



# Almont Board of Education Work Session Minutes

**January 18, 2022**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Mitchell called the Work Session of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order at 6:01 pm in the Media Center at Almont High School.

## **PRESENT**

Jennifer Mitchell, Dallas Walton, Angela Edwards, James Wade and Superintendent William Kalmar. J. Smith (6:12 pm) and M. Sullivan (6:13pm)

**ROLL CALL:** All Present by 6:13

**Visitors: 4 including Marty Alward & Frank Lams**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda Approved as presented

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Share Time Presentation by Frank Lams and Marty Alward  
Discussion regarding specifics.

## **Questions and Comments: Audience**

None

## **Work Session**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Building and Site

##### 1. Maintenance Update

Discussion about ticket closure, lawn contract, loading dock clean up, fire hoods at HS and MS, Alarm connection, indoor door security, keys to Almont PD for buildings,

##### 2. Sinking Fund Update

##### 3. Water Bill discussion

#### B. Finance

##### 1. Checks Written (Beth Granger)

- Prompt pays reviewed with random checks pulled

##### 2. Account Balances (Beth Granger)

##### 3. Trust and Agency (Beth Granger)

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### C. Personnel

1. New Hires 2-0 recommendation
2. Resignation 2-0 recommendation
3. Drama Director discussion- Drama director hired and recent grad Olivia Hovis will be assistant director

### D. Policy

1. School of Choice Committee support 2-0
2. Pre-Labor Day Start Committee support 2-0
3. Vaccination Policy remove Committee support 2-0
4. MDHHS COVID procedures Changed for K-12  
CDC previously made changes but MDHHS was not supporting; recently the MDHHS has empowered the local Health Departments to develop their local guidance

A. Edwards asked for clarification on the table regarding students  
Day 6-10 includes option to mask, not a requirement

5. Expulsion Committee support 2-0
6. Acceptance of Gifts
  - A. Knights of Columbus
  - B. Dean Transportation
  - C. Sovita Credit Union Committee support 2-0

7. Thank you Letter to Prosecutor Miller

Not an action item but Dr. Kalmar expressed appreciation to Prosecutor Miller and would like to pen a letter for the Board to sign

### E. Curriculum

1. High School Course Guide Committee support 3-0

### Questions and Comments: Audience

Ken Hepting: regarding the football practice field and watering, his experience is that it could be too hard if not watered when needed

### Questions and Comments: Board

J. Smith: Last discussion on the EOP, B. Kalmar requested to discuss during the closed session regarding safety

J. Smith: Is there some guideline on zero tolerance? B. Kalmar stated that most circumstances should be evaluated rather than a full blown zero tolerance. J. Smith indicated that zero tolerance was mentioned in the letter sent to parents in December.

J. Wade: Regarding Shared Time, does FTE add to our count for athletics? No

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A Edwards: There was some discussion about a tour of Ed Tech, can we plan that?

A Edwards: Shared Time, if a teacher under this support (payroll) acted criminally, would we be liable? No, liability.

### Future Agenda Items

None

### ADJOURNMENT to Closed

Moved by Walton supported by Sullivan the Work Session be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of school security at 9:09 pm. No new business after Closed Session.

**P, 23, 6-0-0**

### Roll Call – M. Sullivan – Aye

A. Edwards – Aye

J. Smith – Aye

D. Walton – Aye

J. Wade – Aye

J. Mitchell – Aye

### Open Session 9:55 pm

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Edwards supported by Wade the Work Session be adjourned at 10:03 pm.

**P, 24, 6-0-0**

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Jennifer Mitchell, President

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Dallas Walton, Secretary

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Date

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