

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
April 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President Mitchell 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.

Present

James Wade, Jennifer Mitchell, Angela Edwards, Dallas Walton, Janaea Smith, John Miles, and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar

Visitors: 11 in person, 18 online

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sullivan absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consent Agenda was adjusted. Closed session minutes from October, November and December will not be approved until next month when 4 members from last year's Board are present.

A closed session was added to the end of the meeting for a personnel matter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bostian updated the Board on the district camera project

Dr. Kalmar discussed COVID contact tracing

Dr. Kalmar went over the monthly ECLP changes (none)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

G. Bourdeau –discussed the online learning program since her children are using it, thanked various staff for their dedication to her students and suggested another letter to the governor.

A. Kruse – Asked how many quarantined kids get COVID. Dr. Kalmar stated it is hard to tell spread from these circumstances seems low.

H. Throop – Will there be testing of non-athletes and teachers? Dr. Kalmar – not at this time.

D. Walker – Appreciated letter to the governor, talked about mask mandate.

A. Roosa – Applauded schools for staying open, asked what we expected from the letter, and asked about antibody testing.

Jay Rini – Why are some events in person and others are not? Also thanked the BOE for their service.

Ken Hepting – Had questions about who contacts the HD, wanted to know where to find the quarantine guidelines, and was concerned about kids missing sports because of quarantines. Dr. Kalmar stated he is in constant contact with the HD.

G. Bourdeau – is there a difference between a quarantine of masked kids vs. unmasked kids. Dr. Kalmar stated no there is not.

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A. Kruse – Stated she feels athletic testing is affecting kids mentally. Dr. Kalmar stated that we have worked very hard this year to keep things as normal as possible, prom, graduation, senior breakfast etc.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- ~~B. Approval of the Minutes from the October 26, 2020 Closed Session~~
- ~~C. Approval of the Minutes from the November 23, 2020 Closed Session~~
- ~~D. Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2020 Closed Session~~
- ~~E. Approval of the Minutes from the December 21, 2020 Closed Session~~
- F. Approval of the Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Closed Session
- G. Approval of the Minutes from the April 21, 2021 Special Meeting

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Roll Call

Ayes: Smith, Walton, Wade, Edwards, Miles, Mitchell

Nays: None

BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

March 23,2021-April 26,2021

General Fund Total	\$	767,534.10
School Lunch Fund*	\$	45,432.51
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	29,759.93
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	4.26
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	35.33
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	16.07
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	26.14
Sub-total	\$	842,808.34

ACH/Wire Transactions:

Payroll	\$	723,693.80
EduStaff	\$	7,860.43
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$	-
2012 Refunding Bonds		
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	1,417,849.96
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	502,699.86
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	787,975.00
2021 Series A Refunding Bonds	\$	184,297.32
2021 Series B Refunding Bonds	\$	91,733.34
QZAB Energy	\$	111,225.00
Procure Fees Automatic payment		
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$	-
Total Funds Spent	\$	4,670,143.05

Check numbers 40592-40667

Void checks n/a

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 40592-40667 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): none

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Roll Call

Ayes: Wade, Miles, Edwards, Walton, Smith, Mitchell

Nays: None

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

Superintendents Report

Upcoming Event: Christian Moore – Resilience Expert Presentation

Federal Government is extending free lunch to all for 2021-2022

Safety rail at the HS has been fixed

OP Updates – Makers Fair, Leaf Day and Kindergarten sign up all have been a huge success

MS Updates – Spelling Bee champion for the county is from the MS and May 3-9 is give back to Almont businesses.

HS Updates – Mr. Voyt received a \$1000.00 grant for his personal finance class, art show recognitions, and the County Press will be celebrating seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of Reimbursement Rates – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

Breakfast \$10.00

Lunch \$10.00

Dinner \$15.00

Mileage Rate would stay at .54 per mile (this is an increase)

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Walton, Miles, Edwards, Wade, Smith, Mitchell

Nays: None

Approval of Latch-Key Rates

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for the 2021/2022 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

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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Roll Call:

Ayes: Miles, Edwards, Smith, Walton, Wade, Mitchell

Nays: None

Question: Smith – when does the clock start when dropping off students? Dr. Kalmar will get this information.

