

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
May 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. in Board Meeting Room at the Almont Elementary, 401 Church Street, Almont, Mi.

Present

John Miles, Scott Kmetz, Jon Owens, and Steve Hoffa and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 13

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Brzozowski arrived at 7:07 pm, Mr. Manko and Mrs. Boxey were absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Candela introduced the Salutatorian, Daniel Deneweth, and Valedictorian, Caitlyn Booms, and read a short bio of each.

Mr. McCloskey presented an 8th grader with the MSBOA Middle School Award and Kyle Rosenberg with the MSBOA High School award. The MSBOA will supply a plaque with their names on it to be hung in their respective band rooms. This new award is granted to students who excel both academically and musically.

Student Council updated the Board on their activities. They are currently wrapping up for the end of the year. This past month they tried to organize a food fight with Capac, IC, and Dryden but the week before all 3 schools dropped out due to time constraints. The council did raise 239 cans of food but did not have the dodge ball game due to lack of participation. They have, however, pulled together a 'lip-dub' video to the song *Happy*. The plan is to get everyone involved – all groups, sports, clubs. They will begin taping tomorrow – the 20th. The end of the video will show the seniors at graduation throwing their caps up. They would like to have this put on the web site. The new student council has been elected. They will be picking their executive board shortly.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the April 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the April 28, 2014 Closed Session Negotiations
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the May 12, 2014 Work Session

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

April 2014	
General Fund	\$585,697.21
School Lunch Program	\$21,535.24
2002 Debt Fund	0
2004 Refunding Bonds	0
2006 Refunding Bonds	0
2012 Refunding Bonds	0
2013 SBL Refinance	0
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$100.00
QZAB Bond	0
General Fund Transfers for Payroll	0
PESG	\$6,542.43
CoachEZ	0
Participant Benefit Claims	0
Total Funds Spent	\$613,874.88
Voided Checks: None	
Check Numbers: 31906-31999	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 31906-31999 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): None

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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

Orchard Primary

K-2 Pilot Assessments

Grades K-1 have completed the assessment pilot, grade two will finish up during the next two weeks. One observation that has been made is that students hold the mouse wrong. This may be because they only use iPads during computer time and are not exposed to the mouse.

School Improvement Review

Orchard Primary has been selected as one of 147 schools representative of all schools statewide for its 2013-2013 SIP review process. We will keep you updated as to the results of the 2013-2014 review.

Parent Input for Placements

For the 14-15 school year they school received 118 teacher requests from parents.

Teacher Evaluations

All walk-throughs, mini observations, and classroom observations are complete.

Upcoming events:

Longway Planetarium-KDG	May 19 & 20
Steppin up night-4 th Grade	May 20
Science Center-4 th Grade	May 21
Kindergarten Testing	May 21 -23
Open House 5-8 pm	May 29
Recorder Concert- 7 pm	
Crazy Hair Day	May 30
Field Day	June 2

Middle School

DISTRICT ACCREDITATION UPDATE

NEED BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND.....PLEASE! The next scheduled meeting is on May 22nd from 4:15-6:15 PM. Selected students (K-12) will be invited to attend this meeting to follow up on Student Survey results. It is nice to speak to the students directly! ☺ Pizza will be provided.

PLC UPDATE

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs) will be due on June 13th. When implemented in the 2014-15 school year, the District Curriculum Council will review/revise the ELOs as needed. Teachers will continue their work on pacing guides and common assessments.

ROCKIN' A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AT AMS

Thank you to Kari Diaz for organizing an exciting week for AMS students and staff! There will be some special breakfast and lunch offerings, such as: Homemade Waffles with Blueberries, Hummus and Pita Bread, Spinach and Romaine with Strawberries, and much more! Also, the chance to incorporate more exercise into the daily routine will be offered: Walk & Talk (before school), Yoga, Hip Hop, Cardio Kick, and more! As always, Billy P. will be here to talk to our 8th graders about drug awareness.

PTSA- NEW BOARD for 2014-15

President- Stephanie Bankston

Vice President- Maureen Walton

Secretary- Mary Anne Martin

Treasurer- Patricia Walters

ROCK STARS at AMS

Please come see pictures of our R.O.C.K. Stars of the month in the main office! **Note:** These students are chosen by administration, teachers, and support staff. Students who exhibit respect, ownership, compassion, and knowledge are recognized with this prestigious award!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION of STAFF:

THANK YOU to all of the teachers and paraprofessionals who have helped with the morning routine at AMS. Students are working on MobyMax/IXL for approx. 15 minutes before school starts! Overall, the students have cooperated and deserve recognition for their good behavior.

THANK YOU to the PTSA and supportive parents for sponsoring our wonderful luncheon on May 8th. We so appreciate everything that PTSA has done for our students and staff this school year!

Congratulations to Jamie Weigand! Jamie has accepted the OP Principal position for the 2014-15 school year. AMS will miss seeing and working with her every day! Best wishes always!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....VERY BUSY MONTH AHEAD at AMS!

