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CCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday

4/27/2022

High School Commons

School Board Meeting 7:00 PM

<https://craigschools.zoom.us/j/7289917333?pwd=WkNaWGd4S1IPV0JIWEJITmx3VXd0Zz09>

Zoom URL

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7pm.
2. Flag Salute
A salute to the flag was given.
3. Roll Call

In Person:

BOARD MEMBERS

Tristan Douville absent excused
Joel Steenstra
Scott Brookshire
Marla Dillman
Trish Conatser
Sam Bass – Student Rep

STAFF

Courtney Wood
Josh Andrews
Daniel Nelson
Rachel Balcom
Kerin Crews
Melinda Bass
Chris Reitan

OTHERS

Jim See
Julie McDonald
Kristi Kuhnert
Buck Grasser
Colin Rice
Josh/Loni Bennett
Brian Balcom
Kim Rice

Via Zoom

Susan Callendar
Daffnie Ellicott – Shirley Farmer
Jamie Merrill
Rachel Yenna
Grace Beckman
Jackie Hanson

Barb Moots
Tobias Frieb
Melissa Smith
Mollie Harings
Melissa Peavey

Shelby Beck
Mikki B.
Amanda ?
Stina Collins
Michelle ?

Howie Daggs
Juliet Stonecipher
Josh Andrews
Maren Chaffee
Melissa Bergtold

4. Agenda Approval

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOT: All in favor
MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

5. Consent Agenda (Includes all items with ~)
 - a. ~Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2022
 - b. ~Approval of Payments
 - c. ~Correspondence

M/S: Conatser/Steenstra

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor
MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

6. Public Comments

Courtney Wood: President of the Craig Education Association. Hands out a handout. And walks thru the handout. 38 staff members interviewed. Questions were asked if they feel supported by the board, the principals, if they are planning to return and how long they plan to stay. The answers are not favorable.

Loni Bennett: 4 children at CCSD. Rocket is 4 and is a SPED student. Speaks to Jackie leaving the school and considers her an asset. Here to advocate for her child the way Jackie advocated for her child. Here as a mother of a child with high needs. Asks the board to not cut the funding to the SPED program. States she believes the school is out of compliance. Her child is 1 of over 50 children in the program. Taking what we can get. What we are offered. Feels like Rocket is treated like a 2nd class citizen. Always been proud to be a panther. She doesn't want to leave but she desires more for Rocket. The dept needs more funding not less.

Amy Hjort: Child in elementary with active IEP. Doesn't feel like her child supported. Now attends PACE. Feels like her child was not learning and still isn't experiencing anything positive. Speaks to what it would feel like if she had been told there were no room for him to be tested for needing his needs and feels like this is where the school is. Poor leadership, staffing issues she states are some of the main problems we face.

Shelby Beck: Wants to make mention that today is Admin Assistant Day and says she couldn't do her job without Admin Assistants. Thanks to them!

Julie McDonald: She began speaking during COVID about students with special needs. And since parents have been contacting her. March 30 email from Mr. Reitan was highlighted. Calling it a bad decision. States it isn't legal to stop processing referrals. And states what could happen as a result of these decisions.

James See: This room is horrible for a meeting. (The auditorium was in use by the music department.) How can anyone be ok with where the US has left the state of education after COVID. However, he thanks the board from how long the children were allowed to stay in school. Is appalled about referrals. Speaks to the budget and states that it is unacceptable. Thanks the board for overall performance.

Josh Andrews: 23 years in service. Staff moral and staff turnover is an issue. No applicants to select from. Talks about hiring process. States that it is only via zoom. He doesn't feel like his comments will be heard via the surveys being sent out.

Buck Grasser: 2 special needs kids. Single dad. Here to talk about the current state of the dept. 5th grade daughter. At the end of 4th grade she was removed from the program and he asked for her to be placed back in. He brought her to be evaluated in Anchorage. Hasn't heard anything about her being reintroduced to the programs. His son is now attending PACE and attending school for a few hours. He was suspended for the last month of last school year. He doesn't want to see a lawsuit but wants kids treated right.

Kristi Kuhnert: Parent of 2 kids in the CCSD. Wants to highlight the department and how amazing they are! Grace and the other 2 employees are amazing! For the kids and the family!

Kimberly Rice: 12 years ago moved here. Both students needed IEP at the time. If funding is not allocated properly then the harm goes to everyone and not just one department. The programs they experienced have always been phenomenal. PACE had negative image until Mr. Reitan arrived.

Julia Stonecipher: Tough subject for her to talk about. IEP program is very much needed in the elementary. Has lost sleep over the thought of lack of funding for the IEP program. Her daughter participates. It would fail the whole community if the school cut funding. Reminds the board that the kids attending our school are not just from Craig.

7. Reports

a. Board Members

Conatser suggests that a work session be made to discuss the survey. And for SPED issues. Suggests the board meet before the next board meeting if possible. Appreciates the district for AK Star testing.

