



## Almont Board of Education Work Session Minutes

January 17, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

President Edwards called the Work Session of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order at 6:00 pm in the Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, Mi 48003.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### PRESENT

Tim SaintOnge, Dallas Walton, Angela Edwards, Susan Frederiksen, Rick Battani, James Wade and Superintendent William Kalmar. Janaea Smith arrived at 6:03 pm

**ROLL CALL:** see above

**Visitors:** 4

### Adoption OF AGENDA

Addition to Building & Site as item 3

### Questions and Comments: Audience

- Lana Walker spoke of the Mental Health & Wellness Day at the high school as well as the Personal Safety & Awareness at the Orchard Primary. School policy states a District Wellness Committee, is this currently in place?
- Hillary Rayl supported Mrs. Walker's comments and concerns.

### Work Session

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Communications

###### 1. Emergency Alert Presentation

- Dr. Kalmar gave background on the topic
- John McNutt from Blue Point presented an overview of their system
- Current quote includes first year of service
- After setup, there is an annual fee for Command & Control service; maintenance/service fees would be separate

##### B. Building and Site

###### 1. Maintenance Update

- Update to water leak in Robotics room; will be covered by insurance
- Question about the preventative maintenance and if most concerns have been caught up; some improvements but challenged with limited support personnel to get there

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- Question about bleacher inspection and what are the big concerns; HS electrical and MS motors are the big items
  - Question about Services agreement compared to adding another full time maintenance person; many options being reviewed including an RFP for new Services agreement
2. Sinking Fund Update
    - No updates
  3. Site Ideation
    - R. Battani presented a summary of gymnasium vs fieldhouse ideas
    - R. Battani showed suggested ideas for current high school courtyard
- C. Finance
1. Checks Written
    - Random checks pulled
  2. Account Balances
  3. Trust and Agency
  4. **Bond Proposal Recommended \_\_3\_\_ to \_\_0\_\_**
  5. **Emergency Alert System Recommended \_\_3\_\_ to \_\_0\_\_**
    - **State safety funding & Sinking fund expense**
- A. Edwards asked for an update on the grade and building transition plan
- D. Personnel
1. **Resignation(s) Recommended \_\_3\_\_ to \_\_0\_\_**
  
  2. **New Hire(s) Recommended \_\_3\_\_ to \_\_0\_\_**
- Note – 3 different new hire motions**  
**ACS**  
**GECS**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Party PBS Corp**
- E. Policy
1. **School of Choice (current and fall) Recommended \_\_3\_\_ to \_\_0\_\_**
    - Dr. Kalmar asked if there is support to re-open School of Choice; discussion on potential to cap certain grades to specific amounts, which Dr. Kalmar will investigate
- F. Curriculum
1. **High School Course Guide Recommended \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_**
    - Some questions regarding Course Guide changes and Advanced Placement (AP) courses; waiting for feedback prior to Committee support

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- VII. Questions and Comments: Audience  
Hilary Rayl - Family Life Program at OP; would prefer these be setup as Opt-In rather than Op-Out
- VIII. Questions and Comments: Board
- J. Smith asked about a Bond Steering Committee; Dr. Kalmar clarified that this really was the Focus Groups; still confusion on if these are the same or different
  - R. Battani asked if the Focus Groups will continue or if they were just during the earlier phase
  - A. Edwards asked about the OP program and what happened if the form was not returned: Dr. Kalmar will follow up with Mrs. Allen
- IX. Future Agenda Items
- X. Adjournment

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by D. Walton supported by S. Frederiksen the Work Session be adjourned at 10:15 pm.  
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Angela Edwards, President

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Dallas Walton, Secretary

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Date