5-19-14 Rockin' a Healthy Lifestyle Week at AMS; Choir Concert at 7:00 PM for 5th and 6th @ HS

5-20-14 Steppin' Up Night at AMS from 6:00-8:00 PM

5-21-14 Band Concert for Grades 8-12 at 8:00 PM in AHS Gym

5-26-14 Memorial Day- NO School

5-27-14 NEW SCHEDULE begins..... 7:25-2:50 PM

5-27-14 Annual Awards Night in AMS Gym at 6:30 PM
5-30-14 Excursion to CJ Barrymore's- 8th Grade
6-5-14 Band Concert; Grades 5-7 @ 7:00 PM @ AMS
6-6-14 8th Grade Celebration
6-11-14 Talent Show 12:30-2:30 PM in Cafeteria
6-13-14 Last Day of School; Half Day

High School

Principal's Update:

The Junior/Senior Prom was held in early May and went very well. We had over 200 students attend the prom. We held the senior awards Ceremony on May 14th. In order to make the ceremony a more prestige event we had the senior's wear their graduation gowns. The valedictorian for 2014 is Caitlyn Booms, The Salutatorian for 2014 is Daniel Deneweth. On the seniors last day I will be holding a BQ for them out on the track area. Staff has been invited to come out on their lunch period and join the seniors. At the conclusion of the BQ students will depart the school area for the day. It is our plan to have all the seniors gone before the time the rest of the students are released.

Scheduling – The scheduling process continues and we are close to having it completed. I will advise the Board in my June report which courses we will not be running due to lack of student interest.

Graduation- The board is reminded that graduation will be held this year on June 1st at 5:00pm. Graduation will be on the Football Field, weather permitting. If weather is a problem graduation will be held in the High School gym.

Evaluations- The evaluation process is coming to completion with all teacher observations completed. **Spring**

Sports- The Transportation Department has been very helpful as we have cancelations and then need transportation to make the games up.

Upcoming Events

Last day for seniors, May 21st.

The senior trip to Cedar Point is scheduled for May 27th

Graduation June 1st

Board of Education: Questions

Mr. Kmetz wanted the times for the District Accreditation confirmed.

Mr. Candela stated that it is from 4:15 – 6:15

CURRICULUM

Approval of Graduating Seniors

Moved by Miles, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the list of seniors eligible to graduate this school year as attached.

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POLICY

Approval of Hand Book Changes

Moved by Miles, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the Middle School Handbook

The recommended changes to the High School Handbook

The recommended changes to the iPad Policy and Procedure Handbook

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PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Resignations

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Ownes, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ms.Divito with thanks for all her years of service.

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Moved by Owens, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Grace with thanks for all her years of service and well wishes for the future.

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Moved by Ownes, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ms.Byam and wish her well in her retirement.

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Approval of Orchard Primary Principal

Moved by Ownes, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education employ Jaime Weigand as Orchard Primary Principal effective July 1, 2014.

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Approval of Enrichment Instructors

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Owens, the Board of Education employ the students listed below as summer tennis enrichment instructors:

Ben Wright
Tyler Stryker
Brandon Herman
Faith Standfest
Olivia Bussone
Kevin Heim
James Mitchell
Sarah Stroop

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Approval of ACS Coach

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coach for the Fall 2014/2015 sport season:

- Jose Andrades – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

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Approval of Third Party Coaches

Moved by Owens, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education staff the following position with personnel provided by CoachEZ.

- Girls Varsity Volleyball

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education staff the following position with personnel provided by CoachEZ:

- Jr. High Cheerleading

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BUSINESS

Approval of the ISD Operating Budget

The attached preamble and resolution were offered by member Kmetz and seconded by Member Owens. A copy of the resolution will be marked VIII (F) 1 and attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

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Approval of Lunch and Breakfast Pricing

Moved by Brzozowski , supported by Owens, the Board of Education establish lunch and breakfast rates for the 2014/2015 school year as follows:

	2014/2015
<u>Primary/Elementary Students</u>	
Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.55
Milk	\$ 0.50
<u>Middle/High School Students</u>	
Breakfast	\$1.60
Lunch	\$2.75
Milk	\$0.50
<u>Adults (all buildings)</u>	
Breakfast	\$2.00
Lunch	\$3.50
Milk	\$0.50

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Approval of Athletic Pricing

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for Athletics during the 2014/2015 school year.

- Family Pass Pricing will also be available.
- Yearly Pass pricing is as follows:
- 2 adults and school age children \$150.00
- Two adult passes \$100.00
- One adult pass \$50.00
- Student pass \$40.00
- Replacement fee for lost pass \$5.00

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Approval of Resolution Regarding AE Building

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the attached resolution as presented. Said resolution is to be marked VIII E 4 and attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

Ayes: Kmetz, Miles, Brzozowski, Owens, and Hoffa

Nays: None

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Acceptance of School of Choice Students

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Miles, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2014/2015 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Program.

Discussion

Mr. Owens asked what the procedure was for a student that indicated they had been suspended or expelled. Mr. Candela explained that we do not have to take expelled students and as far as suspended students go we call their previous school take to staff and if necessary interview student.

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION: Negotiations

Motion by Miles, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of Negotiations as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call Vote: Aye’s – Kmetz, Miles, Owens, Brzozowski, Hoffa
Nays - None

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President Hoffa indicated that no further business will be conducted after the closed session of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:56 pm

The Board went into Open Session at 9:14 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President