

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
May 23, 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: 20

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was updated:

Added Retirement of Debra Schoonover

Took off Approval of Handbooks and will move to June

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council – no show

Mr. Sousanis – discussed with the Board the current AP Physics 2 class and the challenges they are having.

Mr. Candela – announced the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2016

Mr. Manko will not be voting on Tennis, his daughter is on the instructor list

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 April 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the May 16, 2016 Work Session Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the May 19, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting

P, 84, 7-0-0

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.

General Fund Total	\$ 869,375.38
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School Lunch Fund	\$ 28,298.73
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ 100.00
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sinking Funds	\$ 600.00
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 898,374.11
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 67,600.57
PESG	\$ 13,243.47
Coach EZ	\$ -
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 979,218.15
Check #'s - 34493-34577	
Void Checks - None	

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

4th Grade M-Step concluded last week. The third and fourth graders spent two-three days for two weeks completing the test. Our students were really RAD Raiders, trying hard, and being respectfully quiet in the hallways. Thank you to Teresa Deneweth for all her extra hours organizing the materials, double checking, and sending them off for scoring.

WOW! Did the teachers and staff ever feel the love during teacher appreciation week. Our PTA went above and beyond providing daily treats and gifts, a wonderful lunch, door prizes, and massages. The staff at OP felt truly spoiled!!

The K-12 Art Show was a wonderful exhibit of student art. Musical talents were also on display during the amazing performance of Annie. Congratulations to all involved.

Field trip season is in full swing. The PTA monetary support allows our students to benefit from these opportunities for learning.

The 4th Grade “Steppin’ Up” night and recorder concert is scheduled for 5-26 at 7:00 p.m. This will take place at the MS.

Our Field Day is scheduled for Monday, June 13th. A large crew from the PTA is organizing this fun event.

Tuesday, June 14th, will also be a day of fun and learning at OP. The staff is organizing STEAM centers for the entire school. All classes will travel from center to center, making career connections, and building their science knowledge.

From the Middle School DISTRICT CURRICULUM COUNCIL

NCAA Accreditation

Looking at 2 Reading Series

PLC for 16-17 will be early release vs. late start

M-STEP Testing

Seventh grade is the last grade to finish up testing next week. Preliminary reports are becoming available through the secure site; final reports will be here in the fall.

Again, THANK YOU to Mrs. Deneweth for her organization and efforts to ensure a successful testing experience for all students!

AMS SCIENCE UPDATE

AMS Science teachers will be invited to attend a Skype session with James Emmerling (GISD Science Consultant) on June 7th after school. He will be discussing his thoughts on how to proceed with the new Michigan Science Standards.

Note: Beau Beneson and Andrea Malloy will be attending PLTW Training this summer at Eastern Michigan University. A. Malloy will be taking the *Design & Modeling* course and B. Beneson will be taking the *Automation & Robotics* course.

ART SHOW

Kudos to Lisa Wright, Breanna Jostock, and Kimberly Tencza for organizing a spectacular Art Show this year! The students’ talent and creativity left me speechless! Some of the amazing art pieces included: beautiful drawings, painted chairs, a prom dress made out of duct tape, a decorative toilet, vases, and much more!

ANNIE

Kudos to John Miles for all of his dedication and commitment to ensure another musical/play production! The students’ performances were absolutely phenomenal! What a school community effort! Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 24th- AMS Annual Awards Night in gymnasium @ 6:30 PM
- May 26th- Talent Show 12:30 & 1:40 PM
- May 26th- Steppin’ Up Night from 6:00-8:00 PM
- May 27th- Bowling for 8th Grade
- June 1st- Choir Concert for Grades 5-8 @ 7:00 PM
- June 2nd & 3rd- 8th Grade to Visit AHS
- June 6th- CJ Barrymore’s for 8th Grade
- June 7th- Band Concert for Grades 5-8 @ 7:00 PM
- June 9th- Zoo Field Trip for 5th Grade
- June 10th- ROCK SHOP & 8th Grade Volleyball Girls vs. Staff @ 1:30 PM
- June 10th- 8th Grade Celebration @ 6:30 PM
- June 14th- 6th Grade Field Day

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- June 15th- Bowling for 7th Grade

From the High School

The school year is drawing to a close with the last day for seniors to be this coming Wednesday. Again this year Mr. Woelkers will be sponsoring a cookout for seniors on their last day. The Class of 2016's Senior Awards ceremony was held this past week; the event was well attended with many of our current seniors receiving scholarships and awards. The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on May 4th.

