

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

September 24, 2012

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. at the Almont Elementary School.

Present

Steven Hoffa, John Miles, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Dallas Walton, Stephan Manko and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 20

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Scott Kmetz was absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

John Owens stated that he is concerned about the two hour delay days that are scheduled for each month. Both him and his wife work and this has caused them to have to take annual leave time and sick days in order to get their children to school at the later time on these days. He understands the need for the teachers to have this time to plan but he can not believe that his is the only family that this has put a burden on. Mr. Candela stated that beginning on October 24th they will be offering extra homework help on these days for children that need it. ParaEducators will be scheduled during this 2 hour period to address these issues. Busing will not be available but parents will be able to drop off their children in the morning at both OP and the Middle School for this extra help. Mr. Owens stated that this would help his family. Pam Ferzacca stated that Mr. Owens is not the only one who has had an issue she has heard this from other parents as well. She was wondering why we did not do early release instead of late start.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boxey, supported by Walton the Board of Education approve the following Minutes:

August 27, 2012 Regular Meeting
August 30, 2012 Special Meeting
September 17, 2012 Work Session
(P), 212, 6-0-0

BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Brzozowski, supported by Walton, 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	\$ 901,311.05	
2002 Debt Fund	\$ -	
2002 Bldg. & Site Fund	\$ -	
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ 100.00	
QZAB bond	\$ 167,664.56	
School Lunch Checks	\$ 1,988.61	
General Fund transfers in for payroll	\$ 339,492.88	
General Fund Total	\$ 1,410,557.10	

Check Numbers 29558-29633

Voided Checks 29544 and 29558

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 29588-29633 and voided checks as presented : Voided check(s): 29544 and 29558
(P), 213, 6-0-0

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

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Candela discussed the following:

Orchard Primary

Dibels testing is underway at OP. This is a screening tool that will help every child become a successful reader.

OP Open House was held on Sept 11th with 81% parent participation

Safety patrol is up and running

Morley Candy fundraiser is underway

Thank you to those teachers and staff that helped clean up when the faucet broke in Mrs. Clarks room.

Also thank you to Mr. McWilliams for fixing the rope on the flag poles and Koehn and Carl Kentish, Suzanne Lapham and Amy Freeman for cleaning the aquarium in the library.

Rural Education day is October 2 for 3rd graders

October 3 is Count Day

Middle School

AMS is embracing the iPad initiative

There is a new drop off and pick up procedure at AMS that is working well

This is the 3rd and final year of the MiBLSi grant. Training is ongoing.

The first ROCK Assemble was on Sept 21 and went well

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The first District Accreditation meeting is set for Sept 27 4-6 p.m.

AMS is participating in Homecoming with the following spirit days: neon day, twin day, 80's fashion day, fashion disaster day and Raider day.

High School

Staff has attended Ipad, Power School and IPAD training to begin the school year.

On the first day of school Mr. Watt held class meetings in the auditorium to welcome the students back and discuss the Student Code of Conduct.

Sound Engineering has visited the High School and fixed the PA system

The first PLC day went very smoothly and there was lots of positive feedback from the staff

A Raider Down drill was practiced on Sept 13 with positive results

The Raider Fest on Sept 14 was a big success, hot dogs, cider, donuts and fun was served

The Art Department won the Scarecrow Contest and \$150 dollars

The roof is complete and the carpet work is coming to an end

Upcoming events include: Homecoming, BWAC extravaganza, School Picture Retakes and the Dodge Drive

PERSONNEL

Approval of Step Increase

Moved by Boxey supported by Brzowzski, Board of Education advance Christine Divito to the appropriate level of the salary schedule in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend Ms. Divito for her commitment to continued learning.

(P), 214, 6-0-0

Approval of Step Increase

Moved by Boxey supported by Brzowzski, Board of Education advance Lori Arnissi to the appropriate level of the salary schedule in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend Ms. Arnissi for her commitment to continued learning.

(P), 215, 6-0-0

BUSINESS

Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Miles supported by Walton, the Board of Education accept the following students for the 2012/2013 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

Elizabeth Kauffman

Brennan Cimpeanu

Dakota Lahaie

Celeste Keyes

Alissa Zalewski

Brianna Poole

(P), 216, 6-0-0

Approval of Best Practices Resolution

Motion by Miles, supported by Boxey, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$52 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 or 8 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2013 [MCL 388.1622f].

WHEREAS, the board of education of Almont Community Schools desires to receive the \$52.00 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the Almont Community Schools has satisfied at least 7 of 8 best practices criteria.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the incentive payment is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states the district has complied with the following 7 of 8 best practice criteria.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The board of education of Almont Community Schools certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:
 - a. The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(a).
 - b. The district has obtained a competitive bid on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f(1)(b).
 1. Custodial Bids
 - c. The district accepts applications for enrollment by non-resident applicants under Section 105 or 105c (MCL 388.1705) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(C). A Public School Academy is considered to have met this requirement.
 - d. The district supports opportunities for pupils to receive postsecondary credit while attending secondary school pursuant to Section 22f(1)(e).
 - e. The district offers online instructional programs or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils pursuant to Section 22f(1)(f).
 - f. The district provides a link on the district's home page to the url for the MiSchoolData Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f(1)(g). If certain data elements for our district are unavailable from State data collections, we agree to provide those data in the form and manner determined by MDE.
 - g. The district provides, pursuant to Section 22f(1)(h), physical education consistent with the 2003 State Board's Policy on Quality Physical Education as well as health education consistent with the 2004 State Board's Policy on Comprehensive Health Education.
2. The board of education of Almont Community Schools authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolved this 24th day of September, 2012.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Brzozowski, Walton, Boxey, Hoffa, Miles, Manko

Nays: None

Absent: Kmetz

(P), 217, 6-0-0

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Boxey wanted to congratulate the Art Department for their first place win in the Scarecrow contest and also acknowledge the Athletic Boosters and LINKS team for their efforts. The LINKS team Scarecrow showcased two scarecrows together and was quite fitting.

John Miles stated that the scarecrows are very lifelike and as such has scared his dog when on a walk recently.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting went into closed session for Superintendents Quarterly Review at 7:40 p.m.

Open Session at 9:32 p.m.

Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President