

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
January 25, 2016

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 High School, 4701 Howland Rd, Almont, MI 48003

Present

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

Visitors: 13

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Jonathan Owens was absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council:

Working on Snowcoming, pep assembly, and spirit week

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

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 December 14, 2015
- B. Approval of the Minutes Closed Session December 14, 2015
- C. Approval of the Minutes Organizational Meeting January 5, 2016
- D. Approval of the Minutes Work Session January 18, 2016

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

January

General Fund Total	\$ 1,504,829.71
School Lunch Fund	\$ 56,735.83
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ 150.00

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2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ 500.00
Sinking Funds	\$ 1,650.00
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 1,563,865.54
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 45,000.00
PESG	\$ 10,601.30
Coach EZ	\$ -
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 1,669,466.84
34038-34176	
Void Checks: 33556, 33633, 33705	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 34038-34176 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 33556, 33633, 33705

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Mr. Manko abstained because his daughter has a check in the run

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

Mr. Candela acknowledged the Board and their dedication to the district. He thanked them for all their hard work.

Mr. Candela discussed the following:

Orchard Primary

PD day, School Improvement Council, M-Step, OP PTA

Mr. Candela will be having a forum in February to discuss the M-Step results.

Middle School

Board appreciation, PD Day, new success period, DC Curriculum update, upcoming events

High School

Course selection guide is ready for 16/17, M-step scores above average, Exams over, Visual and Arts awards, Robotics new robot, Robotics grants, Drama/Play, Wrestling tournament, Yearbook award,

Other

MASA mid-winter conference

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum

Approval of Course Guide

Moved by Miles supported by Kmetz the Board of Education approve the 2016/2017 Almont High School Course Guide as presented.

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Personnel

Approval of ParaProfessional

Moved by Kmetz supported by Manko the Board of Education employ Amy Serra as a Almont Community Schools ParaProfessional.

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Approval of Drama Director

Moved by Kmetz supported by Manko the Board of Education employ John Miles as a Almont Community Schools Drama Director.

Discussion:

Mr. Miles stated he will abstain from voting although this is a volunteer position

Mr. Hoffa verified that Board Policy has been followed

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Finance

Approval of Budget Amendment

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Manko the Board of Education adopt the revised General Fund Budget for the 2015/2016 school year, with Revenues totaling \$12,803,788.00 and Expenditures totaling \$12,671,138.

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Approval of Bus Lease

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the attached lease proposal from Holland Bus Company that includes 15 gas buses, and 1 gas lift bus.

Discussion:

Mrs. O'Neil had some concerns about the bus runs. Would like to see the HS vs. MS numbers and possibly consider if we need the HS run. Would have liked to see the provided numbers sorted differently.

Mr. Candela did not think we were ready to make a decision to pull the HS run at this time.

Mrs. O'Neil just did not want to make a quick decision

Mr. Brzozowski stated that they had had this discussion last year and one of the concerns was the loss of students that may occur if we pulled a run.

Mr. Candela pointed out that the hours from last year has been reduced

Hoffa stated that we currently had a motion and wondered if we needed more discussion

Mr. Kmetz verified that due diligence was done

Mr. Candela stated that the bus lease would save around \$40,000

Mr. Hoffa asked the board if they think looking at one less run and having more info would make a difference

Mr. Manko stated that the discussion had not changed his view

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Business

Approval of Legal Retainer

Moved by Miles supported by Manko , the Board of Education approve the Legal Retainer Agreement with Thrun Law Firm covering the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016 as presented. Retainer Agreement to be attached to the official minutes and marked VIII E(1).

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Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Miles supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2015/2016 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Policy

Approval of Overnight Trip

Moved by Manko, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Lansing Mi. for the Women in Sport Leadership Conference Feb 7th – Feb 8th.

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

Comments BOE

Mr. Manko mentioned that we have a volleyball club run by Sue Fred that is helping to develop our volleyball program.

Mr. Kmetz inquired about policy regarding video taping at meetings

Mr. Hoffa stated that we do have policy

Workshop date set for March 12th

2 people from each building

Decided to have a facilitator. Mr. Candela to set it up.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education adjourn the January 25th Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President

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