Graduation will be Sunday June 5th, at 5:00pm. As long as the weather cooperates we will be holding the ceremony on the football field; the alternate site is the High School gym. The staff from the High School will be in attendance and will wear graduation robes with hoods that have the colors of their particular college. We have also invited the military recruiters of the service branches our students have enlisted in to be in attendance at this year's graduation ceremony.

Testing

We have received preliminary test results on the Pre-SAT taken by 9th and 10th graders and the SAT taken by 11th graders. We are analyzing the results and when we have final results we will report those results out to the Board. Due to the fact that this is the first year for our students taking the SAT we will only be able to do limited comparison to prior ACT testing.

STEM

The High School will be participating with the Middle School on a fundraiser through Venture Global Engineering. The fundraiser will consist of a golf outing in July. There is a high potential for there to be a substantial donation to the STEM programs as a result of this fundraiser. Ms. Rohrbeck and Mrs. VonHiltmeyer have been putting in countless hours in spearheading Almont's efforts in this event.

BWAC All-Academic Team

The BWAC held its Academic Honors Luncheon in late April. The top five academic students of the Almont Class of 2016 were honored, as well as our female and male scholar athlete. This year's luncheon was held at the Capac Country Club. It was very nice event with our students representing Almont High School at the highest level.

Visual and Performing Arts

Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Miles and student director Alison Hoffman the High School musical was a huge success. All three performances of the play were well attended. On Friday night of the play the annual all Schools Art Show took place here at the High School. Along with the fine pieces of art work, there were also several hands-on art activities for the students.

Athletics

On May 31st Almont will be hosting pre-districts for softball, baseball and soccer. This will bring a large amount of fans to the High School and will be an exciting day for our athletes.

Upcoming Date

May 19 th	High School Band and Choir Spring Concerts
May 25 th	Senior's last day
May 26 th , and 27 th	Senior Exams
June 1 st	Senior trip to Cedar Point

June 2 nd	Baccalaureate
June 5 th	Graduation
June 9 th	Undergraduate Awards Ceremony & Spring Sports Awards
June 13 th , 14 th and 15 th	Exams for 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th grade
June 15 th	Last day for students

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of Technology Initiatives

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz the Board of Education approve the Almont Technology Initiatives as outlined in the attached document to be marked VIII (B) 1.

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Approval to amend AE Purchase Agreement

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education authorizes and directs Superintendent Candela to execute the First Amendment only after the Buyer has acknowledged in writing that he has received all environmental and testing reports in order that the sixty (60) day inspection period is commenced .

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Personnel

Approval of Enrichment Instructors

Moved by Kmetz, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education employ the students on the attached list as summer tennis enrichment instructors.

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Mr. Manko abstained because his daughter is on the instructor list

Approval of Summer Tech Help

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education employ the students listed below as summer tech help:

- Haley Edie
- John Bourque
- Brandon Marklin

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Approval of Retirement

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Debra Schoonover and wish her well in her retirement.

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Approval of Retirement

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the retirement of Mrs. Nancy Curzydlo with best wishes for the future.

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Approval of Third Party Coaching Positions

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

- JV Football Head and Assistant Coach
- Middle School Football Head and Assistant Coach
- Varsity Soccer Coach
- Varsity and Freshman Volleyball
- Varsity and Middle School Cheer
- Varsity Dance
- Varsity Boys Tennis
- 7th Grade Basketball

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Approval of ACS Coaches

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coach(s) for the Fall 2016/2017 sport season:

- Varsity Football – James Leusby
- Varsity Assistant Football – Ritchie Feys
- Middle School Cross Country – Shannon Chayka
- Varsity Cross County – Rick Filar
- Assistant Varsity Football – Beau Beneson
- 8th Grade Basketball – Eric Johnson

P, 93, 7-0-0

Approval of Transportation Secretary

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education employ Maureen Walton as transportation secretary beginning immediately.

