and Laureen Robertson.

OPEN MEETING

Almira Board Chair Cameron Carstensen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ADMIN/STAFF REPORTS

ACH MS Principal report

Principal Hoppe shared that elementary students have been in the portables for three weeks and middle school for two weeks. Ms. Hoppe shared that there have been glitches to smooth out, but overall it has been a smooth transition from their temporary classrooms to the portable campus.

3rd - 8th grade attended a play that was housed at the brick house in Coulee City, due to a power outage in Hartline where it was originally supposed to be held. Hoppe thanked Coulee-Hartline for accommodating this last minute change. The play was sponsored in part by Columbia Basin Allied Arts and students enjoyed it.

Panel touchscreen computers have been here for several weeks for staff, but the carts just arrived this week, so those have been delivered to classrooms now and are being programmed to work.

A friend of Dr. Sememti is donating warrior strong shirts for all staff and students.

ACH MS AD Report

AD Matthewson - Baseball and softball start tuesday.
17 signed up for each.

Home games will be in Hartline for this year.

Most items have been replaced from the fire in regards to uniforms and equipment, some delayed only due to backordered items.

ACH Principal Report

Principal Boyd shared that Prom was held March 12th in Spokane. 8 schools participated, which meant 350 to 400 students attended. Restrictions had just been lifted prior to the prom which allowed it to happen without testing. Cost was split between all participating schools. Each school had to pay \$540.

ADMIN/STAFF REPORT cont. ASB is sponsoring a trip to the mariners 9th - 11th grade students will be allowed to attend if academically eligible.

HS - DYW program. 8 ACH juniors participate. Kaylee Wodtka was named Distinguished Young Women 2022- Isabel Brink was first runner up. Prairie Parrish second runner up. Several scholarships awarded.

April 11th reports cards will be mailed out.

High school has begun transitioning back into traditional setting using cafeteria and lockers now that COVID restrictions are lifted.

Bi-County Honor Choir and Band concert will be at the Fox Theater in Spokane on March 28th.

Senior presentations will be held March 30th and 31st.

Testing will be held in May. (SAT etc.)

H.S.Drama production will be held May 24th and 26th.

Boyd asked for one board member from each board to present diplomas at graduation. Lyndsey Mitchell and Brian Isaak offered.

HS AD Report

HS AD Walsh shared that the winter season finished successful with a highlight of boys basketball placing 2nd in state.

Baseball schedule is online and up to date. 26 players this year.

5 jv games scheduled - 2 double headers and 1 single.

1 8th grader playing up. He will play both MS and HS.

Softball schedule is online and up to date. 20 players this year.

1 jv game at this point, working to try and schedule more.

Track 2 girls running with Grand Coulee Co-op.

1 golfer with dad as coach.

Walsh has begun working on fall schedules and wondered how the boards feel about travel. Isaak asked if teams could meet in the middle? Walsh is still in the research part, and said that is something to consider. Board agreed getting games scheduled is important, especially if some compromise on drive time can be met.

Carstensen asked about 8th grade participation policy. Superintendent Evans said that 2014 was when the first conversation took place. Low turnout in football prompted the discussion. In 2017 it was revisited and

both boards decided it would need board approval per case. Both boards agreed if it didn't affect the middle school program, they were ok with it. Then at a Joint Board meeting later in the same year, the Board gave Athletic Directors permission to make that call. In that time, WIAA also changed the rules regarding 8th grade participation.

Choice student enrollment was discussed and it was determined that district superintendents will approve or deny requests as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of each individual district.
No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Almira Rebuild Progress - Read gave an update on funding, plans for the new building and gave a tour of portables.

Elective Course Offerings - CTE has been a passion subject for Read. Students 4th grade to 7th grade had been surveyed for elective classes preferred and results were. The Almira Board would like to offer CTE courses that start at the middle school level and continue in High School. Both boards agreed this would be something to discuss in the future.

Calendar - Matthewson presented the 2022-2023 calendar as agreed upon by committees in both districts, after input from all staff. Brunner made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Peha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

C.H.S.D Baergen made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Poe seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Isaak asked about discussion and thought regarding going to a $\frac{4}{5}$ day week school year in the future. The idea would take all half days out of the year and take out 2 Fridays per month to give teachers time for all their items needed with no students. Allows for flexibility in scheduling for students going to games, before holidays etc. Not something to decide on now, but worth discussing and offering a focus group in the future.

Snow Make-up days

Brunner made a motion to approve May 27th and June 16th. Peha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

C.H.S.D Baergen made a motion to approve same dates. Wood seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting - Carstensen requested quarterly meetings. Isaak mentioned that he felt staff meeting more frequently makes sense rather than board meetings together quarterly. He suggested the boards meeting twice per year, but staff meeting more frequently. It was agreed that this year may be an exception due to Almira Rebuild Project. It was decided that the next Joint Board Meeting would be October 26th and held in Coulee City following their regular board meeting.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Brunner seconded. C.H.S.D Poe made a motion to adjourn. Baergen seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

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