Brookshire thanks community members for the issues brought to the table tonight.

Bass states that track went to Ketchikan and did well. Updates on the track events. AASG trip discussed. He was elected as Region V rep. This week he leaves for the HOBY conference with 2 others. Music Fest was held a few weeks ago and the band made it to state.

Dillman congratulates Sam on being rep of Region V.

b. Principals

Mrs. Hanson has nothing to add to her report. Shout out to all the admin assistants. Next week is staff appreciation week.

Conatser asks Mrs. Hanson about the concerns she listed in her report about the AK Star testing.. Hanson states that the format was inefficient. Computers were used for the testing and the elementary kids are not versed in computers enough to use those for testing. Another issue was the fact that the kids were asked to show their work and that kids struggled with that. It took a long time to take the test. The time given was not enough. There was too much reading also. This was the first year for this test. She is hoping to provide feedback to the state regarding the test and its approach.

Mrs. Harings – 1st day of accreditation review. Tomorrow is the exit meeting for that. Current enrollment is 212 and 111 families for the 2022-2023 school year.

c. Maintenance Director – Nothing to add

Superintendent – Johnson Controls were here on-site last week. HVAC system is running currently in the high school for the first time in years. Creating comfort for students and staff. Biomass update – we still don't know the dollar amount on the funding received yet. Elementary and Middle School projects – major maintenance projects – there will be funding. The bid process could be way beyond the allocated amounts.

Conatser asks about the status of the exit interviews. Appreciates all the recruiting efforts. Asks questions about other items Mr. Reitan put in his report. Asks for updates on the new hire potentials. Reminds the board that she wants a work session and asks about how the survey is going out to community members. States how important she thinks the strategic plan is. Ask SPED questions. Asks about how many new referrals we have been receiving and can we expedite the referrals. States how important it is to follow up on the comments tonight.

8. CCSD FY 23 Budget Hearing

Racheal Balcom – Provides document for Board members. Here to speak for the music budget. States the items needed from the \$3000 budget allowed. And states that breaks down to \$1000 per school. She doesn't believe this is enough. She is working on a proposal for the board about her \$10,000 request. Thinks that \$6000 could work.

Kristi Kuhnert – Would like to see a budget that a lay person can pick up and read.

Julie McDonald – Heard all year from parents and looked more closely at it for the first time. States the budget is impossible to read and make sense of. Been looking at budgets for a long time.

9. Old Business

a. CCSD ARPA 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

M/S: Conatser/Steenstra

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the CCSD ARPA 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan as presented.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

10. New Business

a. Personnel Report

M/S: Conatser/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the personnel report as presented.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

b. CCSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Updates

M/S: Conatser/Steenstra

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the CCSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Updates as presented as a first reading.

Conatser makes a motion to amend. Discussion ensues.

Scott Brookshire: We now have a motion to approve CCSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as a first reading amended to say “Public input early in the budget preparation process is encouraged. A budget advisory committee composed of members of the committee and staff, which shall review the proposed budget at regular intervals during its preparation and shall report its findings and recommendations to the school board.”

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

c. Resolution No. 22-03 Reemployment of Retired Teachers

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the Resolution No. 22-03 Reemployment of Retired Teachers.

Year contracts would be required, and the hiring process would apply every year. Even if hired the previous year the hiring process would be required again.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

d. CCSD Board Retention Committee

M/S: Conatser/Steenstra

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the CCSD Board Retention Committee organization chart.

Conatser asks questions about why certain seats are needed and states she wants others not mentioned.

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the CCSD Board Retention Committee as follows: 4 Certified Teachers – 1 teacher from each program (CES, CMS, CHS and PACE), 2 Classified Hourly Staff, 2 Craig PTSA members, 1 Union member, 1-2 CCSD Board members.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

e. PACE Curriculum Approval

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the PACE curriculum as presented for utilization by our PACE families.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

f. CCSD FY 23 Budget Approval

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the CCSD FY 23 Budget Approval.

Conatser begins discussion by talking about the music allowance in the budget.

We have a motion to approve the 22-23 FY Budget to adjust the K-12 music program budget to \$10,000 with funding to be allocated from the fund balance.

M/S: Conatser/Steenstra

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

Steenstra requests to speak about the SPED position. Discussion ensues.

Brookshire speaks to the public comments about the funding comments from this evening. There are current no SPED budget cuts being made.

Conatser asks about funding for staff travel for professional development.

g. Board Scholarships

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve 4/\$500 scholarships for graduating seniors, 1/\$250 to the board representative and 2/\$500 scholarships for continuing education.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

h. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date is 5/25

i. Adjournment

M/S: Steenstra/Dillman

We have a motion to adjourn.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION CARRIES: Unanimous

Signature

Date

Signature

Date