

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
October 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in Media Center at Almont Middle School, 4624 Kidder, Almont, MI 48003

Present

Steve Hoffa, Jill O'Neil, John Miles, Jonathon Owens, Scott Kmetz, John Brzozowski, Stephan Manko and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 14

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council

The student council president updated the Board on council activities:

Leadership trip to Mesick was a success. They missed Mr. Woelkers but it worked out. They had students from Richmond with them.

They are in the process of working on a school beautification project.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes Regular Meeting September 28, 2015
- B. Approval of the Minutes Special Meeting Work Session October 19, 2015

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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.

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October

General Fund Total	\$ 967,687.42
School Lunch Fund	\$ 55,652.82
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
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Sinking Funds	\$ 2,872.00
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 1,026,212.24
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ -
PESG	\$ 7,689.15
Coach EZ	\$ 2,767.05
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 1,036,668.44
Check Numbers: 33665-33810	
Void Checks: 33690 and 33696	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 33665 to 33810 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 33690 & 33696

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Mr. Brzowski abstained because there is a check in the run to his business, American Tree.

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

The Trust and Agency Accounts were approved as presented.

Board of Education: Questions

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendents Report

Orchard Primary

The week of October 4th was Fire Prevention Week. The crew from the Almont Fire Department was here throughout the week visiting individual classrooms. Each classroom also got to go outside to see the fire truck in the bus loop.

On Monday, October 5th, Susie Royster organized a Christmas song video for a deployed unit of U.S. soldiers. Cindy Jones also gathered Christmas cards and pictures that were made by O.P. students to ship to the soldiers as well.

Our annual PTA Morley-Cherrydale fundraiser came to a close on October 6th. The total profit from the effort has not been released yet. PTA uses these funds to support our school in many, many ways including: Field trips, hardship funds, school supplies, classroom projects, etc.

Progress Reports for 3rd and 4th grade students were emailed home to parents on Friday, October 9th. Parents and teachers are looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences to be held on Nov. 4th and 5th, with final report cards being emailed home on November 4th.

Ryan Kline hosted a new-student pizza party and scavenger hunt during the school day on Thursday, November 15th to welcome our 39 new students! The new students each paired-up with a veteran student buddy and had a great time with this event.

The Title I Parent Information Night was held on Wednesday, October 21st. Tamie Rawlings, Ryan Kline and Joe Candela gave a presentation to parents regarding Title I and McKinney-Vento:

What is Title I?

Whom does it serve?

How do we program for students at Orchard Primary?

What is the McKinney-Vento Program and whom does it serve?

A Compact for Learning Success and the responsibilities of parents, staff and students.

Our first Raider Down Drill takes place on Friday, October 23rd. At our staff meeting we discussed the procedures for our safety drills and our staff is ready in the event of a real situation.

A local OP Brownie Troop has rallied our staff and students to participate in the Million Misfit Sock March on Friday, October 23rd. We won't actually be marching anywhere, but we will be wearing mis-matched fun socks and discussing what it looks like to stand up against bullying.

Orchard Primary Parent Expo Night is Thursday, October 29th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. The Parent Expo Night will showcase our school classroom-to-classroom, as well as endeavors of the outdoor classroom. The kids have been working on a mud oven where pizzas will be cooking, an apple cider press will be in action, mint ice cream will be made from the mint that was grown in the gardens, and there will be a scavenger hunt.

Middle School

PLC UPDATE/DISTRICT CURR COUNCIL

All of the K-12 teachers met together for the first 15 minutes of the PLC on Oct. 21st. Erik Johnson provided a summary of what should be completed at this time- ELO's and Pacing Guides. Teachers will continue and/or begin developing their units. All teachers were reminded and given a flow chart to ensure that all documents are placed in Google Drive. The next DCC Meeting is on November 18th; the DCC will prioritize the curriculum needs of the district. Also, Jack Bostian will begin attending these meetings to ensure state compliance in regards to our ACS Technology Plan.

Evaluation Update

All AMS teachers will have their first 20 minute observation completed by October 30th. Walk Throughs will be ongoing.

PLTW Conference

The following AMS staff members will be attending the PLTW Conference in Ann Arbor on October 28th: K. VonHiltmayer, R. Kline, B. Beneson, and A. Malloy. Discussion and plans will be made for the 2016-17 school year.

FUN RUN

A big thank you to the Almont PTSA for all of their assistance with the Fun Run Fundraiser this year (held on October 16th). The following businesses donated at least \$150 to AMS: Tee's -n- Things, Wallflower Creations, McDonald's, CSB Bank, Classic Remodeling, Stroup Builders, The Huddle, Roza's Pizza, JB Transmissions, Kehoe

Orthodontics, Charlie Brown's, Tilmar Spline, The Country Smoke House, and Sheena's. **Over \$6000** was collected. Again, thank you to our school community for all of their support!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Oct. 28th- Fall Choir Concert (Grades 6-8) @ AHS at 7:00 PM
- *Oct. 30th- 1st ROCK SHOP & ROCK Assembly at 1:30 PM
- *Nov. 4th and Nov. 5th- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *Nov. 11th- PLC Day
- *Nov. 11th- PTSA Meeting at 7:00 PM in Media Center
- *Nov. 18th- DCC Meeting @ OP at 4:15

High School

The annual Special Olympics Track and Field was held on Sept 24, youngsters from around the Lapeer County area were part of the event. We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make it a huge success.

