

**Almira School District No. 17**

June 21, 2022

5:30 PM Workshop

6:00 PM Redistricting Hearing

6:10 PM Regular Board Meeting

- PRESENT** Ryan Peha, Jesse Brunner, Lyndsey Mitchell and Cameron Carstensen. Sean Matthewson, Damon Gardella, Gene Sementi, Kelsey Hoppe, Brandon Walsh, Justin Manning , Todd Monson and Laureen Robertson.
- WORKSHOP** Read shared Budget overview and Cash Flow analysis and provided staffing updates - K/1 combo and bus drivers and ASB Advisor.  
GMP update was shared by Gene Sementi and Damon Gardella.  
A potential value engineering list was shared. Value Engineering is a list of potential cuts to make the gap between funding and cost manageable.  
Things like type of lockers, display cases, landscaping cuts and other items. Prices have been rising exponentially week by week. The sooner the price is locked in, the less likely items will have to be cut.  
Plan is still on track to open new building fall of 2023 and to start tearing down the portable city by July 2023 so that gravel can be used for parking and the football field has time to be restored for fall as well.
- REDISTRICTING** Read shared the small changes to the redistricting boundaries for Board positions. Resolution will be presented for board approval next month.  
At 6:08 PM, Mitchell made a motion to end the Hearing. Peha seconded. Motion carried.
- REGULAR MEETING** Board Chair Cameron Carstensen opened the regular board meeting at 6:10 PM.
- ADDITION** Mitchell made a motion to add ASB Advisor, Bus Driver hire, board resignation to agenda.
- AUDIENCE HEARING** Concern from Matthewson regarding potential cuts to building. Read reassured him that staff and board members will have input on what is cut. It is always a risk that items cut with the plan of adding later, could cost more than the original bid as prices may increase.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Brunner made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Items including:  
Minutes from May 24, 2022  
Payroll in the amount of \$157,637.99  
General Fund A/P \$35,624.41  
Capital Projects Fund A/PS\$644,738.05  
ASB A/P \$1,148.57  
Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

*Gene Sementi - Building Update.* There were some run-off issues on pole building, this has been fixed. There are a few items that still need to be done. Avista will be adding power soon. Peha mentioned concerns about the quality of the pole building and quality of work done by Halme. Would have strong reservations about hiring them again.

*Superintendent's Report* - Read has been working on training for business manager and budget items. He has begun going through the process to update some account codes and update the chart of accounts. He plans on doing this work remotely. His hope is that the new business manager will participate in business manager academy starting July 15th. Still looking at hiring an accounts payable person. Will be off site the next 2 weeks, will join the building meetings and trainings but not working besides that due to moving.

*Financial Report* - Read shared that the Budget status is still showing unusual percentages and that this will continue through the building process.

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*Principal Report* - Hoppe shared that the year ended with great concerts and wanted to recognize Kristi Okamoto for coordinating concerts in unusual situations and locations. Elementary concert was outdoors and middle school shared with High school. Academic awards and 8th grade graduation went well and the church was gracious to host both. Carstensen asked where testing ended up. Hoppe said reports won't be official until August, so those will be out by September.

*Facilities Report* - Manning said Willscot should be coming soon and there is a list he will be working on. Items like painting skirting, spot cleaning carpets, sod on hillside, metal stripping in portables, AC units need attention, ramp leveling and winter prep. Manning also plans to clean up the bus garage and add gutters to portables.

*Athletic Director Report* - Matthewson has been working on re-creating files since fire. Updating all contracts and will have all positions filled pending board approval for the upcoming school year.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Coaching Recommendations* - Walsh presented coaching recommendations for High School Sports for the 2022-2023 school year. They are as follows:

Football: Brandon Walsh(HC), Casey Parrish and Herb Turner.

Volleyball: Katie Walsh(HC) and Bailee Grindy

Boys Basketball: Graham Grindy(HC) and Mitchell Hunt.

Girls Basketball: Bailee Gindy(HC) and Chelsi McDonald

Wrestling: Brandon Walsh(HC) and Manaokalani Victorino

Baseball: Hunter Lee(HC) and Alex Dewing

Softball: Graham Grindy(HC) and Megan Victorino

Mitchell made a motion to approve all coaching recommendations. Brunner seconded. Motion carried.

Matthewson shared MS coaching recommendations. They are as follows:

Football: Manaokalani Victorino(HC) and Justin Manning

Volleyball: Angie Hunt (HC) and Jessica Hernandez

Wrestling: Allan Fox

Girls Basketball: Mason Giese(HC) and Timi Erickson

Boys Basketball: Cameron Carstensen(HC) and Matt Elder

Baseball: Sean Matthewson(HS) and Manaokalani Victorino

Softball: Frank Rueff(HC) and Kristi Okamoto

Carstensen asked if 6th grade could participate in football? Both Athletic

Directors said WIAA does not allow it. Brunner made a motion to approve all coaching recommendations. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

*Extracurricular Salary Schedule* - Read recommended approving the increases as presented. Walsh shared that the plan is to revisit again in 5 years. Biggest change is not using the base teaching salary to determine coaching stipends. Using current coaching contracts as base going forward. Mitchell made a motion to approve. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

*Science Curriculum* - April Pinar has been working on getting samples to test and getting parent input - After much review and research, McGraw-Hill seems to be the best choice. Hoppe shared samples. Price is \$17,036 for 6 years which is helpful. All sciences will be taught at every grade level growing each year and grade level. It integrates all ages into science consistently through middle school. Helps with the final test in 8th grade if they have touched on all subjects throughout their years in middle school.

Another curriculum change is 8th grade algebra to use the same curriculum as high school. Will allow for easier transition.

In July Hoppe will present an ELA curriculum for board approval. Want to offer a Washington state history course as well. Mitchell made a motion to approve the science curriculum. Brunner seconded. Motion carried.

*Resignations* - Laureen Robertson, Dennis Pinar and Julianna Hughes.

Carstensen thanked all for their years of service. Brunner made a motion to accept all resignations. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

*SEL - Assistant Counseling position* - Read recommend it is offered to Michelle Blair as a 190 day contract. Board asked about training and Read shared that she has already enrolled in courses to be taken through the summer. Mitchell made a motion to approve. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

*Long Term Substitute* - Hoppe recommended Natasha McCall to fill this position for Victorino maternity leave. Brunner made a motion to approve. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

*Principal Contract addendum* - Addendum was to add the IPD increase to Principal contract. Brunner motioned to approve. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

*Bus Driver Recommendation* - Manning recommended hiring Jennifer Mallory and Aaron Hand to fill positions originally held by Dennis Pinar and Randy Sheckler. Mitchell made a motion to approve. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

*ASB Advisor* - Hoppe recommended April Pinar as new ASB advisor. Brunner made a motion to approve. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

*Next Board Meeting* - Board requested meetings be at 7:00 PM through the summer. Brunner made a motion to approve July 26th and August 23rd at 7:00 PM. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Read called for an executive session at 7:03 for 12 minutes. Until 7:15 PM.

NEW BUSINESS cont. *Business Manager* - Read recommended Lyndsey Mitchell for the Business Manager position. Brunner motioned to approve. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

*Board Resignation* - Mitchell verbally resigned from the school board effective immediately. Brunner moved to accept resignation. Peha seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, Brunner made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Peha seconded. Meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary to the Board

  
Chairman of the Board