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Sargent Schools



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

David Steinert, President

Eric Pfannenstiel, Vice President

David Bower, Treasurer

Gina Mitchell, Secretary

Heather Paulson, Member

FY 17 Amended Budget Approved

Board approval was given to the fiscal year 2017 amended final budget. The general fund appropriation is \$3,304,305; the total appropriation is \$4,752,866. The total appropriation also includes governmental program, food service, capital projects, insurance reserve, preschool, pupil activity and bond redemption.

Board Resolution for 4-Day School Week Pilot Program

The resolution approved expresses support of beginning a 3-year pilot program and move to a 4-day week schedule for a trial period beginning with the 2017-18 school year. The resolution stated various factors contributing to the board's decision and spells out areas to be assessed and evaluated at the end of the pilot program. Results of the evaluation will determine whether a 4-day schedule will continue. The board anticipates reviewing a draft 2017-18 calendar at their February board meeting.

Employment

The employment of Substitute Teacher, Billie Culp was approved along with Extra Duty Pay Agreements for Coaches Ubaldo Aguilera and Clint Mondragon.

Board Policy Revisions

Revisions to policies IKF and IKF-2 Graduation Requirements were approved for second reading and adoption. The changes will be phased in and will provide measures and cut scores/criteria for assessments, concurrent courses and other areas such as industry certificates and capstone projects. Work will be on-going to create regulations to the policies and establish implementation.

Other Items

The board also approved minutes of previous meeting and financial reports for December.

Discussion Items

The board discussed the process for evaluation of the superintendent and schedule for administrator evaluations. Also discussed were ideas to improve communication and create options for all parents, with consideration of out-of-district parents, to create opportunities to provide input. Options may include committee meeting times more convenient to parents or informal events for parents and board members.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

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Sargent December 2016 Students of the Month

Back row: Kelsey Kimberling (12th Grade), Braxton Asbell (8th Grade), Alayna Akins (11th Grade)

Front row: Gracie Burkhart (10th Grade), Breannen Maxwell (9th Grade), Mary Willis (7th Grade)

From the Colorado Association of School Boards...

School Board Recognition Month

January 2017 is School Board Recognition Month

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, school board members face complex and demanding challenges. All Coloradans should recognize the vital contributions these elected public officials play in the education of our children. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts.

January 2017 is School Board Recognition Month – a great time to focus on the crucial role board members play in our communities and schools.

Proclamation from Gov. John Hickenlooper

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners and real estate agents, to name just a few. While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal – helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members devote to leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to help acknowledge the men and women who make the time to share their leadership and voice about the future of Colorado children.



Sargent School District RE-33J Board of Education Members

David Steinert, President

Mr. Steinert was appointed to the Board in 2011 and re-elected in 2013

Eric Pfannenstiel, Vice President

Mr. Pfannenstiel was elected to the Board in 2013

David Bower, Treasurer

Mr. Bower was elected to the Board in 2013

Gina Mitchell, Secretary

Mrs. Mitchell was elected to the Board in 2015

Heather Paulson, Board Member

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Please help us to express appreciation to our Board of Education Members for their hard work and dedication to our school and community—students, staff and parents



Sargent School District RE-33J

Board of Education

Resolution for Four-Day School Week Pilot Program

Whereas, the Mill Levy Override, proposed by the Board of Education in order to increase revenue, failed to get enough votes from the Sargent School District community to pass and that the said mill levy was brought before the community voters twice, and

Whereas, the "Negative Factor", Budget Stabilization Formula from the State of Colorado, is increasing which reduces the operational revenues of the Sargent School District, and

Whereas, the Sargent School District has already spent down their surplus reserves to the limit established by policy, and

Whereas, the actual number of students attending Sargent School District has been decreasing, which reduces the revenue that Sargent School District receives from the State of Colorado, and

Whereas, this lack of adequate revenue limits Sargent School District's ability of being competitive in the hiring, maintaining and increasing the salaries of teachers and staff, and

Whereas, going to a four-day school week will reduce some of the operating expenses and thereby increase the revenue of the Sargent School District, and

Whereas, the majority of students, that attend Sargent School District, along with their parents have voiced their personal desire of a four-day school week, and

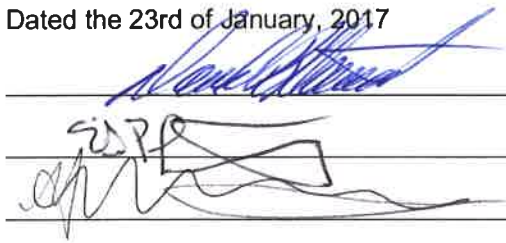
Whereas, the majority of other school districts, in our local area and that we face through competitive programs, are also on a four-day school week therefore, our scheduling conflicts should be reduced, and

Whereas, the Administration of Sargent School District believes that the student academic standards as well as student and teacher morale will not decrease but should increase with the four-day school week, and

Whereas, the Administration of Sargent School District believes that going to a four-day school week will keep and attract more students as well as reduce the absenteeism of the students to the Sargent School District,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Sargent School District will go to a four-day school week, for a period of three years, beginning with the 2017-18 school year. During the spring of the 2019-2020 school year the Sargent Board of Education will reevaluate the four-day school week program to determine if our academic standards are still being met, if we have maintained our level of accreditation, if the morale of students and staff has improved, if the atmosphere of our learning environment has improved, the number of students has been steady or increased, the absenteeism has been reduced, and if our financial situation has changed. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Education, at that time, to determine whether or not to stay with a four-day school week or revert back to the traditional five-day school week for the 2020-2021 school year. This resolution will expire upon completion of said vote.

Dated the 23rd of January, 2017



President, Sargent Board of Education

Vice President, Sargent Board of Education

Secretary, Sargent Board of Education