P, 94, 7-0-0

Approval of Orchard Primary Principal

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education employ Jennifer Szlachta as Orchard Primary Principal beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

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Mrs. O’Neil asked if it was normal to approve a Principal without the contract. She also stated she was not happy with the hiring process.

Mr. Candela stated that the contract would be approved in June as has been done in the past.

Policy

Approval of Graduating Seniors

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the list of seniors eligible to graduate this school year as attached.

P, 96, 7-0-0

Approval of Board Goals

Moved by Owens supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the following goals developed at the 2016 Board Goal Workshops:

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.

P, 97, 7-0-0

Approval of Release of Student

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko, the Board of Education APPROVE the request for said student (#16299) to be released to the Lapeer ISD adult education program

P, 98, 7-0-0

Business

Approval of ISD Operating Fund Budget

Read attached resolution beginning with the first WHEREAS.....

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz,

A copy of the resolution will be marked VIII (E) 1 and attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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Approval of Custodial Bid

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the bid from Axium for custodial and maintenance services under the following conditions:

1. At the end of six months (January 2017) a review will be done of the services provided.
2. Provided the review goes well we will extend the contract thru 2017-2018.

P, 100, 5-2-0

Nay: Hoffa, Owens

Discussion:

Mr. Owens stated he was not for giving them a contract when he feels they have not performed in the past 2 years. He said he felt they have done nothing to step it up even though they knew the contract was up for bid. He stated that awarding them the contract makes the BOE look bad.

Approval of Lunch and Breakfast Pricing

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education establish lunch and breakfast rates for the 2016/2017 school year as follows:

	2016/2017	
<u>Primary Students</u>		
Breakfast	\$1.50	
Lunch	\$2.65	.10 increase
Milk	\$ 0.50	

<u>Middle/High School Students</u>		
Breakfast	\$1.60	
Lunch	\$2.80	.05 increase
Milk	\$0.50	
<u>Adults (all buildings)</u>		
Breakfast	\$2.10	
Lunch	\$3.60	.05 increase
Milk	\$0.50	

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Acceptance of School of Choice Students

Moved by Miles, supported by Brzozowski, 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.

P, 102, 7-0-0

Approval of Annual Chartwell Contract

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, Board of Education renew the Chartwells contract for the 2016/2017 school year as follows:

Meal factor \$3.3075

Management fee .0664 per meal

Administrative fee of \$2,703 per month for 10 months

P, 103, 7-0-0

Approval of Sub Teacher Rates

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Miles, the Board of Education keep the following Substitute Teacher rate schedule for 2016/2017:

\$71.25 per day

\$85.50 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment

\$104.50 after 20 consecutive days in the same assignment

P, 104, 6-0-1

Mr. Kmetz abstained, his wife is a substitute for the district

Discussion:

Mr. Owens wondered that if by keeping these rates we are losing out on quality subs.

Mrs. O'Neil explained that we pull from the Lapeer County ISD pool.

Edgar Guest Award Acknowledgement

Moved by Miles, supported by Owens, the Board of Education would like to publically honor Tammy Hyatt for her hard work and dedication to both her students and community as well as congratulate her on receiving the prestigious Edgar Guest Award for 2016.

P, 105, 7-0-0

Approval of MASB Membership

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2016/2017 school year.

P, 106, 7-0-0

Approval of Finance and Human Resources Software Solution

Moved by Manko, supported by Brzozowski,

Read the attached resolution starting with the FIRST WHEREAS:

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

Nays: None

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

A Middle School parent has concerns about bullying at the MS. She feels there is a problem that is not being addressed. Mr. Hoffa asked her to make an appointment with Mr. Candela to discuss.

Pricilla Revitzer has safety concerns about the OP. She also stated that her daughter fell on the playground and she was not called. She also had an issue finding a tutor for her child. She has had good discussions with Mr. Candela in the past about various issues.

Comments BOE

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION: Negotiations

Motion by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

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

Nays - None

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ADJOURNMENT

Went into Open Session at 9:44

Adjourned at 9:45

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President