

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**November 23, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bowman called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Present**

John Miles, Paul Bowman, John Brzozowski, Dallas Walton, Jennifer Mitchell, Mike Sullivan and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar

**Visitors:** 30

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Jill O'Neil Absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition to Personnel – VIII C (2) Furlough

Deletion – VII B (cannot approve closed minutes at Zoom meetings)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Auditor went over the 2019-2020 Audit

Dr. Kalmar discussed the ECLP and the modifications

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

Leigh Stroh asked about fund balance % for 2019-2020

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD**

Discussion on Audit items

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes Regular Meeting October 26, 2020

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**Roll Call**

**Ayes – Miles, Mitchell, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Walton, Bowman**

**Nays - None**

**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.

**October 26, 2020- November 23, 2020**

General Fund Total	\$	316,488.49
School Lunch Fund*	\$	59,407.24
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	36,062.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
Sub-total	\$	<u>411,957.73</u>

**ACH/Wire Transactions:**

Payroll	\$	708,743.17
EduStaff	\$	5,392.61
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$	71,616.36
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
QZAB Energy	\$	-
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$	179.76
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment		
Total Funds Spent	\$	<u>1,197,889.63</u>

Check numbers 40076-40184

Void checks n/a

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**Roll Call**

**Ayes – Sullivan, Brzozowski, Miles, Walton, Mitchell, 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**

**Superintendents Report**

Dr. Kalmar discussed COVID-19, OP, MS and HS updates.

## **Personnel**

### **Approval of New Hires**

Moved by Walton supported by Brzozowski the Board of Education fill an open Para educator position at Orchard Primary with a GECS employee.

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### **Roll Call**

**Ayes – Mitchell, Sullivan, Walton, Miles, Brzozowski, Bowman**

**Nays – None**

### **Approval of Furlough**

Moved by Walton, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education furlough the employees as listed above until December 9<sup>th</sup> when the Middle School and Orchard Primary reopen for face2face learning.

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### **Roll Call**

**Ayes – Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Mitchell, Miles, Bowman**

**Nays – None**

### **Discussion**

Walton – is this because of the building issues not COVID? Do we anticipate being back before the 9th

Kalmar – Yes and no because we are still working thru many issues at both buildings

## **Policy**

### **Neola First Reads only**

Policy 6114 Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds (Revised)

Policy 6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

These revisions reflect changes outlined in the President's Management Agenda (PMA). This guidance is intended to focus on improved stewardship and ensuring that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs. The revisions are limited in scope to support implementation of statutory requirements, alignment of these provisions with other Federal requirements, and clarification of existing requirements to minimize risk in financial transactions.

8450.05 Emergency Temporary Telecommuting Policy (new)

This rule requires that all Michigan employers shall create a policy prohibiting in-person work for employees to the extent that their work activities can feasibly be completed remotely.

### **Approval of Donation**

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the gift of 2 play clocks for the Football Field from Mr. Dan Walker and express our thanks.

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**Ayes – Sullivan, Mitchell, Walton, Miles, Brzozowski, Bowman**

**Nays - None**

## **Curriculum**

Moved by Miles, supported by Mitchell, the Board of Education approve the Almont Community Schools Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan modification as discussed.

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**Ayes – Miles, Mitchell, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Bowman**

**COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

R.Szymanski – wanted to thank the teachers and the Board for their hard work and specifically keeping the kids safe online.

**Comments: BOE**

**Mitchell-** wondered way the Board did not have to vote on school closing and if there is a detailed list of items that need to be replaced

**Bowman –** because it was an act of god

**Kalmar –** list is changing daily as repairs are made and things are turned on

**Brzozowski –** DTE, what is happening with them and will they help us out

**Kalmar-** have meeting tomorrow

**Sullivan –** are they still looking for parts for repairs

**Kalmar –** yes but they have made manual fixes that are not ideal in the meantime.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

**Into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations.**

Moved by Miles supported by Sullivan, the Regular November BOE meeting go into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

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**Into Open at 8:36**

**Adjourn:**

Moved by Miles supported by Brzozowski Adjourn 8:38 pm

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Bowman, President