



## **Almont Board of Education Special Work Session Minutes**

**Monday August 9, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Mitchell called the board Meeting of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order August 9th at 7:30 pm in the Medial Center at Almont High School.

### **PRESENT**

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**Visitors -52**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved as Presented

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Work Session

Work session was conducted for the purpose of discussing school reopening and Covid-19 protocols, recommendations, and mandates.

Presentation by Dr. Kalmar of the most up to date schools and Covid-19 information.

This included a historical review, current status in Almont and Lapeer County, current mitigation efforts in ACS, and sharing a FAQ sheet for ACS.

Questions from the BOE ranged through topics including interpreting COVID-19 data, case numbers, any thresholds requiring additional safety protocols, attendance policies for quarantined students, quarantine clarification, contact tracing, county recommendations for St. Clair, Macomb, and Oakland Counties, and potential liability to the ACS district.

Questions and comments from the Audience -

Barry Bryan - "Will the FAQ sheet shared at this meeting be published?"

Britney Snyder - "How do we deal with students having symptoms at school?"

Amy Holcomb - "Would vaccinated students need to quarantine?"

Heather Blue - "Does ACS have an educational plan for students who will not wear a mask?"

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Gynnae Bourdeau - "Why would Edgenuity cost so much more this year?"

John Layman - "Can families sign waivers to avoid mask wearing?"

Lori Rotarius - "I expect this board to hold up the Constitution."

Heather Throupe - "Can parents call in their own children and not get them tested for COVID-19?"

Dave Felts - "Will all new health department letters be released to the public?"

"How can we get a doctor's note allowing students back in school if the doctor will not see them?"

"Will all the cameras be working when school opens?"

Stacy Layman - "Doctor's notes can be FAXED if the doctor will not see the patient."

Dan Walker - "I hope we use good data."

Andrew Roosa - Comments - Mr. Roosa stated many numbers of cases and infection rates throughout the past year from the CDC. These were shared by Mr. Roosa to put the dangers of COVID-19 into an additional perspective.

### Questions and Comments: Board

None

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles supported by Walton the Work Session be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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Jennifer Mitchell, President

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John Miles, Secretary

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Date

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