

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**July 26, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Mitchell called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center and via Zoom.

**Present**

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

**Visitors:** 6 in person; 2 on-line.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Viii C (4) – Approval of AEA contract was an addition to the agenda

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Kalmar introduced Laura Toner, new Resource Room teacher at OP, to the BOE.  
Gary Fletcher, the school's attorney, spoke briefly about his relationship with the district.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

S.Mancinelli – worried about a mask mandate for the fall. Wants to know if we will reconsider an online option.

**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 Budget Hearing June 28, 2021
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting June 28, 2021
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the Work Session July 20, 2021

**P, 119, 7-0-0**

**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.

**June 29th-July 26th**

General Fund Total	\$	254,814.31
School Lunch Fund*	\$	30,269.09
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	-
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
Sub-total	\$	<u>285,083.40</u>

**ACH/Wire Transactions:**

Payroll	\$	779,815.52
EduStaff	\$	438.92
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments	\$	24,449.32
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2021 Series A Refunding Bonds	\$	-
2021 Series B Refunding Bonds	\$	-
QZAB Energy	\$	-
Procure Fees Automatic payment	\$	185.95
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment		
<b>Total Funds Spent</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,089,973.11</u></b>

Check numbers 40873-40950

Void checks n/a

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 40873-40950 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): NA  
**P, 120, 7-0-0**

**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**

Athletic teams are doing conditioning

Summer School is going well

Auditorium project has a materials delay but should begin on Aug 9th

**Board of Education: Questions**

Miles – how is the temperature in OP for summer school  
Dr. Kalmar – not bad since we are only holding classes in the a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Finance**

**Certification of Millage Rates**

Moved by Sullivan supported by Walton Board of Education certify the following rates:

- 2013 R UTQ 96 & 02 Debt 1.350
  - 2016 R UTQ (06 Ref) 2.900
  - 2021 R Series A UTQ 3.750
  - 2021 R Series B UTQ 0.450
- Total 2021/22 8.450

**P, 121, 7-0-0**

**Approval of State Aid Note**

Moved by Sullivan supported by Walton Board of Education approve the Authorizing and Awarding Resolution, which approves the establishment of a State Aid note up to the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars with either the State of Michigan or the financial institute with the interest rate that provides the lowest cost in borrowing.

Discussion:

TriCounty came in with the lowest rate, lower than the state.

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**Personnel**

**New Hires**

Moved by Edwards supported by Smith the Board of Education approve the re-hiring and contracts of the following employees:

**LatchKey**

- Kristi Ladzinski
- Patti Carter
- Amy Watson
- Veronica Lund

**ParaEducators**

- Carol Born
- Shelly Baker
- Kerri Kohl
- Colleen Ions
- Laurie Lawrence
- Heather Hall
- Melissa Machiniak

**Media Center**

- Melissa McConnell
- Sharon Kuhn

**P, 123, 7-0-0**

Moved by Edwards supported by Smith the Board of Education hire Laura Toner as a Resource Room Teacher at OP at MA Step 5 of the current contract.

**P, 124, 7-0-0**

### **Resignation**

Moved by Edwards supported by Smith the Board of Education accept the resignations of JeraLee Osko and thank her for her service and wish her well in the future.

**P, 125, 7-0-0**

### **New Coaching Position**

Moved by Edwards supported by Smith the Board of Education approve the addition of a JV Golf Coach as part of the Athletic Department as described above.

Discussion:

Wade – is this setting a precedent that if there are 16 kids there is a JV coach

Dr. Kalmar – this is the same as tennis

Walton – is the 16 the total team

Dr. Kalmar - yes

**P, 126, 7-0-0**

### **AEA Contract**

Moved by Edwards supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the 1 year AEA contract as presented, with copies of the contract to be marked VIII C (4) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

**P, 127, 5-0-2**

**Abstain – Sullivan, Wade (Sullivan’s wife is a teacher; Wade’s sister is a teacher)**

### **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.

**P, 128, 7-0-0**

### **COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

S. Mancinelli – Has the Board look into CRT and what it is and what it would mean to our kids.

Mitchell – the Lapeer press interviewed the Lapeer Superintendent’s recently and there was an article in the paper last Wednesday. A link was sent to Ms. Mancinelli.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wade – will Toner get the step?

Kalmar – she will get the 2% increase so she is on the correct step but she will not get the 5% step.

Mitchell – are there bugs or leaks in the buildings

Kalmar – no

Mitchell – any flooding

Kalmar – just by the tennis loop which has always been an issue

Sullivan – hired a maintenance man yet?

Kalmar – interviewing 4 candidates on Friday

Wade – huge bees next in old scoreboard  
Kalmar – will get on it

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

**Closed Session Expulsion**

Moved by Miles supported by Walton go in to closed session at 7:47 for the purpose of discussing a student matter.

**P, 129, 7-0-0**

**Open Session 8:01**

Moved by Miles supported by Walton go in to open session at 8:01.

**P, 130, 7-0-0**

**Expulsion Recommendation**

Moved by Walton supported by Sullivan the Board of education *expel* student 22688 from the Almont Community Schools for violating Offense Major Offense 16, 24 and 34 of the *Almont Middle School Handbook 2020-2021* on June 16, 2021. Student 22688 will be expelled up to 180 school days and may apply for reinstatement after 90 school days.

**P, 131, 7-0-0**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Walton, Miles, Edwards, Smith, Wade, Sullivan, Mitchell**

**Nays: None**

**Closed Session: Superintendent’s Quarterly Review**

Moved by Miles supported by Walton go in to closed session at 8:03 for the purpose of the Superintendent’s quarterly review.

**P, 132, 7-0-0**

**Open Session**

Moved by Miles supported by Walton go in to Open Session at 9:31.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Miles, supported by Walton adjourn the July 26th Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

**P, 134, 7-0-0**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Mitchell, President