

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**July 22, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Bowman called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Almont Township Hall, 819 N. Main St. Almont, MI 48003. Meeting was moved due to power outage at the High School. Sign posted on door and communication sent via Facebook.

**Present**

Jill O'Neil, Jennifer Mitchell, Michael Sullivan, John Miles, Dallas Walton, Paul Bowman and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar.

**Visitors:** 26

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** John Brzozowski absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Ryan Kline –presented as to why he felt the Board should recall the MS/OP Counselor position.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

A. Wetzel, C. Gonzalaz, K. Wetzel, K. McCaffrey all expressed concern regarding the layoff of the counselor that took place last month.

B. Jostock discussed the need to arts as part of a child's education.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD**

**None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Miles, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Budget Hearing June 24, 2019
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting June 24, 2019
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the Closed Session – Superintendents Evaluation and Contract June 24, 2019

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**BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by O’Neil, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**June 25, - July 22, 2019**

General Fund Total	\$	430,716.35
School Lunch Fund*	\$	2,625.00
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	14,840.00
Sub-total	\$	<u>448,181.35</u>

**ACH/Wire Transactions:**

Payroll	\$	810,094.60
EduStaff	\$	-
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$	136.34
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$	2.50
<b>Total Funds Spent</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,258,414.79</u></b>

Check numbers 38671-38776

Void checks 38712

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 38671-38776 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 38712  
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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**

DTE Energy Audit Update

Paving Update

State Budget Update

**Board of Education: Questions**

Miles asked about a reimbursement for current power outage. Barb will research this.

Kalmar Chartwells lost some food because of outage

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Finance**

#### **Approval of School Bond Fund Loan Resolution**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Sullivan Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing the District to borrow funds from the School Bond Loan Fund, a copy of which is to be marked VIII C (1) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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#### **Roll Call**

**Ayes: Mitchell, Sullivan, O'Neil, Miles, Walton, Bowman**

#### **Certification of Millage Rates**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Sullivan Board of Education certify the following rates:

• 2012R UTQ debt	0.440
• 2013 R SBL debt	3.650
• 2013 R UTQ 96 & 02 Debt	1.660
• <u>2016 R UTQ (06 Ref)</u>	<u>2.700</u>
Total 2019/2020	8.450

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**Discussion: Mr. Bowman asked what it would take to raise these Millage Rates so that we could pay this debt off early. Mrs. Potter will research this.**

#### **Approval of State Aid Note**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Sullivan Board of Education approve the Authorizing and Awarding Resolution, which approves the establishment of a State Aid note in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$1,600,000.00) Dollars with either the State of Michigan or the financial institute with the interest rate that provides the lowest cost in borrowing.

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#### **Roll Call**

**Ayes: Walton, Mitchell, Miles, O'Neil, Sullivan, Bowman**

**Nays: None**

#### **Student Activity Fund**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the attached resolution which sets up a separate Student Activity Fund for 2019-2020 with a budget as follows:

Revenues \$190,000 Expenditures \$190,000

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**Discussion: Mr. Bowman asked where this number came from? Barb responded that it is a number to start the year with. The Fund will need to be amended along the way.**

**More discussion involved why we are doing this. Barb – it's a new requirement.**

#### **Personnel**

**Before discussing personnel Dr. Kalmar explained that in committee it was decided that they would not discuss layoffs or recalls until we have firmer count and numbers from the state. When this happens, if it is before the next scheduled meeting on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, a special meeting could be called.**

### **Approval of New Hire(s)**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Sullivan the Board of Education approve GECS to fill the following positions:

Middle School Football Coaches

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**Discussion: Walton wanted to make sure that the salary for the position was being split between the two coaches and a new assistant coach position was not added. Kalmar – yes this is true.**

### **Approval of Contract**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the employment contracts of the following individuals as presented:

Paraeducators

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### **Policy**

#### **Release of Students**

Moved by Mitchell supported by Sullivan the Board of Education APPROVE the request for the attached students to attend Oxford Virtual Academy.

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### **Approval of School of Choice Students**

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2019/2020 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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### **COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

R.Kline - had hoped that he would be recalled this evening. Feels that the counselor position is vital for the start of the year.

Shannon Chayka, Christine Pickett, Mandy Ott, K. McCaffrey, K. Wetzel all voiced concerns about the counselor position being eliminated.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ms. O'Neil asked for a bussing update.

Ms. O'Neil voiced concerns about HS and OP class sizes

Mr. Miles is concerned about the fiscal responsibilities of the district vs. the philosophical direction of the district.

Ms. Mitchell felt there would be more discussion on the recall.

Ms. Mitchell would like the Board to look into doing a self-evaluation in the next few months.

Mr. Sullivan is there a magic number to recall the counselor?

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

In committee look at Policy 1110

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Miles, supported by O'Neil the July 22nd Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Bowman, President