



Almont Board of Education Work Session Minutes

August 17, 2021
ACS BOE Work Session

CALL TO ORDER

President Mitchell called the board WORK SESSION Meeting of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order at 6:01 pm in the Medial Center at Almont High School.

PRESENT

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

ROLL CALL: Absent - Janaea Smith

Visitors – 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: Finance & Curriculum - Questions regarding Edgenuity pricing and implementation for 2021-2022

Questions and Comments: Audience

Dave Felts – 1) Asked that the most recent Lapeer County Health Dept. letter be released and 2) Requested that the board write and submit an “Anti-Mask Proclamation”.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Kalmar suggested dates for the BOE Strategic Planning on October 30, 2021 – 8:30am – 4:00pm. Several board members may not be available on this date, so the board will revisit this.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Session

Various information items were discussed:

A. Finance

1. Checks Written (Beth Granger) – Board members asked random check verifications
2. Account Balances (Beth Granger) - Board members asked about “payables”
3. Trust and Agency (Beth Granger) – Girls Cheerleading account went negative \$....? – It was a “timing issue”
4. **Snow Removal – Opportunity to extend snow removal contract – Committee recommends action item 3 – 0**
5. Future Millage Potential – Beth Granger presented 2 scenarios – Vote in November 2022 or Vote in November 2023

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6. Restoring Approved (April 2021) Athletic Gate Pricing – Dr. Kalmar would like to restore athletic gate fees for 2021-2022
7. Questions regarding Edgenuity pricing for 2021-2022 – Board members - How to pay for it and should we offer it at all....?

QUESTIONS – There were no additional questions

B. Personnel

1. AESPA wage reopener – Increase compensation by \$2/hour (\$12.10 instead of \$10.10). This will cost the ACS about \$70,000.

Committee recommends action item 2 – 0

2. Teacher(s) Change in Pay – 2 teachers have taken classes and qualify for a change in pay per contract language.

Committee recommends action item 2 – 0

3. Contract Approval – Additional support contract for Bob Jones – Not prepared at this time but will be soon.

4. Staffing – 1) Part-Time Art & Tech Teacher at O.P. **MAY** need to expand her contract to Full-Time - **TBD**

2) Resignation of AMS teacher –

Committee recommends action item 2 – 0

QUESTIONS – Clarification of Employee Compensation for absences or quarantines due to COVID

Will “Kids Club” be operational in the Fall....? “Yes”

C. Curriculum

A. Credit Recovery at AHS this summer – Update from Dr. Kalmar

B. Summer School Update – Positive outcomes and future implementation –

Mrs. Miller will survey parents –

Recommendation from Dr. Kalmar that this continues.

QUESTIONS – Edgenuity questions – Continued conversation from Finance Edgenuity questions

Masking classroom clarifications

Enrollment questions and class size questions

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D. Building and Site

1. Introduce new Director for Maintenance- Jason Frederick – In attendance and introduced himself.
2. Update on Projects
 - A. Theater – Should be completed by Friday, August 20, 2021
 - B. Cameras – Should all be functional by the start of school

QUESTIONS – Did the recent power outage cause any electrical damage....? Only the alarm system batteries at O.P.

Can the RFP for the AHS track be uploaded to the BOE Drive....?

Discussion about the “Help Desk” program

E. Policy

1. **School of Choice** – These students are already added to our current enrollment.

Committee recommends action item 3 – 0

2. **Annual Overnight Trip Resolution** – Explained the need for this resolution.

Committee recommends action item 3 – 0

QUESTIONS – Do we need a policy change to address the access to the camera system and a tracking system for who accesses the recordings....?

Questions and Comments: Audience

None

Questions and Comments: Committee Members

Do we know how teachers and staff feel about the 3rd party services we employ (snow removal, lawn services, custodial, etc....) ?

Should we add fire extinguisher and sprinkler checks to one of our 3rd party contracts....?

Outdoor camera wiring should have conduit for protection.

Are we implementing protocol to preserve our facilities (track, tennis courts, etc....) ?

Future Agenda Items

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles supported by Sullivan the Work Session be adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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Jennifer Mitchell, President

John Miles, Secretary

Date

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