Approval of PreSchool Tuition Rates

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education establish the preschool tuition rate for the 2021/2022 school year at \$760.00 per fifteen (15) week semester or \$1520.00 per year.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Smith, Walton, Miles, Wade, Edwards, Mitchell

Nays: None

Approval of Athletic Pricing

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for Athletics during the 2021/2022 school year.

Ticket Prices:

Varsity Game:	\$5
JV or Freshman Game:	\$4
Middle School Game:	\$3
Almont Student Grades 4-12	
Student with ID:	\$0
Students without ID:	\$5
Tournaments:	\$5

Pay to Participate:

High School: \$125 for 1st sport, \$100 for 2nd sport, \$75 for 3rd sport

Middle School: \$95 for 1st sport, \$70 for 2nd sport, \$45 for 3rd sport

(this includes all paid coach sports and clubs)

Students who qualify for free lunch pay \$0 and students who qualify for reduced lunch pay ½ price.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Miles, Walton, Wade, Smith, Mitchell

Nays: None

Discussion:

Walton – we did not charge entry fees this year. Dr. Kalmar – reminded parents they still need to fill out the free and reduced applications if they want to get the appropriate pay to participate rates even though all lunches will be free next fall.

Approval of Summer Wage Rate

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education establish the rate of pay for tech department help at \$10.00 and all other temporary summer help at the minimum wage of \$9.65.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Miles, Wade, Walton, Smith Edwards, Mitchell

Nays: None

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

1 Lead Teacher - \$40.00 per hour

All Other Teachers - \$35.00 per hour

ParaEducators \$18.00 per hour

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Smith, Walton, Wade, Miles, Mitchell

Nays: None

Approval of Substitute Teacher Rate

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education keep the following Substitute Teacher rate schedule for 2021/2022:

\$100.00 per day

\$114.25 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment

\$123.25 after 20 consecutive days in the same assignment

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Wade, Walton, Edwards, Smith, Miles, Mitchell

Nays: None

Discussion: Walton – we have also decided to keep our building subs through next year.

Consideration of Auditorium RFP Approval

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education award the High School Auditorium contract to Tel Systems for \$170,473.69.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Walton, Smith, Wade, Edwards, Miles, Mitchell

Nays: None

Discussion: Walton – we are using SF dollars for this project. Dr. Kalmar yes and we will still have \$90,000 plus dollars left for other projects. This project will help the district as a whole since we will be able to use the auditorium more with the improvements.

Personnel

Approval of New Hire

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve Veronica Luna as ParaProfessional beginning immediately.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Miles, Edwards, Wade, Walton, Smith, Mitchell

Nays: None

Policy

Consideration of Designation of Electoral Representative for the June Biennial Election at the ISD
See attached Resolution.

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Moved by Wade, supported by Walton

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Smith, Walton, Wade, Miles, Mitchell,

Nays: None

Neola Policies

Moved by Wade, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approve the policies as listed.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Walton, Miles, Wade, Smith, Edwards, Mitchell

Nays: None

Discussion: Walton explained rescinding of the mask policy of ACS does not mean that we will no longer wear masks. Dr. Kalmar explained we are still under the emergency orders of the state. Our policy was outdated since the states rules have changed. Edwards asked if this affected mask exemptions. Dr. Kalmar stated no.

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

H. Throop – will or can we relax the wearing of masks on recess? Dr. Kalmar explained that they need to wear masks per the State mandate.

Hepting – wondered what parents can do? Dr. Kalmar stated that all gestures have power.

Comments BOE

J. Mitchell – said that she would be reaching out to Howell and Daley.

Walton – asked when test results would be available? Dr. Kalmar stated it will vary with which test the student took.

Smith – the on-line learners are not being tested? Dr. Kalmar – no they do not have to come in.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Closed Session for Personnel Matter

Moved by Miles, supported by Walton to go into closed session at 9:09 as permissible under the Open Meetings Act. No business will take place after the closed session.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Smith, Walton, Wade, Miles, Mitchell,

Nays: None

Open Session 10:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miles supported by Walton that the April 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 10:25 pm.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Smith, Miles, Edwards, Wade, Walton, Mitchell

Nays: None

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Jennifer Mitchell, President