

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
August 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President Jennifer Mitchell called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the media center of the Almont High School 4701 Howland Rd. Almont, MI 48003 and on Zoom.

Present

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

Visitors: 9 in person, 4 on-line

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gary Howell called to cancel so no communications

COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Howell- Cancelled

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

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 July 26, 2021
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Closed Session (Expulsion) July 26, 2021
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the Closed Session (Quarterly Review) July 26, 2021
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 09, 2021
- E. Approval of the Minutes from the Work Session on August 17, 2021

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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.

A	B	C
July 27th-August 23rd		
General Fund Total	\$ 209,327.20	
School Lunch Fund*	\$ 9,674.88	
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ 14,992.10	
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2021 Series A Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2021 Series B Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
Sub-total	\$ 233,994.18	
ACH/Wire Transactions:		
Payroll	\$ 906,359.86	
EduStaff	\$ -	
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$ 24,351.30	
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2021 Series A Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2021 Series B Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
QZAB Energy	\$ -	
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$ 27.28	
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment	\$ 275.00	
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,165,007.62	
Check numbers	40951-41016	
Void checks	n/a	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 40951-41016 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): None
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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

Superintendent's Report

Updated the BOE on OP, MS and HS beginning of school activities.

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Snow Removal

Moved by Sullivan supported by Walton, the Board of Education our current contract with Yard Services for snow services from October 27, 2021 (or the first snow if earlier) thru April 30, 2022, with an option to extend the contract for one (1) more year.

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Discussion: Regarding staff input on contracts.

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Personnel

Approval of AESPA Wage Reopener

Moved by Edwards, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the AESPA contract with the new wages.

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Teachers Change in Pay

Moved by Edwards, supported by Sullivan, Board of Education advance Jennifer VanDerMaas to the appropriate level of the salary schedule (MA +15) and Julie Saintonge to a BA+18 in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend them for her commitment to continued learning.

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New Hires

Moved by Edwards, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve the following new ACS hires:

Lynn Putt – OP Lunch Aide

Kim Vineyard – MS ParaEducator

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Resignation

Moved by Edwards, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sandy Crittenden and wish her well in the future.

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Policy

Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Wade, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2021/2022 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Approval of Overnight Trip Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the Almont Board of Education supports extracurricular programs as an extension of the classroom learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the various extracurricular clubs and teams are provided opportunities to participate in activities and competitions which require overnight stays at locations outside of the Almont School district service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that extracurricular clubs and teams and/or individual club or team members take advantage of these opportunities.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve overnight trips for students participating in extracurricular programs during the 2021/2022 school year, with the Board of Education to be provided with the following information prior to any students embarking on such trips:

Date of Event

Accommodations for Food/Lodging

List of Chaperones

Trip Itinerary

Means of Transportation

Cost

Roll Call

Ayes – Miles, Wade, Sullivan, Smith, Edwards, Walton, Mitchell

Nays - None

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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Audience

M Kierpaul – wanted to understand the Rachel’s Challenge grant

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Edwards – will there be STEAM at OP

Miles – could we begin integrating STEAM into the curriculum at OP

Miles – Thank the BOE for the auditorium upgrades

Mitchell – Thank staff for the extras they do

Edwards – how does teacher contact get calculated?

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sept 25th – MASB Retreat

October – Strategic Planning

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by Sullivan, the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:43 pm on August 23rd..

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Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Jennifer Mitchell, President