

MINUTES  
Board Meeting  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**

August 15, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Present**

Steven Hoffa, Jill O'Neil, John Miles, John Brzozowski, Jonathan Owens, Stephan Manko, and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

**Visitors:** 11

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Scott Kmetz was absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda Approved as Presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Edwards invited the Board members to attend the Lapeer Economic Club with him on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Comments: Audience**

Mr. Bowman brought the Board up to date on the fall Hall of Fame festivities scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Personnel**

**Approval of New Hire**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Jacqueline Catenacci as Special Education/Resource Room teacher beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.

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**Approval of Interim Principal**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Rob Watt as Interim Principal beginning August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Contract to be attached to official minutes and marked VII 1 (B).

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**Business**

**Approval of Michigan Leadership Institute**

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Almont Community Schools Board of Education approve the Custom Search Agreement (including proposal letter and proposal packet) with Michigan Leadership Institute. Documents to be attached to official minutes and marked VII (2) A.

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**Work Session**

Various informational items were discussed:

July 18, 2016

## **Finance**

Items Discussed:

Pulled random checks

Hold the Booms check for roof at OP

Audit schedule Aug 24-26

Sinking Fund on track

AE Building – Mr. Novak still plans to purchase, working on air and soil checks

OP roof may be under budget

Current student count approximately 1470 but cautions not all drops are done

Headlee rollback discussion

Service drive discussion

BOE would like list of unbudgeted items and a budget that includes them

## **Curriculum**

None

## **Personnel**

Items Discussed:

New section for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> grade position to cover teacher that may be on leave

Dean of Students/AD at HS

Additional Band section

Open negotiations for new bus driver salaries

Full time vs. Part time SE at HS- we have 14 students full load is 15.

### ***Tech issues:***

Summer help \$9.00 vs. \$8.50 can we rectify

Fall help 15-20 hours at \$10.00 per hour

## **Policy**

### **Building and Grounds**

Middle School entrance – bring estimate to grid hazardous area's down to 8/22 meeting

Secured Entrances – do glass doors cost more?

Miles requested the BOE stay focused on the priorities that were discussed after the Building and Grounds walkthrough of the district

Owens wondered about the Secured Entrance bid. Would like that looked at. Remembers buzzers being part of the bid.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

Paul Bowman – question about AE sale; Headlee vote, suggested checking when that could be done; what is the policy for getting rid of technology?

Mrs. Bourdeau – wondered about stipend Mr. Candela was getting for negotiating. Felt that the HS SE position last year should have been full time.

Ms. Ferzacca – asked about the SE posting on line. Wondered what the plan was to turn the tech room into a classroom. Talked about teacher/admin certification. Thanked Dr. Edwards for all the information provided at the meeting.

**QUESTION AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

O’Neil – wondered if there is a drop dead date for Mr. Novak

Dr. Edwards said Mr. Novak is working hard to get things done. Once the testing comes back it should go fast.

Miles – wondered if the HS would be ready to go

Dr. Edwards stated that once the SE is hired and with Mr. Watt on board he is confident that things will be ready.

Dr. Edwards said that the SC4 classes might be an item to look at in the future

Mr. Miles suggested bring this to the curriculum committee.

**Future Items**

MLI Date set for August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Closed Session: Negotiations**

Motion by Miles, supported by Owens, the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

**Roll Call Vote:** Aye’s –Miles, Manko, O’Neil, Brzozowski, Owens, Hoffa

Nays - None

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**Into open session at 9:58 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn 9:59

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Hoffa, President