

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

November 19, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Mark McKamey (zoom)

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Jason Raether, Lawni Raether, Michael Wilson,

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

Public Comment:

- Liz Edmundson made public comment - praise for staff at after school activities and presence in school.

Informational

A. CEA

Staff Reports

A. Jason Raether, Activities Director

a. Fall Sports

- The Boys Cross Country took first place at the State Championship
- The Volleyball team celebrated individual successes, with four players earning All-Conference honors and one receiving an All-State award.
- The Fall Sports Banquet will be held on December 16th

A. Winter Sports

B. Coach and parent meetings will be held to kick off the winter sports season.

C. Upcoming events:

- Badger Invitational: December 6–7
- Tip-Off Tournament: December 13–14

D. At the FFA Ag Expo, 39 of our students participated in various competitions, and took home several first places

- B. Michael Wilson
 - a. Completed recently:
 - i. MEA Week
 - ii. Halloween celebrations
 - iii. Red Ribbon Week
 - iv. Title I Reading Night
 - v. STARBASE Robotics program
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - i. Thanksgiving Break
 - ii. NHS Induction Ceremony: December 9th
 - iii. Blood Drive: December 19th
 - iv. Christmas Concerts
 - v. Formal Dance
 - c. Staff and Student Updates:
 - i. Ongoing support staff training and professional development sessions.
 - ii. MAST Testing is nearly complete, with 99% of assessments finalized.
 - iii. MAP Assessments are scheduled to take place before the holiday break.
- C. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Cabinet heaters & doors replaced
 - b. Boilers running at 100% capacity - need to look into adding one more
 - c. Quote for fans for new gym
- D. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager
 - a. General funds are 23% expended at the end of October, compared to the 22% four-year average.

Board Report

- A. Board Evaluation
- B. Board Training Hours
- C. Facilities Committee Report
- D. Finance Committee Report

Old Business

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Designation of Booster Club Funds
 - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to deposit the remaining Booster Club funds to the Pep Club account.
 - Motion passes with Ruth Mortag opposing.

New Business

- A. Review and Possible Action on Behavior Matrices
 - Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to review the Behavior Matrices.
 - Dustin Ogden inquired about the timing of the policy committee meeting and what the meetings entail.

Dustin made public comment endorsing other school's disciplinary policies and the strictness of them.

Sherry Jennings made public comment in regards to her concerns about the discipline policy.

Dustin Ogden made public comment regarding students going to homeschool due to issues in the classrooms.

Callie Munski made public comment about the discipline matrix not being implemented fairly to all students.

Rob Smith made public comment about sharing more information.

Maggie Lee made public comment about about integrity, etc. and using them to discipline.

Rhys Hamlett made public comment about the rules that are in place getting carried out equally amongst all students and wanting board oversight.

Callie Munski made public comment about policy meetings.

Jen Ward made public comment about parent involvement in the policy meetings.

Dustin made public comment about cameras in the classrooms.

Board Deliberation:

Iain McGregor suggested sending the behavior matrix to the policy committee for review.

Chris Wilson, Rick Cummings, Ruth Mortag and Mark McKamey agreed with sending the matrix to the policy committee for review.

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by ChrisWilson to send the behavior matrix to the policy committee for review.

Passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Extending XCELL Program

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to extend the XCELL program through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to send the issue to the finance fommittee for deliberation.

Public comment:

A community member made public comment stating they'd be willing to pay a fee, as it the service is the parents' responsibility.

Kendra Lane made public comment in opposition to extending the XCELL prgram using taxpayer funds.

Rob Smith made public comment in support of extending the XCELL program if a grant is procured or parents are charged.

Kaydence Waters made public comment about parents wondering if XCELL was going to continue.

Jeb Boettger made public comment about public opinion.

Jordan Castellanos made public comment in support of extending the XCELL program.

Passed unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)

a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2024

b. Business Claims

- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List
- e. Student Attendance Agreements

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins.

Announcements (I)

- A. Strategic Planning Meeting
- B. Regular School Board Meeting, December 3, 2024
- C. Upcoming Trainings
 - a. Collective Bargaining Training

Adjournment (A)

At 8:13 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

John Rumney, Board Chair

ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed _____

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