

Alexander School Board Meeting
November 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Lashell Tjelde, Darcy Delaney, Cameron Wahlstrom, Chris Cloud, Chris Link, Superintendent Bieber, Principal Faller, Asst. Principal Allard Barb Fixen FCI Contractors, John, Robert and Connor, Brandi Gillespie.

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

Superintendent Bieber would like to add open enrollment application to agenda, Wahlstrom moved to approve addition, Cloud seconded, all voting aye motion carried.

Link moved to approve agenda, Wahlstrom seconded, all voting aye motion carried.

The school board meeting was held in the new VO-AG building. John with FCI gave the board a tour and update on everything with the building. FCI has gone through the punch list and most of the items have been completed. FCI was happy to report that we stayed within the budget and the building was completed on time. Robert will have numbers later but there should be some money left over.

Brandi Gillespie with City of Alexander was here to answer any questions the board might have on the Joint Power Agreement between the City of Alexander and Alexander Public School. The City of Alexander has given the Alexander Public School a grant of \$15,000 to go towards the football field expenditures. Link moved to approve the Joint Power Agreement with the City of Alexander, Wahlstrom seconded all voting aye, motion carried.

Wahlstrom moved to approve consent agenda, Delaney seconded, all voting aye motion carried.

Link moved to approve board bills Cloud seconded, all voting aye motion carried.

Principal Faller Report:

- Student enrollment Pre-k – 12 is 269 students.
- Parent Teacher Conferences took place with a good showing on the elementary side. High school teachers reached out to parents who they felt an urgency to speak with about students and their work ethic.
- The Admin Team is working on celebrating 12 days of Christmas with staff members to celebrate teachers and staff during this COVID year.
- Christmas Music Program- we are planning to do a Christmas parade with each class on a float singing their favorite Christmas songs. We will coordinate with the City to make things work. We are looking to do this December 17, 2020.
- STEM activities in grades 3 and above have been on hold due to COVID. We will be sending letter out to parents giving a choice (no mask/mask) asking parents to indicate what choice is for their student(s). We will team them up accordingly so STEM activities will be able to take place.
- Some of senior class voted in the 2020 election.
- We have created Comet Pride on the high school end for positive behavior of students.

- This month we feature Mrs. Hall who has been working with students on Mass Media. Providing information of events that are happening in school.
- Our Drama Club received first place at Regionals, all the students received honorable mention on their acting and the Drama Club will be participating at State level.
- Our volleyball team made it to Regionals and Terrille Jacobson was District Coach of the Year!

Assistant Principal. Allard Report:

- This month he is featuring Mrs. Gowing and Mrs. Simonson who are offering some extra time with students who need a little more one-on-one time.
- Classes on the grade school end are working on presentations for the 7 habits during their weekly Monday meeting.
- Several teachers are taking advantage of Graduate Credits through Valley City University.
- Friday School Attendance for 7-12 has seen better attendance due to teachers and parents communicating.
- We have been utilizing the social/emotional aspect of Edgenuity for students to give them some guidance, rather than not learning from their mistakes.
- Mr. Allard is in contact with his Education Administration Mentor on a weekly basis. He is there to help with any questions and guidance through Mr. Allard process of becoming an Administrator.

AD: nothing to report attending the Regional volleyball tournament.

CTE: nothing to report cancelled due to COVID.

Superintendent Bieber reported:

- We had small issue in the kitchen, warmer wire was burned Fixen Electric was able to do a temporary fix and had ordered the correct wire for a permanent fix.
- We have hired Dr. Lanny Gabbert who will be a long-term sub for Math on our 7-12 end.
- Superintendent Bieber spoke with our attorneys on Title IX questions.
- Students who were close contact or quarantined have been working over in the modular and all is going well.
- Our annual immunization report is completed and we are 100% compliant.
- We have run a couple of fire drills this week.

Superintendent Bieber reported that our Strategic Plan is a plan in process. The staff will meet several times making updates and changes. Superintendent Bieber will continue to share with the board any updates and changes at our next board meeting.

We continue to receive estimates on the football field.

The projected income was less than we had first estimated. Superintendent Bieber reviewed some numbers with the board so they could see where we are at with the budget.

The Superintendent evaluation was passed out and reviewed after discussion. Superintendent accepted the satisfactory evaluation. Delaney moved to accept the satisfactory evaluation, Wahlstrom seconded all voting aye, motion carried.

Superintendent Bieber explained to the board how the Resiliency Grant worked and some possible things we could purchase.

Superintendent Bieber presented an open enrollment for high school, Cloud moved to approve application, Delaney seconded, all voting aye, motion carried.

President Tjelde received a letter; Barb Fixen was recognized for her service and dedication as the business manager.

Link moved to adjourn meeting at 9:37 p.m.

President, Lashell Tjelde

Business Manager, Barbara Fixen