

MINUTES  
Special Board Meeting  
Work Session  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**

April 15, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Hoffa called the Special Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room of Almont Elementary School.

**Present**

Steven Hoffa, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, John Owens, John Miles, Scott Kmetz, Stephan Manko and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

**Visitors:** 6

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Board of Education

None

**Audience**

Maryann Colbert question as to whether next year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders will go on a full rotation for scheduling like the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Candela stated that he was unaware of 6<sup>th</sup> being integrated with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We are still in the budgeting process but will discuss with Mrs. VonHiltmayer.

Teresa Baker stated that kids seem to be having difficulty with new math curriculum. Parents don't get it. Maybe we could have the NHS help the kids.

Mr. Candela stated that he sent an e-mail to Mr. Wycinski on Friday to see if NHS could come over and help. He will follow up with Mr. Filar.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Work Session**

No action was taken. Various informational items were discussed:

A. Finance

Discussion included:

Random check review

Budget discussion

Rates, Prices and Fees for 2013/2014:

Summer custodial rates

Preschool Tuition

Athletic Pricing

Audit Services  
Budget for next year

B. Personnel

Contracts for Mrs. McWilliams and Mr. LaCavera were discussed

C. Policy

Discussion included:

Board Goals

Designation of representative to the ISD annual meeting

Biennial Election Resolution

Approval of Cedar Point trip

Neola Policy changes – first readings

D. Building and Grounds/Transportation

Update of buildings and grounds

Hendricks Proposal Summary

Contract Meeting with J.Camaj is scheduled for the next week or two

E. Other

Honeywell vs. PowerAnnouncement

Chartwell Contract Renewal

Mr. McCloskey has mentioned wanting another year leave but we have not gotten anything in writing yet. (It was pointed out that the deadline for a sabbatical extension was March 1)

2 parents seeking release for their students

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

A parent of a middle school student had concerns about how fairly the student was being treated.

Mr. Candela will meet with the parents on Wednesday of this week to address this issue.

Mr. Throup was wondering if we would have a BK class this year. Mr. Candela stated that the evaluations would not be done for a week or two.

**QUESTION AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Hoffa, President