

AGWSR Board Minutes

The AGWSR Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025 7:00 p.m. in the Ackley District Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President Josh Meyer and the mission statement was read. Roll call was taken with board members, Matt Rose, Lanae Metzgar (joined by phone), Eric Minter, Tim Diamond and Pat Scallon present. Board member Gabby Fistler absent. Superintendent/HS Principal Erik Smith, Board Secretary Deb Barker, Principal Keith Reuter and Principal Ashley Sires also present. HS Dean of Students Michael Wabel was absent. A list of visitors is on file for future reference.

PUBLIC FORUM:

EDUCATION REPORT:

The K-5 PIT crew members, Cam Schipper, Rochelle, Rule, Sam Price, Tracy Hames (Math Instructors) and PIT Crew Leader Carmen Oelmann shared their focus this year is mathematics with a vision for students to use and enjoy math. Each shared how they are working with their classroom students through goals, warm-ups, activities, cool down and centers.

Motion by Diamond to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Minter; carried 6-0.

Board Meeting Reorganization meeting

The re-organization meeting of the AGWSR School Board of Education and was called to order by Board Secretary Deb Barker at 7:38 p.m. Roll call was taken with board members, Josh Meyer, Matt Rose, Lanae Metzgar (joined by phone), Eric Minter, Tim Diamond and Pat Scallon present. Board member Gabby Fistler absent. Superintendent/HS Principal Erik Smith, Board Secretary Deb Barker, Principal Keith Reuter and Principal Ashley Sires also present. HS Dean of Students Michael Wabel was absent. A list of visitors is on file for future reference.

Board Secretary Barker asked for nominations for Board President. Josh Meyer was nominated by Diamond. Scallon seconded and Meyer was unanimously elected Board President on a roll call vote with all board members voting aye. Board secretary Barker administered the oath of office to the elected President Meyer. Board President Meyer then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Tim Diamond was nominated by Minter, seconded by Rose and Diamond was unanimously elected Vice President on a roll call vote with all board members voting aye. Board secretary Barker administered the oath of office to the elected Vice-President Diamond.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Diamond, seconded by Minter to Approve the Consent Agenda; Approve minutes from Previous Meeting held December 9, 2024; Approve Payment of Month Bills; Approve Kiara Saul as Little Cougar Playhouse daycare worker; Approve Angela Homeyer as Cougar's Den daycare worker; Approve Taylor Bass as Ackley Center Evening Custodian; Approve the resignation from Randi Buseman as Ackley Center Elementary Associate; Approve the resignation from Tonya Brass as Ackley Center Elementary Associate; Approve the resignation from David Koop as JH Football Coach and JH Baseball Coach; Approve Ackley Center Mower purchase from Ken's Repair, Ackley, IA as presented; carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members of the Ackley City Council were present for the annual review of the 28E Sharing Agreement between the City and the School District for the Cougar's Den. Supt. Smith gave a presentation of the 2023-24 financials.

Motion by Diamond, seconded by Minter to approve the resignation from Jonathan Nederhoff as High School Science Instructor; carried 6-0.

Motion by Rose, seconded by Scallon to approve the 3-year audit bid from Nolte, Cornman & Johnson being the only audit bid received; carried 6-0.

Board member Minter moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for the Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the FY26 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$192,502, for expenditures necessary to implement the 2025-26 dropout prevention program plan as approved by the AGWSR CSD school board. Seconded by Scallon; carried 6-0.

HVAC repairs for the Wellsburg Center were discussed. Motion by Minter, seconded by Rose to approve the repairs needed; carried 6-0.

Motion by Minter, seconded by Diamond to enter into a Service Agreement for our HVAC system with TRANE, Grimes, IA; carried 6-0.

Supt. Smith shared the draft of the 2025-26 school calendar for questions and thoughts from the board before it is finalized.

A formal adoption of the AGWSR mission, vision and core values was adopted on motion from Diamond, seconded by Scallon; carried 6-0.

Mission/Core Values

Supt. Smith is working on the certified budget with discussion with the board. Proposed Budget Hearing #1 and #2 dates given. Both hearing dates will be on the February agenda for approval.

Conversations with teachers and schedules continue relating to the Grade Configuration.

Supt. Smith discussed the possibility of offering an early retirement option. The board discussed and Supt. Smith will put together a policy for the February board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Discussions continue with ICAT and the Facility Committee.

The Board set Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time of the next regular board meeting to be held in the Ackley District Office Board Room.

On a motion by Minter, seconded by Rose, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.