



## Almont Board of Education Work Session Minutes

**March 15, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Mitchell called the Work Session of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order at 6:00 pm in the Media Center at Almont High School.

### **PRESENT**

Jennifer Mitchell, Dallas Walton, Angela Edwards, James Wade, Susan Frederiksen, Michael Sullivan and Superintendent William Kalmar

**ROLL CALL:** Janaea Smith - absent

**Visitors: 34 including staff presentations**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition of Policy 3. Softball Trip

Deletion of Neola first read until April

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Math Curriculum Presentation- district staff presented potential math curriculum

Social Studies Presentation – district staff presented potential social studies curriculum

### **RECESS 7:33 – 7:41**

OP Overcrowding Presentation – Dr. Kalmar presented 3 solutions to the Orchard Primary overcrowding issue.

### **Questions and Comments: Audience**

None

### **Work Session**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. Building and Site

###### 1. Maintenance Update

Updated monthly maintenance items and possible new projects

###### 2. Sinking Fund Update -NA

##### B. Finance

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

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

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3. Trust and Agency (Beth Granger)
- D. Personnel
1. Resignation Committee   3   to   0
  2. New Hires Committee   3   to   0
- E. Policy
1. County Wide BOE Meeting
- Mr. Zott has proposed that schools in the Lapeer ISD have a combined meeting. This would include all members of each Board. Our Board supports this proposal.
2. Addition – Softball Trip   3   to   0
- F. Curriculum
1. Math Textbook Committee   2   to   0   (one absent)
  2. Social Studies Committee   2   to   0   (one absent)

### Questions and Comments: Audience

Paulynn Bartlett - supports smaller class sizes, especially at lower grades, also concerned about moving 4th grade to AMS building. If 4th grade moves to AMS, we lose Title 1 support for that grade. 4th graders currently do Safety Patrol which helps keep younger students safe. Bussing and scheduling can also be a challenge. Would like to think outside of the box for alternate solutions such as redesigning the Library space. Did develop maps with potential solutions. If this is a temporary solution, why are we looking to spend money.

Adam Wetzel - As Band Director and 4th grade music teacher, will schedule time with Dr. Kalmar to resolve rumors including talk of eliminating music. OP music is not just choir. Music is essential to a child's development and would like to see it continue.

Heather Throop - as a parent of current 4th grade student, has concerns about these possible solutions. Asking if we could start with Bubble solution, then move to Interim in later years if needed. Could the OP students walk to AMS for special class, such as Music or Art? Concerned about younger students being exposed to older students regarding vaping, explicit actions, etc.

Amy Bowers - Parent of students 7th grade and below. Concerned that 4th graders may not be ready developmentally to be in the AMS.

Alyssa Tangney - Parent of six children and School of Choice. Came from larger school district with different building setup and it had the issues with safety. Also that their previous district allowed School of Choice granted full family.

### Questions and Comments: Board

J. Mitchell spoke about the duty of the Board. Clarification on the School of Choice application and that family members are typically accepted

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Future Agenda Items- NA

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Walton supported by A. Edwards the Work Session be adjourned at 9:35 pm  
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Jennifer Mitchell, President

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Dallas Walton, Secretary

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Date

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