

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
September 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Bowman called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom.

Present

John Miles, Michael Sullivan, Jennifer Mitchell, Jill O'Neil, John Brzozowski, Paul Bowman, Dallas Walton and Superintendent Kalmar

Visitors: 41 (at 7:02)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Kalmar explained the recent shut down of the HS due to COVID-19

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

See attached Zoom Document

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

O'Neil – how are supplies and Chromebooks getting picked up? - There is a schedule

Sullivan – going forward can we separate coaches so there is not exposure to HS and MS – We can have that conversation.

Miles – was there PD to get ready for a shutdown? – Yes there was a plan and it has been implemented

Miles – what if a student does not have internet? – We have reached out to let families know to contact us if this is the case. We are holding harmless in certain situations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Miles, supported by Sullivan the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting August 24, 2020
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting August 19, 2020

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Roll Call – Ayes – Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Miles, O'Neil, Mitchell, Bowman

Nays - None

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Sullivan, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

	A	B	C
1	August 25, 2020- September 28, 2020		
2			
3	General Fund Total	\$	368,115.56
4	School Lunch Fund*	\$	884.50
5	2014 Sinking Fund	\$	-
6	2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
7	2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
8	2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
9	2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
0	Sub-total	\$	369,000.06
1			
2	ACH/Wire Transactions:		
3	Payroll	\$	591,944.97
4	EduStaff	\$	4,607.26
5	Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$	14,455.18
6	2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
7	2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
8	2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
9	2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
0	QZAB Energy	\$	-
1	Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$	-
2	Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$	195.00
3	Total Funds Spent	\$	980,202.47
4			
5	Check numbers		39900-39951
6			
7	Void checks		n/a
0			
1			

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 39900-39951 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): None

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Roll Call – Ayes –Brzozowski, Sullivan, Miles, O’Neil, Mitchell, Walton, Bowman

Nays - None

ORCHARD PRIMARY, ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT REPORTS

The Trust and Agency Accounts were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Kalmar updated the board on OP, MS and HS items.

Finance

Approval of Fall Sport Admission Fees

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education suspend admission fees for fall sports at this time. This policy will be revisited for winter sports.

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Roll Call – Ayes –Sullivan, Miles, O’Neil, Mitchell, Walton, Brzozowski, Bowman

Nays - None

Personnel

Approval of New Hires

Moved by O’Neil. supported by Walton, the Board of Education approve the following new ACS hires:

Pam Thelen – Art Teacher

Lunch Aides – Elizabeth Mulak and Amanda Simons

Alexz Caporuscio – 7th grade Volleyball

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Roll Call – Ayes –, O’Neil, Mitchell, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Miles Bowman

Nays - None

Moved by O’Neil, supported by Walton, the Board of Education have GECS fill the following positions:

LatchKey Aides and 8th Grade Volleyball.

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Roll Call – Ayes –Mitchell, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Miles, O’Neil, Bowman

Nays – None

Resignations

Moved by O’Neil, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Tina Falk, Sharon Berge, Gail Roberts and Mary Mueller and wish them well in the future.

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Roll Call – Ayes –Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Miles, O’Neil, Mitchell, Bowman

Nays – None

Policy

School of Choice

Moved by Mitchell supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2020/2021 school year through the 105C and 105 Schools of Choice Programs.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Walton, Sullivan, O’Neil, Mitchell, Brzozowski, Miles, Bowman

Nays - None

Policy Approval

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the revisions and addition of new policies:

4362.01

5610

5611

7440

8450.01 (new)

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Roll Call – Ayes – Walton, Sullivan, O’Neil, Mitchell, Brzozowski, Miles, Bowman

Nays - None

Curriculum

Approval of the ACS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Moved by Miles, supported by Mitchell, the Board of Education approve the Almont Community Schools Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan as presented and discussed at the September committee meetings. Copy to be attached and marked IX E 1.

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Roll Call – Ayes –Brzozowski, Miles, Mitchell, Walton, Sullivan, O’Neil, Bowman

Nays - None

Discussion:

Bowman – How will we take public comment at the meeting regarding this.

Kalmar – During communication the report will be reviewed and public comment can be taken then

Comments: Audience

None

Comments: BOE

Mitchell – asked if STEAM at OP was funded by grants – NO

Sullivan – when can the BOE meet in person and Zoom the meetings – Testing this in early October

Miles – is there a common platform for remote learning – Conversation about google classroom but not sure if everyone is using this. Will look into.

Walton – are there lessons learned with the HS shutdown for OP and MS – We need to be more aggressive with monitoring our sick students. More partnership with families.

Brzozowski – seems like more resignations lately, why? – Challenging to fill positions, unemployment, the need to negotiate the contract (AESPA). We just got school budget numbers this week.

Brzozowski – do we feel the Health Department overreacted? Other schools have had quarantines. Ours was unique in that the cases were undetected for 3 days. Frankenmuth closed a building today. Issue with small school where kids spend lots of time together with same individuals.

Bowman – when see new ACS revised budget? – hopefully this week

audit complete? – They will be back next week

will auditors be at October meeting? – Yes

O’Neil – good news with state budget. Will we be able to help the teachers with communicating to online students since they are doing this after hours? – Depending on what the Governor signs.

Mitchell – P.M. Ed-Tech bus is crowded. – In discussion with Dean to make changes to Ed-Tech crowding

Brzozowski, Bowman – Audit question regarding a tangled account – Have worked it out and will not happen going forward.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Closed Session

Moved by Miles supported by Brzozowski, the Board go into closed session for the Superintendent’s quarterly review at 8:19 pm.

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Open Session Time: 8:57

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miles, support by Sullivan to adjourn the September 28, 2020 Regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Roll Call – Aye – O’Neil, Walton, Mitchell, Brzozowski, Miles, Sullivan, Bowman

Nay - None

Approved _____

Date

Signed: _____

John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____

Paul Bowman, President