

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**March 21, 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:** 11

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Delete – Approval of February 22 Closed Session Minute Approval

Add – Closed Session Superintendent’s Quarterly Review to end of this meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Student Council: 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 February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the February 23, 2016 Building and Site Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the March 14, 2016 Work Session
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2016 Board Goals Workshop

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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.

**March**

General Fund Total	\$ 915,854.29
School Lunch Fund	\$ 31,354.36

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2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sinking Funds	\$ -
QZAB Bond	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 947,208.65</b>
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 36,744.36
PESG	\$ 9,725.27
Coach EZ	\$ 1,006.20
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ -
<b>TOTAL FUNDS SPENT</b>	<b>\$ 994,684.48</b>
Check numbers: 34278-34384	
Void Checks - 33540, 33862, 34239, 34244	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 34278-34384 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 33540, 33862, 34239, 34244  
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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:**

**Orchard Primary**

The reading specialist has 41 kids she is working with  
Winter Festival was well received, Spring Carnival scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Steam classes are going good. Trips to other ‘outdoor’ schools are being planned.  
March is reading month is underway.  
Learning fair had a great turnout. We have 73 potential Kindergartners and 10 or 12 BK. April testing will determine the exact numbers.

**Middle School**

Teachers continue to work with the GISD consultants  
Teachers are attending the Leadership Series in Saginaw  
Success period is going well  
Teresa Deneweth is working with the teachers going over M-Step results  
Teacher’s will be surveyed regarding PLC days in April  
Vent with Von is well received

Internet safety presentation was a success with kids. March 30<sup>th</sup> will be for parents.

PLTW golf outing needs volunteers for July 30<sup>th</sup>

\$500 raised for Flint water crises. Will be matched by Pistons owner.

Band and Choir had great results at competitions.

Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball – first time ever students won

One more grant is in the works for furniture for special needs

Met with LifeTouch to see how to increase sales

Pancake breakfast and dodgeball went well on Sunday

## **High School**

Band received a 1 at competition, Varsity singers a 98%.

3 boys placed 8<sup>th</sup> at state wrestling competition

Math Team did great at Mott and U/M Flint competitions

Powerlifting one state champ and set a state record

2 students had art on display at Gallery 194 in Lapeer

One student received gold award for video called 'Rise'

## **Other**

None

## **Board of Education: Questions**

Mrs. O'Neil mentioned what a great job Mrs. Macciomei and the other staff that was there did with the learning fair

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Personnel**

#### **Approval of Schedule B Payments**

Moved by Kmetz supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the attached Schedule B assignments. Schedule to be attached to the official minutes and marked VIII B (1).

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#### **Approval of Enrichment Instructor**

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko. the Board of Education employ Ashleigh Viaene as a Almont Community Schools Enrichment Instructor.

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#### **Approval of Third Party Coach**

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

- **JV Tennis**

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## **Policy**

### **Approval of Trip – Camp Lael**

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve both overnight trips to Camp Lael in Lapeer, Michigan for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

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### **Approval of Trip – Senior Cedar Point**

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the one day trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio for the 12th grade students on May 31st, 2016.

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## **Finance**

### **Approval of Audit Services**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education award the contract for audit services to Lewis and Knopf in the amount of:

\$12,000.00 for fiscal year ending 6/30/2016

\$12,500.00 for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017

\$13,000.00 for fiscal year ending 6/30/2018

For a total of \$37,500.00

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### **Approval of Secured Entrances**

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education enter into a contract for the secured entrances with Booms Construction and Security Corporation. Bid information to be attached and marked VIII D(2).

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## **COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

Paul Bowman inquired about total dollars for secured entrances. \$122,636.72.

Paul – will the January budget need to be adjusted based on February count? No

Paul – do we have a purchase agreement for AE? Yes

Paul – decide on color of OP roof? Yes

Pam Ferzacca inquired about the certification of the BK sub. It is currently being looked at.

## **Comments BOE**

None

## **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 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent's Quarterly Review as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

**Roll Call Vote:** Aye's –Manko, Miles, Owens, Kmetz, O'Neil, Brzozowski , Hoffa

Nays - None

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**Into open session at 8:45 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Hoffa, President