

Almont Community Schools
Board Goal Workshop
Minutes
March 1, 2014

The Board Goals Workshop for the Board of Education of the Almont Community Schools, No. 12, Counties of Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland was held on Saturday March 1, 2014, at Skyline Conference Center 5950 Sandhill Road, Almont Michigan 48003.

Present: Steven Hoffa, John Miles, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Scott Kmetz, Stephan Manko, Jonathon Owens, and Superintendent Joseph B. Candela

Absent: None

Visitors: 17

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 a.m. by President Steven Hoffa.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: All Present

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Communications: None

Questions & Comments Audience: None

Board Goal Workshop

Dr. Tim Edwards of the Michigan Leadership Institute outlined the goals of the workshop, introductions were conducted, objectives were outlined and current goals were reviewed.

Work Session

Administrators presented building updates

Various Teachers Presented

Mr. Nicol presented information regarding the tutoring program to address freshman needs. The biggest issue that arose from the discussion was student apathy and not necessarily a student's capabilities. Mr. Nicol explained that he has rewarded students with various food items every time a student attends the tutoring.

Ms. Wade presented on Schoology.

Mr. Andrades presented on Use of iPads. Classroom management. Changed from teacher driven to student centered curriculum. Showed a webquest application.

Mrs. Maccomei and Mrs. Ashbaugh discussed the Title 1 program intervention that was put in place at Orchard Primary in March for students who were identified as tier 2 from the Dibils assessments. Suggestion of iPads within the classrooms to utilize for interventions. Building leadership meetings are taking place within the building and teacher representative are discussing the information at the staff meetings.

Other Discussion

Year round school update. The concept as of year-around school as explained by the presenters was the possibly of having 1 section of K-6 going year round. Parent surveys were sent out and 193 students were counted from the parent survey of interest in the program. The committee would like a year of planning and studying the concept, before deciding to implement in 2015-2016. The year around school starting in 2015-16 would be a pilot year.

Mr. Bostian discussed technology updates. He demonstrated a device called swivel, which allows a teacher to record part of their lecture. The student is then able to watch the video at a later date. This would allow the teacher to do more direct instruction with the students. Further discussions were held Mr. Candela regarding future direction of technology. The biggest needs for next year would be OP technology. The district is still reviewing desktops or mobile devices to address student needs. The district is still reviewing the needs and cost to update technology in Orchard Primary.

Sinking fund information was presented by Mr. Candela. He discussed the process that was involved in putting together the sinking fund. He also discussed the plan for informing citizens of the school district and school stakeholders.

Mr. Candela held a discussion on the 2014-15 budget process by explaining that some unknowns such as foundation allowance has not been establish by the state as of March 1st. He also explained that the district was still reviewing student numbers to estimate a student count number for 2014-15 school year.

A discussion took place on the development of district curriculum council committee that would review and assess the district curriculum. Specifically, the district curriculum council would be looking at each department's ELO's (Essential Learning Outcomes) and developing a curriculum map. The district curriculum council would also review how the ELO's fit with assessments and interventions for the entire K-12 staff.

Comments: Audience

Mrs. VonHiltmayer said thank you to staff for commitment and dedication.

Questions & Comments: Board of Education

Mr. Miles said that progress isn't just a yearly thing.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

NANCY BOXEY, Secretary

STEVEN HOFFA, President

Date