

**PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT 122-70J
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes
May 22, 2023**

The board meeting was also available via electronic Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89739995505>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Pateros School District #122-70J was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the school library and via electronic Zoom by Board Chairman Chad Miller with a roll call of members and declarations of quorum. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board members in attendance were Grace Larsen, Marc Armstrong, Rick Trocano and Diane Hull. Also attending were Mike Parker Interim Superintendent, Susan James Principal, Yaneli Pamatz Arevalo Business Manager, and Jess Simmons, Recording Secretary. Visitors attending or connected: Dona Slater, Sheri Mortimer, Pam Haley, Marcus Stennes, Scotti Wiltse, Amy Erlandsen, Chantel Poole, "Iphone" and Mike Maltais

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA / CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

HEARING OF VISITORS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Hull made a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda, second by Director Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

- The minutes of the April 24, 2023, regular board meeting.
- The minutes of the April 25, 2023, special board meeting.
- The minutes of the April 27, 2023, special board meeting.
- May 2023 General Fund vouchers 228858-228895 in the amount of \$46,816.25. As of this date, May 22, 2023, the board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment.
- May 2023 Payroll approved for the amount of \$378,613.48.
- May 2023 ASB vouchers 228901-228912 in the amount of \$3,309.70. As of this date, May 22, 2023, the board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment.
- May 2023 Cap Projects vouchers 228896-228900 in the amount of \$2,102.44. As of this date, April 24, 2023, the board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

Reports

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT – Yaneli Arevalo Pamatz provided the Board with a written report.

- Enrollment Report- 248.22 FTE (including 4.5 ALE students) There were 10 Running Start Students)
- Transportation Fund- a balance of \$174,109.45
- Yaneli continues to go to the ESD 2 times a week for budget training. The budget is going to be based on a 225 FT, that is including Running Start students. Mr. Parker shared that they meet every week to go over the budget and they include the supervisors of each department in the conversations.
- The Audit is still ongoing, looking to the ESD for help with information from the Skyward to Q conversion. Mr. Parker complimented Yaneli for working with the auditors, working on the budget and payroll.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Susan James

School Events

- Boeing Presentation-Workforce Development and Hiring
- Introduced students to options at Boeing
- Seniors had the opportunity to interview for jobs
- State FFA Convention- Kassidy Wilfong competed in "Employability Skills", with advisor Brevin Evenson
- Spring Concert May 23, 7pm
 - TK through 12th grade
 - Music director Jimmie Rogers

Spring Sports

- On to State, Girls Tennis: Caroline Zoretic, Alyssa Lopez, and Janette Hernandez
- On to State, Track: Ishmael Mireles and Nash Sherrard
- Junio High Track- Junior Olympics on May 20

Elementary Activities

- Ms. Williams CWU Physics class wrote books about the life cycles of stars and read to Kindergartners
- Transitional Kindergarten finished studying the life cycles of butterflies and released butterflies they raised
- The Okanogan Conservation District taught 1st graders about growing plants and local conservation issues
- The Books for Bikes competition is underway

Staff Update

- Staff Appreciation Week
 - Monday- Waffle Breakfast
 - Wednesday- Staff Potluck Lunch
 - Friday- Sundaes
- A special thanks to the Pateros Boosters for their contributions to Staff Appreciation. Thank you!

School Safety:

- Lockdown Drill
- Fire Drill

Graduation Update- The class of 2023

- 23 Seniors
 - 21 participating in Graduation Ceremony
- 96% on track for graduation
- Graduation June 3, 11 am in the Gymnasium

Upcoming Events

- May 23- Spring Concert
- May 26- Elementary Field Day
- May 30- Senior Signing Day
- June 3- Graduation
- June 6- 8th Grade Promotion
- June 13- Last Day of School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Parker reminded everyone that there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the gym mezzanine project on Tuesday, May 23rd to recognize the community for their support. The Spring Concert will be right after at 7 pm in the gym.

Mr. Parker reiterated that the budget would be based on a 225 FTE. The fund balance is currently well below Board policy. He, Yaneli, and Scotti Wiltse continue to meet to craft the next budget. Rebuilding the fund balance is critical to the

financial security of the school district. Yet, Mr. Parker reminded the Board that getting to a 6% or 7% level may take two years or more. An update on the status of the budget will be given in the June meeting.

It was suggested that The Board and the Superintendent/Principal get together and have a retreat over the summer. It is a great opportunity to talk about goals for the school year. This is particularly important to the district since there is new leadership in place and there is one new Board member (Rick Torcano).

The audit is still taking place. It has been a unique challenge with the conversion of an old system and a new system and with a relatively new Business Manager. Weekly meetings have taken place with the auditor via ZOOM.

Graduation is Saturday, June 3rd, Director Larsen will be attending and representing the Board.

The 8th-grade Promotion is June 6th. Director Hull will be attending to also represent the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of New and Revised Policies and Procedures

Revised Procedure 3530P Fundraising Activities Involving Students

Revised Policy 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises

Director Larson made a motion to approve the recommendation for fall coaches, second by Director Hull. Motion carried unanimously. (Board Chair Chad Miller abstained from the vote as his wife is a Fall coach).

Director Armstrong made a motion to approve the WIAA Resolution for the 2023-24 school year, second by Director Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Larsen made a motion to approve the GEAR UP Youth Leadership Camp, second by Director Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OPEN FORUM

Director Trocano shared that, with school board permission, he was able to reach out to the Department of Ecology to do a soil test at the Field of Dreams. The testing will be done by the state at no cost to the school district. This will take place on June 6. Jason Getzin will be on site while the testing takes place.

This is the first and necessary step in making the Field of Dreams a reality.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 pm Board Chair Chad Miller announced that the Board will go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel-related matters: RCW 42.30.110(h). This would be for approximately 20 minutes. Action would be taken.

At 7:08, the board returns from the Executive Session. Director Hull made a motion to uphold the recommendation to non-renew John Nielsen's contract (Mr. Nielsen is a provisional teacher completing his first year in Pateros) Second by Director Trocano. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Being no further business to discuss Director Larsen made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm, second by Director Trocano. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the school library and via electronic Zoom.

Secretary

Chairman

