

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
April 28, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at Almont Elementary.

Present

Stephan Manko, John Brzozowski, John Miles, Scott Kmetz, Jon Owens, Nancy Boxey and Steve Hoffa and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 7

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Candela asked that Closed Session also include Personnel.

XII updated to read:

XII. Closed Session Negotiations/Personnel

COMMUNICATIONS

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

Mr. Miles asked about the Governor's announcement about days forgiven.

Mr. Candela replied that it did not affect us because we had a minimum of 173 days from the 2009/2010 calendar. It was only for Districts that has 174 or more days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Closed Session Quarterly Review
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the April 16, 2014 Board Goals Work Session
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the April 21, 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.

March 2014	
General Fund	\$1,134,422.38
School Lunch Program	21,382.20
2002 Debt Fund	0
2004 Refunding Bonds	0
2006 Refunding Bonds	0
2012 Refunding Bonds	0
2013 SBL Refinance	0
2013 Refunding Bonds	0
QZAB Bond	0
General Fund Transfers for Payroll	0
PESG	\$6,922.44
CoachEZ	\$18,823.65
Participant Benefit Claims	\$50,000.00
Total Funds Spent	\$1,231,550.67
Voided Checks: 31711, 31714	
Check Numbers: 31759-31905	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 31759-31905 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 31711 and 31714
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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

2014-2015 Kindergarten Registration is currently taking place this week. We have a total of 82 Kindergartens so far registered.

We are currently in the process of **offering parents an opportunity to participate in the selection of their child’s teacher for 2014-2015 school year**. We will do our best to honor requests, but final decisions must be based on the dynamics of each classroom in order to create an educational balance. Forms are available in the office and must be returned by May 2.

Grant funding allowed **The Troubadours from the Flint Symphony Orchestra** to visit our school. We were treated to assemblies on Thursday, April 17th for K-2 and 3-5, showcasing string instruments, dance and storytelling.

We have completed **tornado drills** this month. Within minutes, over 500 students and staff are secure in their shelter locations. We have one remaining fire drill to complete this year.

Upcoming Events:

Middle School

DISTRICT ACCREDITATION UPDATE

NEED BOARD MEMBERS TO ATEND.....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.

ADVANC-ED/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING for the 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

The following staff will be meeting on May 14th at MISD to review and revise AMS' School Improvement Plan: K. VonHiltmayer, K. Odett, R. Feys, M. Mueller, V. Bishop, C. Purvis, B. Beneson, and H. Murphy

UPDATE on MOBYMAX/IXL

AMS has a school license for MobyMax; AMS has two teacher licenses for IXL (Wade and Purvis). MobyMax and/or IXL is a school-wide initiative to improve math proficiency.

SEX EDUCATION UPDATE

Natasha Lipka, a former Almont graduate, is teaching our Sex Education Curriculum at AMS.

AUTISM AWARENESS SCHOOL-WIDE ASSEMBLY

There will be an Autism Awareness presentation on May 9th from 9:00-10:00 AM. A special thank you goes to Sandy Crittenden for organizing this event. Afterwards, the AMS Staff will take on the 8th grade boys in basketball. Go Staff! 😊

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 Terrie Graat and Sherrie Taylor for being so efficient and loyal to AMS! We couldn't do it without them! 😊

THANK YOU to Jamie Weigand for her participation on the Teacher Evaluation Committee. She contributes to the discussion to ensure a successful implementation of the new evaluation process.

High School

Scheduling – The scheduling process is well underway for the 14/15 school year. We are taking advantage of the training on Power School Scheduler offered to us by the Macomb ISD.

Graduation- Planning and preparation for this year graduation is progressing well. We will be making a few adjustments to this year's event. The choir will be performing at the graduation ceremony. I have also encouraged all staff to be a part of the graduation this year. Almost all the High School staff will be in attendance this year and will be wearing graduation robes with their college colors.

Evaluations- The evaluation process is coming to completion with all teacher observations to be completed by May 1st. We will be meeting with teacher to review their evaluation scores with them during the month of May.

Art Award– U.S. Representative Candice Miller (MI-10) announced the winners of this year’s 2014 Artistic Discovery Art Competition. This year, 116 pieces of artwork from Michigan’s 10th Congressional District were entered into the contest.

Photography Category

Honorable Mention: James Opiola “Winter Feeding” - Digital Art
Almont High School - 12th Grade

Upcoming Events

SR, JR. Prom will be May 3rd

The School Play will be held May 9th, 10th, and 11th

Last full day for seniors will be May 21st with senior exams held May 22nd and 23rd.

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

Board of Education: Questions

None

POLICY

Approval of Trips

Approval of MS trip to Cedar Point

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the 7th grade annual Cedar Point trip on May 15, 2014.

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Approval of HS trip to Cedar Point

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the Senior Class trip to Cedar Point on May 27, 2014.

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Approval of HS Backpacking Trip to Mesick, MI

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve backpacking trip on the Manistee River Trail in Mesick, MI from May 16th – May 18th, 2014.

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Adoption of New/Updates Policies and Bylaws

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve new policies and revisions as follows:

Approve Revisions to:

Bylaw:

0131.1

Policies:

1422/3122/4122

1623/3123/4123

2260

2260.01

2370.01

3121/4121

5112

5517

8142 and 8321

8420

8452

Approve New Policies:

1619.01/3419.01/4419.01

1619.02/3419.02/4419.02

5330.01

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Approval of Per Diem and Mileage Rates

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the per diem and mileage rates as listed below:

Brunch/Breakfast \$6.00

Lunch \$10.00

Dinner \$14.00

(per diem includes the tip)

Mileage .45 per mile

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Approval of 2014/2015 Board Goals

Moved by Manko, supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the following goals developed at the March 1, 2014 Board Goal Workshop and April 16, 2014 Work Session:

Goal Statement 1:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to be fiscally responsible

Goal Statement 2:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to analyze, evaluate and revise curriculum to meet the needs of the students.

