

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
June 27, 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, Jonathan Owens, and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was updated:

New hires added: MS 5th Grade Teacher, HS Math Teacher

Contracts updated to include D. Sousanis, take off Library Aide and Secretarial Contract, updated Superintendent contract

COMMUNICATIONS

None

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 from the May 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Work Session Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the May 23, 2016 Closed Session
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Closed Session

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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.

General Fund Total	\$ 1,007,156.09
School Lunch Fund	\$ 36,641.60
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ 150.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ 100.00

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2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sinking Funds	\$ 6,790.00
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 1,050,837.69
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 67,600.57
PESG	\$ 27,162.02
Coach EZ	\$ -
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 1,145,600.28
Check #'s - 34578-34686	
Void Checks - 34605, 34615	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 34493-34577 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

Mr. Candela discussed the following:

From Orchard Primary

Mr. Candela discussed:

Field day, first STEAM day, and Reading Series

He also thanked that staff for a good year

From the Middle School

DCC UPDATE

Mrs. VonHiltmayer thanked ALL DCC Team Members for working on the District Curriculum Council.

- Pacing Guides for K-12 completed for all Core and special courses.
- For 2015-16, Teachers will work on Unit Organizers.
- Working on scheduling Professional Development for 2015-16

Read Naturally

5th Grade- Twenty students participated in the program with 85% of the students showed improvement, while 15 % showed no improvement.

6th Grade-Fifteen students participated in the program with 67% showing improvement, while 33% showed no improvement.

7th Grade-Twelve students participated in the program with 92% showing improvement, while 8% showed no improvement.

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8th Grade-Nine students participated in the program with 89% showing improvement, while 11% showed no improvement.

School Wide- Fifty-Six students participated in the program with 82 % showing improvement, while 18% showed no improvement.

STEM UPDATE

PLTW (STEM) GRANT- The Middle School received \$6,450.00 from the Lapeer Community Foundation to start STEM programing in the Middle School. Mr. Beneson will be receiving training to for the STEM initiative at the Middle School.

From the High School

The end of the school year went very well. The trip to Cedar Point and the BBQ for seniors on their last day gave our seniors a chance to spend quality time with each other before they graduated. Graduation was a success, the gym was packed to capacity and with increasing attendance we may need to look for an alternate site for inside graduation ceremonies.

With the students gone for the summer the halls have quieted down. Along with wrapping up the current school year we are already busy getting things prepared for next fall. The custodial staff is well under way doing their summer cleaning here at the High School. We are finishing up student schedules for the fall, and the secretarial staff is preparing things for student orientation for the coming school year. Yearend reports are being completed and will be submitted before the office staff leaves for their summer break.

Other

Summer Cleaning

Cleaning has begun at the HS
Also discussed stripping of the gym floors

Roof, Secured Entranceways & Service Drive

Work is underway on the OP roof and secured entranceways. The contractor is anticipating finishing both projects by the end of July. This week Mr. LaPan will be meeting with Aztec Asphalt to formula a plan to begin work on the service drive.

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Approval of Third Party Coach]

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

JV Basketball Coach

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Approval of Contracts

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment contracts of the following individuals as presented, with copies of the individual contracts to be **marked VIII B (2)** and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

Central Office Staff

Debbie Kosinski – Central Office Secretary
Kim Medley – Payroll Clerk
Gail Brinker – Business Manager
Michelle Campbell – Administrative Assistant
Anita Monte – Business Manager Consultant

Other

Dean Sousanis

Para Educators

Shelly Baker	Linda Bone	Jennifer Guerrero
Carol Born	Kristy Bryan	
Jennifer Fulton	Sandy Glisman	
Heather Hall	Colleen Ions	
Loretta Lawrence	Brenda Leech	
Debra Sheffield	Nancy Turvill	

Other

Teresa Deneweth - Test Coordinator
Jack Bostian – Tech Director
Clemencia Ucros'-Paul- Migrant Program Assistant

PreSchool

Star Sutphin
Renee Porter
Melissa Phillips
Sonya Szydowski
Maria Paredes

Library Tech

Mary-Beth Corbin
Jenny Henige

Latchkey

Jenny Wheatley Patricia Carter Carolyn Horn

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment contract of Joseph Candela as presented, with copies of the individual contract to be **marked VIII B (2) A** and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment contract of Kim VonHiltmayer, as presented, with copies of the individual contract to be **marked VIII B (2) B** and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment contract of Jennifer Szlachta as presented, with copies of the individual contract to be **marked VIII B (2) C** and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Discussion: Mrs. O'Neil stated that she thought it should be a 1 year contract

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment contract of Tim Woelkers as presented, with copies of the individual contract to be marked VIII B (2) D and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Approval of Teachers

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Kelly Petrovich as a 5th grade Middle School teacher beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Jeffery Bacholzky as a High School teacher beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

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Discussion: Mrs. O'Neil how are they coming in? Mr. Candela Step 6, they both have master's degrees.

Approval of Retirement

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Colleen Ulmer and wish her well in her retirement.

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FINANCE

Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the revised General Fund Budget for the 2015/2016 school year, with Revenues totaling \$13,007,948.00, and Expenses totaling \$12,759,079 with the difference to be added to fund balance as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(1) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Approval of the School Service Budget Amendment

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the revised 2015/2016 School Service Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(2) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Commented [MC1]:

Approval of the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the 2016/2017 General Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(3) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Approval of the 2016-2017 School Services Budget

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the 2016/2017 School Service Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)4 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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BUSINESS

Approval of MHSAA Membership

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the 2016/2017 school year.

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POLICY

Acceptance of School of Choice Students

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2016/2017 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Approval of Handbooks

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the Orchard Primary Handbook with the following amendment on page 32 for a child staying in for recess:

Add 'may' require a doctor note

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Discussion: Miles asked if adding the word 'may' really changed it. Hoffa, yes.

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the Middle School Handbook

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Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the High School Handbook

F, 134, 0-7-0

Discussion: Mr. Owens not happy that there is no change to the athletic and Prom attendance policy.

Miles – if we approve the changes can we change them latter in the year

Hoffa – not a good idea to change the handbook in middle of the year

Approval of Deferment of Procurement Requirements

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve deferring the procurement provisions included in 2 CFR 200.317 to 200.326 allowed by the UG guidance making the effective date of these provisions to the District July 1, 2017.

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CURRICULUM

Approval of New Courses

Moved by Miles, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the new course called Practical Math at the High School.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the new high school course called

Advanced Physics.

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Commented [MC2]:

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Discussion: Miles wanted to thank Admin and teachers for coming together to make this class happen. He is looking forward to next spring to see how it went.

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

- Mr. Tencza inquired about closing date on AE
- Mr. Candela – no date they had recently asked for more TEC documents
- Mr. Tencza – what does it cost a month at the AE
- Mr. Candela – does not know off the top of his head
- Mr. Tencza – have break in’s stopped
- Mr. Candela – yes
- Mr. Tencza – will the school keep the millings when they begin the paving process
- Mr. Candela – will be discussed at pre-construction meeting
- Jamie Wade – asked about lane one on track
- Mr. Candela – will have Bob Jones call him to discuss

Comments BOE

Mr. Hoffa reiterated that the Board needs to consider the fund balance issue when making future decisions. Cannot keep doing new things without considering possible cuts in programs that may overlap especially at the HS and MS.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION: Superintendent’s Quarterly Review

Motion by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:09 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Went into Open Session at 8:43

Adjourned at 8:43

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President

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