

Alexander Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
December 8, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Lashell Tjelde, Darcy Delaney, Cameron Wahlstrom, Chris Cloud, Chris Link, Superintendent Bieber, Principal Faller, Assistant Principal Allard, AD Jacobson and Business Manager Fixen.

President Tjelde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Link moved to approve agenda, Cloud seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Wahlstrom moved to approve consent agenda, Link seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Link moved to approve board bills, Wahlstrom seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Faller reported:

- Enrollment for Elementary 160 and High School 110.
- The Christmas Parade for the music concert is set for December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Allard and Mrs. Faller are finishing up teacher evaluations.
- Mrs. Faller provided some data to the board on K, 1, 3, 4.

Allard reported:

- Enrollment was broke down in numbers to distant learning vs personal learning.
- Ms. Gaida our PE teacher was featured this month she is doing a great job adjusting with social distance in her PE classes and still making it fun.
- Bus cameras that were purchased last year have been helpful in settling problems or issues that have arisen on the bus.
- We are looking at a program STOPit and application for student's k-12 it is a solutions app to help schools be proactive instead of reactive when it comes to dealing with incidents. STOPit will also allow anonymous reporting students to report incidents. Admin, Counselor and Nurse will receive reports and respond accordingly.
- Distance Education students still look for guidance with programs and Mr. Allard spends time on the phone weekly helping students and parents out.

AD Jacobson reported:

- Boys and Girls basketball has started as of November 30. We have a good number of students out in both boys and girls teams.
- Fan limit for games will be 50 per NDHSAA with masks required for fans, participants and coaches while watching this will be followed unless NDHSAA guidelines change.
- NDHSAA is recommending no concessions for counties currently in Orange/High risk level but we will allow individuals to use the pop machine by the gym.
- No HS wrestling, Jr. High wrestling is on hold.

- Our Drama Club Team received first place at Regionals, 5th place at State and Tayla Ybarra received the Superior Acting Award. Great Job Comets!

CTE Report:

- CTE committee met last Tuesday and are working on putting a schedule together.
- Looking at mobile labs to bring to schools with different classes possibly EMT course for juniors and seniors.
- They are looking at mobile labs to bring different classes to schools.
- They are hoping to make the students work ready when they graduate from school.

Superintendent Bieber reported:

- Nurse Heen and Jacki Hansel presented at the Mental Health Statewide Summit on how behavioral health is addressed at APS.
- We are doing some ALICE training with new staff members and a refresher for other staff members who may have taken training a couple years ago.
- Navigation 360 should be up and running soon.
- We did not receive any money from the GEER grant.
- A quick update on numbers of staff who have been out the last month due to COVID or close contact reasons. Numbers seem to be going down.
- PD on Wednesdays.
- Additional relief dollars for COVID will be coming from the fed and schools will be included.
- Binax Testing for staff was discussed it would be free to schools if we are interested all we need to do is sign up, there would be individuals who would be trained on the testing and procedures that need to be in place for testing.
- Our taxable valuation has increased.

Superintendent Bieber gave an update on the VoAg building; we should come in under budget. Once the punch list has been completed budget will be completed.

Superintendent Bieber is recommending a word change on the Safety Plan:

- ~~14 day of quarantine~~
- to follow the ND DoH and CDC guidelines

Cloud moved to change the wording on the Safety Plan, Delaney seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

EAPC should have bid ready to go out in February, which should allow work to begin in March and April for the football field to be completed before the fall.

We should expend a majority of the Care Dollars received by the end of December. Superintendent provided a list to the board on expenditures to the board for Resiliency Funds:

- Teacher and Admin laptops update \$ 9744.00
- Teacher conversion of entire year long courses \$ 13000.32

- Upland Air Handlers \$ 10030.14
- Upland filters \$ 5313.36
- Upland Air Handlers in existing classrooms \$ 24720.00

Wahlstrom moved to approve purchases above through Resiliency fund, Link seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

There was a calculation error on multiple employees for their FIT. Superintendent Bieber will be visiting with staff members that this has affected. Wahlstrom moved to allow an advance to staff not to exceed the \$27,349.78 amount, agreement will be signed by Admin and staff and agreement will be paid back by the end of the 20-21 contract year, Delaney seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

The first reading of Title IX Policy AAC was held.

Link moved to TABLE policy AAC-BR2-Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure, Cloud seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Cloud moved to approve open enrollment for a 7th grade student who had been attending in Alexander and moved to Williston, Delaney seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Cloud moved to approve an 8th grade student who had attended school in prior years and recently moved back, Wahlstrom seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Cloud moved to deny open enrollment for a family living on the South side of Watford City with PK, K 5th and 7th grade students due to full classrooms, Delaney seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

Link moved to adjourn meeting at 8:41 p.m. Delaney seconded all voting aye motion was passed.

President Lashell Tjelde

Business Manager, Barbara Fixen