



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board Highlights provides summary information from the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District board meetings.

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The following is a summary of agenda items thought to be of greatest interest from the December 13, 2023 Special Board of Trustees meeting.

Annual Organization Meeting - Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees held its organizational meeting and elected trustee KRISTEN SCHAEFER as President, ANISSA DIZON as Clerk and they appointed Barb Dill-Varga as Secretary. They also approved a calendar of regular meeting dates, times, and places for the 2024 calendar year. They also designate board members to various committees as follows:

Budget: Monica Martinez-Guaracha; Casey Powers

Facilities: Dan Kerbs; Kristen Schaefer

Curriculum: Anissa Dizon; Piper Shankle

Tech: Casey Powers, Dan Kerbs

Ed Foundation: Barb Dill-Varga, representing the Board

Community Schools Foundation: Casey Powers; Anissa Dizon

Bond Oversight: Jennifer Colby continues as Chair

Recognition was given to the outgoing president, Casey Powers.

Discussion/Action Items

The School Plans for Achievement (SPSAs) were approved by the Board after discussion with each principal.

The First Interim Budget 2023-2024 was presented by Chief Business Official Daniel Ornelas and approved by the Board.

The Second Reading of Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements occurred and the Board approved the policy.

Employee and Visitor Identification Badge Policy - School Safety best practices includes recommendations that employees and visitors on campus wear an identification badge. This new policy was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Board was in favor of the policy.

J-13A Waiver for Allowance of Attendance - The recent Aromas fire necessitated closing school at Aromas for that day. This waiver paperwork is required by the state as part of a process including our request that Aromas does not have to make up an extra day of school. The Board approved the waiver.

A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan

Director of Curriculum/Instruction Dhaliwal reviewed a first reading of this required improvement grant plan. It will be brought back for approval at the next board meeting.

Board Policy 3100- Reserves - Discussion

At the recent Budget Advisory Committee Meeting, members requested a discussion on BP3100 which designates 17% for reserves. The Board discussed options with CBO Ornelas and directed him to come back in February with some recommendations about how to simplify the categorization of the reserves and a recommendation on a reserve amount with ideas for spending down some of the reserves.

Next regular board meeting is: January 10, 2023. Closed session 6pm; Open session 7pm. Anzar Library.