

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
August 27, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President O'Neil 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

Jill O'Neil, Jennifer Mitchell, Michael Sullivan, John Miles, Stephan Manko and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar.

Visitors: 13

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Owens and Brzozowski were absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was amended:

Added Open Session after Closed Session

Added 2 items to Personnel:

1. Teacher Change in Pay
2. Appointment of Drama Director

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Kalmar introduced our new Administrators:

Elizabeth Tomhave – HS Principal

Ross Gauthier – HS AD and Dean of Students

Jay Ziegrowsky – MS Dean of Students

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Jeremy Keller – voiced concerns about the new transportation rules involving the Dryden runs, specifically the pickup at the Dryden Dollar General

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 from the Budget Hearing July 23, 2018
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting August 7, 2018

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Sullivan, 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	\$ 326,282.17
School Lunch Fund	\$ 17,963.46
2012 Refunding Bonds	
2013 SBL Refinance	
2013 Refunding Bonds	
2016 Refunding Bonds	
2014 Sinking Funds	
Subtotal	\$ 344,245.63
ACH Transactions	\$ 609,000.00
PESG	\$ 582.22
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 953,827.85
Check #'s -37332-37414	
Voided Checks 37406 and 37407	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 37332 to 37414 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 37406, 37407

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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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kalmar reviewed the latest sinking fund projects as well as updates from OP, the Middle School and High School.

Board of Education: Questions

Jennifer Mitchell wondered if we would put up the Sinking Fund signs from last year as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of Sub Rates

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Manko, the Board of Education keep the following Substitute Teacher rate schedule for 2018/2019:

\$71.25 per day

\$85.50 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment

\$104.50 after 20 consecutive days in the same assignment

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Personnel

Approval of 3rd Party Coach

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education staff the following positions with personnel provided by GECS.

Boys Varsity Soccer

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Approval of Resignations

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Diane Marklin and wish her well in the future.

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Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kristi Bryan and wish her well in the future as well.

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Approval of ACS New Hires

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the following new hires:

Andrew Ruhlen – Step 1 BA

Brian Meade – Step 6 MA

Terry Beasley – Step 9 MA (5/7's Part-time)

Laura Stacer – LatchKey Director

Andrea Schreindl and Angela Prize-Walker – Non Classroom ParaProfessionals

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Approval of Drama Director

Moved by Manko, supported by Mitchell, the Board of Education appoint John Miles as Almont Community Schools Drama Director.

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John Miles abstained from voting

Approval of Change in Pay

Moved by supported by Miles, supported by Manko, Board of Education advance Jenni Sullivan to the appropriate level of the salary schedule (MA +15) in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend her for her commitment to continued learning.

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Michael Sullivan abstained (family member)

Policy

Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2018/2019 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Discussion:

Miles – has the SOC numbers caused us to look at adding sections?

Kalmar – after labor day we may need to look at Special Needs numbers, not from SOC just in general.

Approval of Overnight Trip Resolution

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Manko, Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Almont Board of Education supports extracurricular programs as an extension of the classroom learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the various extracurricular clubs and teams are provided opportunities to participate in activities and competitions which require overnight stays at locations outside of the Almont School district service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that extracurricular clubs and teams and/or individual club or team members take advantage of these opportunities.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve overnight trips for students participating in extracurricular programs during the 2018/2019 school year, with the Board of Education to be provided with the following information prior to any students embarking on such trips:

Date of Event

Accommodations for Food/Lodging

List of Chaperones

Trip Itinerary

Means of Transportation

Cost

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Approval of Trip

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the Sugar and Spice trip to Camp Lael on October 6th-7th 2018.

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Discussion:

Dr. Kalmar explained the Sugar and Spice club to the BOE

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Laurie Pelkowski – had questions about her High School son’s transcripts and current school year schedule. Mrs. O’Neil and Dr. Kalmar directed her to both Sue Fred and Julie Daily to work out these issues. If they could not work them out next step would be the High School Principal, then the Superintendent. Mrs. Pelkowski was also concerned about an incident in which her younger son was involved in and the response that she had gotten. Mrs. O’Neil advised Mrs. Pelkowski to request a face-to-face with Dr. Kalmar to resolve any perceived issue.

Dave Pelkowski was concerned about 2 students with documented friction that had been placed in 3 classes together. Mrs. O’Neil asked Dr. Kalmar to research this.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Miles inquired if the school was remiss in the above situation.

Dr. Kalmar stated that we are following lawyer’s recommendations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Closed Session: Personnel Matter

Moved by Miles supported by Manko, the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of a Personnel Matter at 7:59 p.m.

**Roll Call: Manko, Sullivan, Miles, Mitchell, O'Neil
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Into Open at 8:38 p.m.

Board Discussion

- 1. Filling of Board Seat Procedures**
- 2. Sidewalk Repair at the HS Football Field**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____