

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
April 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Edwards called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the in the High School Media Center and via Zoom.

Roll Call:

James Wade, Rick Battani, Angela Edwards, Dallas Walton, Janaea Smith, Tim SaintOnge, and Susan Frederiksen were present. Superintendent William Kalmar was absent.

Visitors: 78

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent's Communications, Report and Closed Session were skipped.

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council updated the Board on various items at the High School

Mrs. Edwards read a statement regarding the Board's and Administrator's roll in answering questions regarding specific incidents/students and FERPA protected information. She also stressed that ACS places student safety as a number one priority.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Discussion focused on a recent event at the Almont Middle School that left parents and students feeling unsafe. Concerns included – communication, safety measures (physical and mental), social media, discipline in general, threat protocols, investigation process both from ACS and the various police departments, safety committee updates, bullying in general (in school, on social media, on busses), lack of trust, changes that could be made (MS Bulldogs, more police presence, Gloria Shurman training, Education Consultants, more mental health resources, various parents offered support and volunteered to help with whatever the school needed). There were also questions regarding how to support the students that are afraid to come back to school at this time (online option etc.)

Mrs. VonHiltmayer and Officer Manning also addressed the audience and stressed their commitment to the students of the district.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

Each of the Board members took time to express their appreciation for the parents that were in attendance at the meeting. They stressed that they volunteer for the Board based on their commitment to the students and community. They are frustrated by having their hands tied as well, but the law must be followed for the process to work. They are committed to improving communication and providing

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the oversight that they were elected to do. School safety is a priority that they have made a commitment to and take with the utmost seriousness. They each encouraged people to attend meeting in the future as well.

RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES

BACK IN SESSION 8:58 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the March 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the April 13, 2023 Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes from Apr 20, 2023 Work Session

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

03/15/2023 to 04/12/2023

General Fund Total	\$	337,299.46
School Lunch Fund*	\$	41,618.55
Student Activity Fund	\$	12,627.34
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	17,236.00
Sub-total	\$	<u>408,781.35</u>

ACH/Wire Transactions:

Payroll 3/31 & 4/15	\$	875,459.73
MPSERS 147c(2) One time allocation	\$	369,587.10
EduStaff	\$	15,206.04
Health Equity H.S.A.	\$	93,900.11
Credit Card (BMO)	\$	10,915.97
Health Insurance	\$	89,058.49
Procure Fees	\$	170.07
Meal Magic Fees	\$	1.25
Total Funds Spent	\$	<u>1,863,080.11</u>

Check numbers **42989 - 43121**

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 4289-43121 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 42778

Discussion: Mr. Battani asked if the SF amount was correct and if it was pre-collection. Mr. Wade felt it was correct but would verify with Mr. Shafik.

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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

Finance

Approval of Reimbursement Rates – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Moved by Wade supported by Smith the Board of Education approve the per diem and mileage rates as listed below:

Brunch/Breakfast \$14.00

Lunch \$17.00

Dinner \$29.00

(per diem includes the tip)

Mileage will be paid per published federal rate

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Approval of Latch-Key Rates

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for the 2023/2024 Latchkey Program:

Per Student Registration Fee: \$60.00 one-time fee

Per Family Registration Fee: \$75.00 one-time fee if more than one family member attends Hourly Rate:
\$ 4.25 per hour; \$4.00 per hour for each additional child

Drop-In Fee: \$ 5.50 per hour

Late Fee(s): \$10.00 every 10 minutes (1st two occurrences)

\$20.00 every 10 minutes (3rd and subsequent occurrences)

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Approval of Summer Wage Rate

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education established the rate of pay for summer help at \$12.00 per hour.

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Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education establish the rate of pay for summer school at:

1 Lead Teacher - \$50.00 per hour

All Other Teachers - \$45.00 per hour

ParaEducators \$22.00 per hour

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Approval of Substitute Teacher Rate

Moved by Wade supported by Smith, the Board of Education keep the following Substitute Teacher rate schedule for 2023/2024:

\$105.00 per day

\$115.00 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment

\$125.00 after 20 consecutive days in the same assignment

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ICS Account Approval

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the move to ICS (Insured Sweep Accounts) at both Choice and Tri-County banks.

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Personnel

Resignations

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Michelle Campbell, Debbie Seese, Livia Ward, Jamie Weigand, Paul Skinner, and Danielle Lapka and wish them well in the future.

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Approval of New Hire(s)

Moved by Walton supported by Frederiksen the Board of Education approve the following Technology Staff:

Alyssa Twombly, Rory Meeker, Miranda Koch

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Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen the Board of Education approve the following GECS positions:

Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach

Middle School Football Coach

Wrestling Coach

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Curriculum

Looping Approval

Moved by Frederiksen supported by SaintOnge, the Board of Education approve the looping pilot as discussed for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Comments BOE

Battani congratulated M. Campbell on retirement

Walton talked about the Links program and how incredible it is. They have a lunch each year and he encourage other BOE member to attend when we found out what the date is.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Walton supported by Wade that the April 24th, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:19 pm.
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Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Dallas Walton, Secretary

Signed: _____
Angela Edwards, President