

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
July 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Bowman called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. at the via Zoom.

Present

Jill O'Neil, Jennifer Mitchell, Michael Sullivan, John Miles, Dallas Walton, John Brzozowski, Paul Bowman and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar.

Visitors: 24

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added Policy D (3) – COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Kalmar reviewed the Back to School Plan

Dr. Kalmar discussed the 20-21 Budget amendment

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Mike Campbell – if kids start online and schools go to a 5 can they continue on line for rest of the year.

Dr. Kalmar – yes we have purchased the program for at least a year

Mike Campbell – What will the online program look like for 4 kids

Dr. Kalmar – There are guided lessons, practices, videos etc.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

Miles – if no indoor events what is volleyball doing.

Kalmar – they are practicing outside. Waiting for more guidance from the state regarding indoor sports.

Bowman – will the survey include transportation and when will it go out

Kalmar – yes it will and as soon as the administrators give their approval

Mitchell – would like to see any updates that are coming out go to alert and website before social media

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Miles, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Budget Hearing June 22, 2020

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B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting June 22, 2020

C. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting June 30, 2020

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Roll Call

Ayes: O'Neil, Brzozowski, Miles, Walton, Mitchell, Sullivan, Bowman

Nays: None

BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

<u>June 22, 2020 - July 27, 2020</u>	
General Fund Total	\$ 114,903.44
School Lunch Fund*	\$ -
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 114,903.44
ACH/Wire Transactions:	
Payroll	\$ 1,129,403.34
EduStaff	\$ -
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$ 13,677.41
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
QZAB Energy	\$ -
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$ 14.68
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$ -
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,257,998.87
Check numbers	39792-39839
Void checks	n/a

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 39792-39839 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): NA

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Roll Call

Ayes: Brzozowski, Miles, Walton, Mitchell, Sullivan, O'Neil, Bowman

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 thanked the staff and community for attending the Back to School meetings. He appreciated the thoughtful questions and suggestions many that we have added to the plan.

AP Testing results

We had a high school senior that received a very prestigious award for her artwork.

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of School Bond Fund Loan Resolution

Moved by Sullivan supported by Brzozowski, Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing the District to borrow funds from the School Bond Loan Fund, a copy of which is to be marked VIII B (1) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Mitchell, Sullivan, Brzozowski, O’Neil, Miles, Walton, Bowman

Nays: None

Certification of Millage Rates

Moved by O’Neil supported by Sullivan Board of Education certify the following rates:

- 2012R UTQ debt 0.440
- 2013 R SBL debt 3.650
- 2013 R UTQ 96 & 02 Debt 1.660
- 2016 R UTQ (06 Ref) 2.700
- Total 2019/2020 8.450

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Roll Call

Ayes: Miles, Walton, Mitchell, Sullivan, O’Neil, Brzozowski, Bowman

Nays: None

Approval of State Aid Note

Moved by O’Neil supported by Sullivan Board of Education approve the Authorizing and Awarding Resolution, which approves the establishment of a State Aid note in the amount of Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars with either the State of Michigan or the financial institute with the interest rate that provides the lowest cost in borrowing.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Walton, Mitchell, Sullivan, O’Neil, Brzozowski, Miles, Bowman

Nays: None

Discussion: Walton – is the finance committee OK with the fact that we just got one quote

Sullivan – the quote from the state is lower than what we received last year.

Bowman – was put out to banks but did not get anything back. Next year we need to make sure that it also goes to local banks.

Budget Amendment

Moved by Sullivan supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education adopt the amended General Fund Budget for the 2020/2021 school year, with Revenues totaling \$14,041,314 and Expenditures totaling \$14,743,124.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Walton, Mitchell, Sullivan, O'Neil, Brzozowski, Miles, Bowman

Nays: None

Discussion: Walton – MASB mentioned a proration for 19-20

Kalmar – we are getting Cares money to offset some of this in 20-21.

Bowman and Granger discussed unaudited fund balance and how it looks on the

Personnel

Resignations

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignations of Lisa Burley, JeraLee Osko and Nancy Turvill and thank them for their service and wish them well in the future.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Sullivan, O'Neil, Brzozowski, Miles, Walton, Mitchell, Bowman

Nays: None

GECS Positions

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve GECS to fill the following positions:

ParaEducators

Latchkey managers and aides

OP and MS Media Aides

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Roll Call

Ayes: Walton, Sullivan, O'Neil, Miles, Brzozowski, Mitchell, Bowman

Nays: None

Policy

Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2020/2021 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Sullivan, O'Neil, Miles, Brzozowski, Mitchell, Walton, Bowman

Nays: None

Discussion: Bowman – what do class sizes look like

Kalmar – with the addition of the 4th and 5th grade teacher's numbers look fine

First Read Policy – will be on the August 2020 meeting to vote on Policy 2266

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities is a replacement policy. Policy 2266 is a mandatory policy that memorializes the key requirements of the new Title IX regulations that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (“OCR”) released on May 6, 2020. The new regulations go into effect on August 14, 2020, which means that public school districts must follow its mandates when addressing, investigating and adjudicating allegations of sexual harassment occurring in the district’s education program and activities that the district received notice of on or after August 14. It is expected that districts will need to certify/affirm their compliance with Title IX and these new implementing regulations when applying for and receiving federal funds related to the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendation

Moved by Brzowski, supported by O’Neil, Almont Community Schools submit the COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan as attached to the ISD who will submit to the State Superintendent.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Sullivan, Walton, Mitchell, Brzowski, O’Neil, Miles, Bowman

Nay: None

Discussion: Walton – feels they may need more time to review

Kalmar – this is a living document that will be updated as necessary. Most of this plan was copied from the plan that has been presented over the past week to teachers and community. It is very general; the details will be more building specific.

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mitchell Question about Telnet check – this is our phone service provider

Miles – How many amendments do we anticipate. Kalmar – hard to tell at this point but as we get more information we will revisit so that we can keep the promises that were made to the staff regarding concessions.

Miles – will next meeting be zoom. Kalmar – probably not since we will have kids back in the building by then.

We will need to keep with the 50-person rule and social distancing so we may need to look closely at a plan.

Mitchell – when will survey go out. Kalmar – after administrative approval, hopefully next week.

Walton – wanted to take a moment to mention the passing of Patrick Ohlert. He was a maintenance man for the school and also very involved with the community thru the Lions club. He was a great guy that will be missed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by O’Neil the July 27th Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Roll Call

Ayes: O’Neil, Miles, Mitchell, Walton, Sullivan, Bowman

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Nays: None

Absent: Brzozowski (internet dropped after last motion #117)

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Paul Bowman, President