

MINUTES  
Special Board Meeting Budget Hearing  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**

June 22, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bowman called the Special Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Present**

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

**Visitors:** 67

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved as presented

**PREPARATION AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET**

Dr. Kalmar explained the preparation and legal aspects of the Budget.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR EOY 2019/2020 and New 2020/2021**

Dr. Kalmar presented the budgets for 2020/2021 by detailing specific funds:

- A. General Fund
- B. School Service Fund

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS : BOE**

**Mitchell-** questions regarding specials at OP (vs. adding a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher), SE reimbursement and the Dean contract, and MS sports (cancellation) concerns.

**Dr. Kalmar and Mr. Bowman** explained that this is a budget that should it be passed will be amended many times once we have numbers and direction from the State.

**R. Gauthier** – explained what MS sports were doing now (conditioning)

**Miles** – wants us to be reasonable about amendments not jump the gun with the changing information that we may receive.

**Dr. Kalmar** – we will keep going with the various sports conditioning. During the next week or two they will set ‘drop dead’ dates for MS sports decisions. Other decisions include the HAS – which needs to be addressed in July pay.

**Walton** – wanted to make sure the Tech cut would not hinder teaching or cost more in repairs. Jack felt it would not.

**O’Neil** – concerns about putting items back in the budget that have been pulled. Dr. Kalmar stated can not approve the budget and they could revisit before the end of the month but it is his intention to relook at all cuts as we get more information from the State. There is the potential that the funding could actually be worse from the State and we could get less for this year as well so he would caution putting items back in before knowing what we will be getting.

**QUESTION AND COMMENTS: Audience**

A. Holcomb- MS Sports concerns and suggestions.

J. Albers – concerns about budget amendments

K. McConnell – concerns about reductions each year

J. Szalweicz – cutting 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade sports?

M. Alwart- commended the BOE for protecting the district with the budget cuts.

Erin Angel – could MS cheer coaches work for free?

Dr. Kalmar, R. Gauthier and P. Bowman address each question. Explained budget amendments, declining enrollment and birth rate, how coaches are paid, lack of State funding numbers at this time, possibility of MS sports becoming Youth Sports and why this is less restrictive, and why were not comfortable asking people (coaches) to work for free and how working with the Boosters is a good idea.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Miles supported by O’Neil that the Budget Hearing be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Roll Call –

AYES – Sullivan, Brzozowski, Miles, O’Neil, Mitchell, Walton, Bowman

NAYS – None

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

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

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