

**PIONEER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: September 26, 2023  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM  
Meeting Location: Pioneer Middle School Commons & Virtual Link  
Vice President: Ms. Rowe

Ms. Rowe called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum with three board members participating. Mr. Clark and Dr. Day were absent and excused.

The following community and staff members were Rebecca Bechtolt, Brenda Berry, Chris Bishop, Lynn Chakos, Taylor Coker, Anna Cook, Edith Cornett, Amy Dahlberg, Caroline Davenport, Jeff Davis, Kalie Enlow, Amy Ferrell, Mark Gudger, Becky Guilford, April Hanson, Gabriel Keeffee, Mackenzie Noble, Deneen Phelan, Devin Rubion-Shepard, Irv Smith, Donna Squires, Mark Valerio, Joel Williams and Tony Williams.

**Requests to Address the Board** – Community member Rebecca Bechtolt spoke on the concern and frustration of not having bus transportation for all students. Also, the need and ways the District could improve communication to families.

**Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda** – No changes to the September agenda as submitted.

**Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Lee moved to approve the agenda as written. Dr. Schlitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of New Staff** – New staff members introduced themselves to the Pioneer Board of Directors by sharing their name, their role at the District and one thing they enjoyed about being at Pioneer School District. The Board of Directors welcomed each new staff member to the District.

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Lee moved to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Schlitz seconded the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**Principal Reports** – Each building principal shared their Student Handbook and answered questions from board members. Elementary Principals Gudger and Enlow shared details on new engagement incentives for grades 3, 4 and 5 as well as additional professional development training on the new ELA curriculum entitled CKLA. Mrs. VanMarter, Middle School Principal, shared details regarding the multi-tiered systems of support for students sharing details of what Tier 1 and Tier 2 consist of.

**Business Operations** – Fiscal Director Chris Bishop reviewed the financial balances, reports, and charts for the month of August 2023. A full 2022-2023 fiscal year end report will be shared in November.

**Superintendent Report** – Transportation continues to be challenging as we are simply short bus drivers. While this is a challenge, we continue to work with transportation, families and advertise for the open positions. Progress continues to move forward with the permits for the new district office. The District Leadership Team will meet for first time this year in early October. Board members will have the opportunity to schedule times to visit classrooms, if this wish during the upcoming months.

**Discussion Items** – Dr. Schlitz moved to approve the Out of Endorsement for Autumn Golden, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Schlitz moved to approve the Conditional Certification for Desiree Leth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Schlitz moved to approve the Conditional Certifications for Heather Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dr. Schlitz moved to extend the existing superintendent contract for one additional year extending it to 2025-2026. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

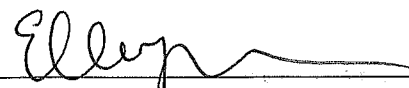
Mr. Lee moved to approve the Hanson Excavation bid as submitted for the site prep work for the district office. Dr. Schlitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Share – A delight to meet new staff members. Thank you to the District Facility Committee for their dedication and hard work over the last several months.

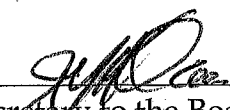
Mr. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Dr. Schlitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

  
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Rick Lee

  
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Dr. Stephanie Schlitz

ATTEST:   
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Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board of Director