The HS Band attended the BWAC Marching Band Extravaganza at Port Huron HS on Oct 6. It was a great night for our band, who a terrific job in their performance.

The HS Band followed up their performance from the BWAC Marching Band Extravaganza by receiving all 1's at MSBOA Marching Band Festival Competition at Goodrich HS on Oct 13. Great Job Band!

The Homecoming game took place on Oct 2nd where the Raiders defeated Yale. The parade and pep assembly took place earlier in the day and was a huge success for staff, parents and students. The dance was held on Oct 3rd, where 200 students participated.

Over 100 juniors took the PSAT test on Oct. 14. This will help them in preparing for the SAT later on in the spring.

72 juniors and 10 seniors went on a field trip to Saginaw Valley State University with Counselor Sue Frederiksen. Ms. Frederiksen had a very nice write up in last week's Tri-City Times about the trip. This was a great opportunity for our students!

We had 25 High School student council members attend the Leadership Retreat in Tustin from Oct 18 to Oct 20.

This Saturday, Oct 24th, is the annual Camp Dream Team football game. This is a great opportunity for our Special Education students to be "Under the Lights" and experience Raider Football excitement!

Athletics

The Boys Soccer Team finished their season 2nd in the BWAC (9-3 record). Overall they finished the regular season 14-5-1. They will play for the District championship Friday night at Imlay City.

Boys Tennis team placed first in BWAC standings for the season. They placed 3rd at Regionals.

Girls Golf – in its 2nd year of existence, went undefeated to become League Champs. They ended up placing 2nd at regionals, and 7th at State. It is youngest team that qualified for states – one freshman and

5 sophomores. The State competition was held Oct 16 & 17. They also had the League MVP and three first-team all-league players and one academic all-league player.

Varsity Football concluded its BWAC schedule with a 5-2 record.

JV football earned a share of the BWAC championship with an 8-1 record.

Upcoming Events:

Blood Drive – Oct 28

HS/MS Fall Choir Concert is Oct 28 at 7pm

Cross Country Regionals Oct 30 at Algonac.

HS Band going to MS on Oct 30 to perform for MS students

End of marking period Oct 30.

Parent/Teacher Conferences November 4-5. Report cards will be handed out at conferences.

Board of Education: Questions

Mr. Brzozowski asked how Mrs. Rawlings, the Interim OP Principal, was doing.

Mr. Candela stated that he has been checking in with her daily and helping her with various duties and she is doing well.

Mr. Miles asked how Mr. Woelkers is.

Mr. Candela stated that he is home and getting up and about.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Approval of New Hire

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Owens, the Board of Education employ Jennifer Guerrero as a Almont Community Schools ParaEducator.

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Approval of ACS Coaches

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coaches for the 2015/2016 winter sport season:

- Boys Varsity Basketball – Jose Andrades
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball – James Leusby
- JV Girls Basketball – Erik Johnson

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Approval of CoachEZ Positions

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Owens, the Board of Education staff the following positions with personnel provided by CoachEZ:

- JV Boys Basketball
- Freshman Boys Basketball
- 7th Grade Boys Basketball
- Varsity Wrestling
- MS Wrestling

- 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball

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Business

Insurance Review

Discussion Only – no motion

Policy

Approval of Release of Student

Moved by Manko, supported by Miles, the Board of Education APPROVE the request for the student referred to in the attached letter to be released to Imlay City Schools.

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Finance

Approval of Alternative Electricity Resolution

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education instruct our District Administration to work with our legislators and associated advocacy organizations to urge the Legislature to support and continue the current opportunity for school districts to purchase electric supply at significant saving from the alternate energy suppliers. Copy of attached resolution to be filed with Official Minutes and marked VIII E 1.

Roll Call:

Kmetz, O'Neil, Owens, Miles, Manko, Brzozowski, Hoffa – Ayes

None - Nays

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Approval of Disposition of Property

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the sale of the Church Street property . Agreement to be attached to the official minutes of this meeting and marked VIII E (2).

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Steve Edwards stated that he submitted paperwork in September for the September BOE meeting for a check that was due to him for \$1200.00. When he stopped in the office after the September meeting he was told that the check would be approved in October. He feels that he should have been notified that the check was going to be late. He understands that the Central Office move might have caused this delay but he would have appreciated a heads up. When he has bills that are due they need to be paid on time, this caused his bills to be late. He also stated that this has never happened before and he did not anticipate it happening again.

Karen Barton wanted to thank the BOE for all the hard work on making sure the kids had ball fields to play on. She also wanted the Board to know that she will be there for them when it comes to other projects. Her grandchildren will be in the schools for the next 16 years.

Comments BOE

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Closed Session: Personnel Matter

Mr. Hoffa stated that the BOE would go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and that no business would take place after the closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

O’Neil, Brzozowski, Manko, Kmetz, Owens, Miles, Hoffa – Ayes

None- Nays

No business to take place after closed session

Into Closed: 7:34

Out of Closed: 8:36

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education adjourn our monthly board meeting at 8:37 p.m. on this day October 26, 2015.

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The Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President