

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
May 24, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President Mitchell called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:08 p.m. in Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd, Almont, MI 48003 and via Zoom

Present

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

Visitors: 11 in person; 13 online

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Dr. Kalmar talked about the New High School Counselor

MASB Presentation to Jennifer Mitchell

ECLP Update

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Marla Head, Shelly Mancinelli, Ashley Morfino, all discussed mask concerns

Karen Tarsenko thanked the BOE for keeping the kids in school and said that she has been contacting our legislatures in regard to masking and other concerns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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Roll Call – Ayes – Edwards, Sullivan, Walton, Miles, Smith, Wade, Mitchell; Nays - None

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

<u>April 27,2021-May 24th</u>	
General Fund Total	\$ 211,754.38
School Lunch Fund*	\$ 34,201.21
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ 50,202.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 296,157.59
ACH/Wire Transactions:	
Payroll	\$ 705,453.46
EduStaff	\$ 9,891.93
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2021 Series A Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2021 Series B Refunding Bonds	\$ -
QZAB Energy	\$ -
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$ 183.81
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$ 1.25
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,011,688.04
Check numbers	40696-40765
Void checks	n/a

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 40696-40765 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): none

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Roll Call – Ayes – Wade, Smith, Miles, Walton, Edwards, Sullivan, 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

Dr. Kalmar updated the Board on events at the OP, MS and HS and current COVID statistics.

Board of Education: Questions

Sullivan – will lunches be free next year.

Kalmar – at this time yes

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of Lunch and Breakfast Pricing

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Walton, the Board of Education establish lunch and breakfast rates for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

	2021-2022
<u>Primary Students</u>	
Breakfast	1.60
Lunch	2.95
Milk	.50
<u>Middle/High School Students</u>	
Breakfast	1.70
Lunch	3.05
Milk	.50
<u>Adults (all buildings)</u>	
Breakfast	2.10
Lunch	3.85
Milk	.50

Prices are the same as 2020-2021

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Roll Call – Ayes – Sullivan, Walton, Miles, Smith, Wade, Edwards, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of Liaison Contract

Moved by Sullivan supported by Walton, the Board of Education approve the attached contract for a school liaison. Said contract to be marked VIII B 2 and attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Walton, Miles, Smith, Wade, Edwards, Sullivan, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of State Aide Note

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Walton, Board of Education approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution, which approves the establishment of a State Aid note not to exceed the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars a copy of which to be marked VIII B (3) and attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Edwards, Walton, Wade, Smith, Miles, Sullivan, Mitchell; Nays - None

Discussion- Mitchell – what did we borrow in the past few years.

Sullivan - \$1.5, \$1.6 and \$2.0 Million

Personnel

Approval of New Hires

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the hiring of Alexa Caporuscio as the new High School Counselor.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Edwards, Sullivan, Miles, Smith, Walton, Wade, Mitchell; Nays - None

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the 2021 summer school personnel as listed:

Grade	Teacher	Para Pro
K	Carlie Conner	Colleen Ions
1st	Gina Chiesa	Kari Kosmalski
2nd	Stacy Houghton	Renee Porter
3rd	Kris Ruhala	Kim Odett
4th	Kelly Miracle	Melissa McConnell
5th	Jen VanDermass (Lead Teacher)	Carol Born

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Roll Call – Ayes – Smith, Walton, Edwards, Sullivan, Wade, Miles, Mitchell; Nays - None

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the following ACS coaches:

MS 8th Grade Boys Basketball – James Leusby

Varsity Girls Basketball – Erik Johnson

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Roll Call – Ayes – Miles, Walton, Sullivan, Wade, Smith, Edwards, Mitchell; Nays - None

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the above listed third party coaching positions to be staffed by qualified individuals from GECS.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Sullivan, Edwards, Walton, Smith, Wade, Walton, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of Resignations

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, the Board of Education accept the resignations and retirement of Tracy Miller, Bob Jones and Ella Bartlett and wish them well in their future adventures.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Miles, Walton, Smith Wade, Edwards, Sullivan, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of Teacher Change in Pay

Moved by Edwards, supported by Smith, Board of Education advance Dawn Wedemeyer to the appropriate level of the salary schedule (MA +15) in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend her for her commitment to continued learning.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Walton, Smith, Wade, Edwards, Sullivan Miles, Mitchell; Nays - None

Policy

Approval of Graduating Seniors

Moved by Wade, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the list of seniors eligible to graduate this school year as attached.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Smith, Wade, Edwards, Sullivan, Miles, Walton, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of Changes to Handbooks

Moved by Wade, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the High School Handbook

The recommended changes to the Orchard Primary Handbook

The recommended changes to the Middle School Handbook

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Roll Call – Ayes – Wade, Edwards, Sullivan, Miles, Walton, Smith, Mitchell; Nays - None

Acceptance of School of Choice Students

Moved by Wade, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2019/2020 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Edwards, Sullivan, Miles, Walton, Smith, Wade, Mitchell; Nays - None

Designation of ISD Election Representatives

Read attached Resolution beginning with first WHEREAS

Resolution will be attached to the official minutes and marked VIII (C) 4

Moved by Wade, Supported by Sullivan

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Roll Call – Ayes – Sullivan, Miles, Walton Smith, Wade, Edwards, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approval of the ISD Annual Budget

Read attached resolution beginning with the first WHEREAS.....

A copy of the resolution will be marked VIII (C) 5 and attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

Moved by Wade Supported by Sullivan

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Roll Call – Ayes – Sullivan, Walton, Smith, Wade, Edwards, Miles, Mitchell; Nays - None

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Chuck Herpelishier- voiced concerns about ‘Critical Race Theory’

Mrs. Mancinelli – Thanked BOE for listening; mentioned Edgenuity course that discussed 1619 project

Heather Throope – asked for clarification on masks, and COVID restrictions in fall

Comments BOE

Smith – shout out to Mr. Wetzel and the recorder concert

Mitchell – shout out to the LINKS program at the HS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Special Budget Meeting June 14th 6:30

Budget Hearing June 28th 6:30

Closed Session

Moved by Miles, supported by Walton, the Board go into closed session for negotiations at 8:28 pm.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Miles, Sullivan, Edwards, Smith, Walton Wade, Mitchell; Nays - None

Into OPEN at 9:55 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by Walton, the Board adjourn at 9:56 pm.

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Roll Call – Ayes – Wade, Walton, Sullivan, Smith, Miles, Edwards, Mitchell; Nays - None

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Jennifer Mitchell, President

(Note – before the meeting started the audience was asked to put masks on. One member stated they were medically unable. A shield was offered, still stated medically unable, was asked to leave)