

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

December 17, 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, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Dallas Walton, Scott Kmetz, Stephan Manko and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 12

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miles arrived at 7:02

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Candela asked that VIII B(1) be modified to adjusted to read Acceptance of Resignations (from resignation). Modified agenda was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that the tonight's board meeting had been moved to room 128 because of a building issue.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Lisa Burmann asked if we plan on improving security at our 3 school buildings.

Mr. Candela replied that we will be review our procedures over the next few days and weeks. At this time we do not plan to change policies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the November 26, 2012 Special Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the December 4, 2012 Special Meeting
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the December 4, 2012 Special Meeting Closed Session
- E. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2012 Work Session
- F. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2012 Closed Session
- G. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2012 Special Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2012 Closed Session

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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.

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 29940-30035, voided checks as presented. Voided checks: 29870

December Meeting Totals		
General Fund Total	\$	552,487.63
2002 Debt Fund	\$	-
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$	112.50
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$	112.50
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	1,500.00
QZAB bond	\$	537.60
School Lunch Checks	\$	113.04
General Fund transfers in for payroll	\$	374,546.46
	\$	153,835.77
	\$	14,755.71
General Fund Total	\$	1,098,001.21

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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

REPORTS

Superintendent’s Report

Orchard Primary

ParaEducators are using intervention programs with the students.

The Envision math curriculum is in full swing in the building.

The 1st festival of trees is taking place in the media center hallway.

The Y-tie shoelace fundraiser is underway. Shoe laces are \$4.00 a pair and the school keeps half. Proceeds will buy t-shirts for RAD Raider positive behavior.

Upcoming events were reviewed.

Middle School

The 12/12/12 PLC day was a success.

AMS paraeducators have been trained to progress monitor via AIMSweb.

Mrs. VonHiltmayer will be meeting with Theresa Frankes from MiBLSi to ensure program intervention effectiveness.

An internet safety forum was held on Dec 6th at the Middle School.

Toys for Tots are being collected by the bus drivers and the students at AMS.

Another great play by Mrs. Pineseault – Peter Panic was a great success.

Upcoming events were discussed.

High School

A District Team visited Cros-Lex to gain insight into their iPad initiative.
Mr. Bourque held a meeting to explain the new visions program to parents.
Trimester 2 is off to a great start.
The Civil Rights Report is done and turned in.
The staff was recently trained by Mr. LaCavera on the new iPad walk through evaluations.
Ms. Fredricksen, Mrs. Fasse and Mr. Watt have been working on the master schedule.
The staff is continuing to establish the Essential Learning Objectives
A suicide prevention assembly took place on Dec. 12.
Upcoming events were discussed.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Jaime Zott will be presenting to Middle School Girls the importance of Science and Math.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Resignations

Moved by Boxey, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sally Tanascu with regrets.

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Moved by Boxey, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Richard Ludeman with regrets and best wishes in the future.

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Approval of ParaEducator

Moved by Boxey, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Kim Medley as a ParaEducator effective December 18, 2012.

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POLICY

Adoption of New Policy, Bylaw Revisions, Policy Revisions

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education:

Approve Revisions of:

Policies 1422, 3122, 4122, 7530.02, and 5460

Approve New Policy

Policies 2370.01, 2280, and 2417

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BUSINESS

Release of Students

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education release Gavin and Cayne Hicks for the 2012/2013 school year, with the cost of tuition, transportation, and any other expense to be the responsibility of the parent.

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Approval of Summer Training Camp-Cross Country

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Gaylord, Michigan from July 22-26, 2013 for the Varsity Cross Country team.

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CURRICULUM

Approval of High School Class

Moved by Boxey, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approve the following course to be offered as a High School elective for students beginning in 2013/2014.

- Connections

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date for the January Organization Meeting was set to: January 7th 6:00 pm in the new Board Meeting Room #128. Dallas Walton mentioned the letter that Mrs. McWilliams sent home today in regard to the school shootings in Connecticut on Friday, he felt it was very appropriate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Boxey, supported by Walton, the Board of Education go into closed session for the Superintendent's quarterly review.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

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Closed Session: 7:32 pm

Open Session: 9:19 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President