Goal Statement 3:

The Almont Community Schools shall communicate effectively with all Almont Community stakeholders.

Goal Statement 4:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to develop and incorporate technology initiatives.

Goal Statement 5:

The Almont Community Schools will review and evaluate the administrative and counseling capacity within the district.

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Approval of Contract Renewal

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, Board of Education renew the Chartwells contract for the 2014/2015 school year as follows:

Meal factor \$3.1625

Management fee .0658 per meal

Administrative fee of \$3677 per month for 10 months

Discussion:

Mr. Miles asked what the change was from the last contract.

Mr. Candela responded that the management fee increased \$200.00.

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PERSONNEL

Approval of Assistant Jr. High Track Coach

Moved by Boxey, supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coach for the Spring 2013/2014 sport season:

- Kris Wade – Assistant Jr. High Track

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Approval of Third Party Coach

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

- JV Baseball Assistant Coach

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BUSINESS

Approval of Latch Key Rates

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for the 2014/2015 Latchkey Program:

Per Student Registration Fee: \$40.00 onetime fee

Per Family Registration Fee: \$50.00 onetime fee if more than one family member attends
Hourly Rate:
\$ 3.50 per hour

Drop-In Fee: \$ 5.50 per hour

Late Fee(s): \$10.00 every 10 minutes (1st two occurrences)

\$20.00 every 10 minutes (3rd and subsequent occurrences)

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Approval of Preschool Rates for 2014-2015

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the preschool tuition rate for the 2014/2015 school year at \$660.00 per fifteen (15) week semester.

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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.

Ticket Prices:

Varsity Game:	\$5
JV or Freshman Game:	\$4
Middle School Game:	\$3
Almont Student 4-12	
Student with ID:	\$3
Students without ID:	\$5
Tournaments:	\$5

Pay to Participate:

High School: \$125 for 1st sport, \$100 for 2nd sport, \$75 for 3rd sport
 Middle School: \$95 for 1st sport, \$70 for 2nd sport, \$45 for 3rd sport
 (this includes all paid coach sports and clubs)
 Students who qualify for free lunch pay \$0 and students who qualify for reduced lunch pay ½ price.

Family Pass Pricing will also be available:

2 adults and school age children \$75.00
 Two adult passes \$50.00
 One adult pass \$25.00
 Student pass \$20.00
 Replacement fee for lost pass \$5.00

Discussion:

Mrs. Boxey was wondering if it's a club then is there no pay to participate.
 Mr. Candela responded yes that is true.
 Mr. Miles wondered about Powerlifting
 Mr. Candela responded that Powerlifting does not pay to participate. The coach gets 2%. 1% for weight room supervision and 1% for other.
 Mr. Miles asked about Dance Team.
 Mr. Candela responded they pay they are considered a sport.

Motion was then amended to take the word club out.

Amended Motion:

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Discussion:

Mr. Miles inquired whether kids in season get into sporting events free.

Mr. Candela responded that that has always been the case. It is unspoken and has never been part of the policy.

Mr. Hoffa said that if they wanted to make it part of the policy that was an option

Mr. Manko felt if it was not broke there was no need to fix it.

Mr. Miles said no that's fine, if it's common practice there is no need to change the policy

Mr. Kmetz wondered if Mr. Candela had talked to the Athletic Council about the 2nd sport pricing. Mr. Candela did have numbers from pay to play. This year (so far) vs. last year.

Mr. Hoffa stated that if we wanted to amend the price at a later date that was a possibility but for now we can leave it the same.

Mr. Kmetz agreed

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Approval of Summer Wage Rate

Moved by Brzowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establishes the rate of pay for temporary summer help as \$7.50 per hour.

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Approval of Substitute Teacher Rate

Moved by Brzowski, supported by, Manko, the Board of Education keep the following Substitute Teacher rate schedule for 2014/2015:

\$71.25 per day

\$85.50 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment

\$104.50 after 20 consecutive days in the same assignment

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Mr. Kmetz abstained from voting because his wife is a substitute teacher in the district.

Release of Students

Moved by Brzowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education release student 8643 for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year, with the cost of tuition, transportation, and any other expense to be the responsibility of the parent.

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Moved by Brzowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education release student 22888 for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year, with the cost of tuition, transportation, and any other expense to be the responsibility of the parent.

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Moved by Brzowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education release student 20790 for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year, with the cost of tuition, transportation, and any other expense to be the responsibility of the parent.

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Appointment of Designee to Annual ISD Meeting

Moved by Brzowski, supported by Owens, the Board of Education designate Stephan Manko as its designee to attend the Annual Meeting of the Intermediate Board of Education to be held on May 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Education and Technology Center.

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Approval of Bus Lease

Moved by Brzowski, supported by Kmetz the Board of Education accept the attached lease proposal from CH & H Leasing which expires 6/30/2016. Copy to be attached and marked VIII D 8.

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION: Negotiations/Personnel

Motion by Boxey, supported by Brzowski, 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 – Miles, Boxey, Manko, Kmetz, Owens, Brzowski, 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 8:02 p.m.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:02pm

The Board went into Open Session at 8:53 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President