

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
August 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, MI 48003

Present

Steve Hoffa, Jill O’Neil, John Miles, Jonathan Owens, John Brzozowski , Stephan Manko, Scott Kmetz and Superintendent Dr. Tim Edwards.

Visitors: 17

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda – Contract add to Personnel #7

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Szlachta introduced her 3 new teachers and thanked the board for their commitment to the students of the district.

Dr. Edwards invited the board member to join him, Mrs. VonHiltmayer, Mr. Kmetz and Ms. Rohrbeck to the Venture Award evening on Aug 24th.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting July 25, 2016
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Closed Session July 25, 2016
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting July 28, 2016
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting August 1, 2016
- E. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting August 8, 2016
- F. Approval of the Minutes from the August 15, 2016 Work Session
- G. Approval of the Minutes from the August 15, 2016 Closed Session Negotiations
- H. Approval of the Minutes from the August 18, 2016 Special Meeting
- I. Approval of the Minutes from the August 18, 2016 Special Meeting Closed Session: Negotiations

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

General Fund Total	\$ 2,596,768.92
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School Lunch Fund	\$ 2.44
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sinking Funds	\$ 335,250.00
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 2,932,021.36
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 325,533.02
PESG	\$ 1,230.27
Coach EZ	\$ 100.00
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 3,308,884.65
Check #'s -34790-34887	
Void Checks - 34754	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 34790 to 34887 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 34754
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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

Orchard Primary

Project Based Learning PD - The STEAM Connection and the Outdoor Classroom:

23 staff members attended a day of professional development dedicated to the connection between STEAM and the outdoor classroom on June 22nd. It was also Mrs. Szlachta’s first opportunity to meet the staff.

Google Camp 2016:

On July 19th and 20th nine staff members traveled to the Genesee Intermediate School District for Google Camp 2016. This two day training opportunity was completely voluntary and gave staff the chance to choose from a variety of sessions geared at growing their knowledge with all things technological.

Thank You to the First Congregational Church:

Our front landscaping looks cleaned up and ready for the start of school thanks to volunteers from the First Congregational Church. They did a beautiful job!!

Tech Initiative:

We are very excited to provide all K-2 students with iPads and all 3rd-4th graders with Chromebooks this year. In an effort to ensure staff has the support they need to give our students the best instruction and opportunities

with these types of technology we are planning to incorporate tech PD into our district provided PD days throughout the year.

Reading Program Pilots:

Moving forward from the hard work completed last year with regard to a new K-5 reading series we are looking to pilot the two top reading series selected from last year’s review. We will spend the first half of the year with the Journey’s reading program and spend the second half of the year with the Wonders program. They are both research based programs that we are excited to have the chance to use.

Upcoming Events:

- Teacher PD Day August 24th
- Welcome Back Breakfast/Teacher Work DayAugust 25th
- Popsicle Pop-In - 2:30-3:30 August 25th
- Curriculum Night September (date to be determined)

From the Middle School

PLTW/STEM (Project Lead the Way) Update

Beau Beneson completed his week-long PLTW Training at Eastern Michigan University (in July) for the *Automation & Robotics* course to be offered this school year.

Andrea Malloy also completed her week-long PLTW Training at Eastern Michigan University (in July) for the *Design & Modeling* course to be offered this school year.

Venture Global Engineering (VGE) Charity Golf Outing

The following staff members volunteered their time and assistance at the golf outing on July 30th: Kris Rohrbeck, John Bacci, Jason Weaver, Jack Bostian, Kimberly VonHiltmayer, and Mary Anne Martin.

K. Rohrbeck and K. VonHiltmayer will be attending the VGE Invitational to receive their portion of the proceeds from the fundraiser on August 24, 2016.

A special thank you to the school community for their generous support for our STEM programming!

Professional Development- August 25th

PD at AMS will include the following: Technology (Laptops and Chromebook Management), Standards of Quality (External Review Preparation), *Newsela* Webinar, and Building Goals/Action for 2016-17.

District Curriculum Council

Pacing Guides will be posted on the District’s website by October 1st.

Minor revisions must be made before posting. K-12 Teachers will continue their work on Unit Organizers; to be posted by Fall 2017. First DCC Meeting is scheduled for September 21st.

UPCOMING Middle School EVENTS

- Welcome Back Breakfast/PD Day.....August 25th
- Teacher Work Day.....August 26th
- First Day of School (Half Day).....August 29th
- Student Leadership Conference (School Climate & Culture) at MSU.....September 14th
- Open House/AMS Curriculum Night.....TBA (scheduled in September)

From the High School

Mr. Watt is off and running as he met with various staff members in order to organize for the beginning of the school year. Work focused on Freshmen Orientation, Special Education staffing, Professional Development, Scheduling, and student issues.

He also spoke to LISD personnel to inquire into professional development topics. School Pictures and Chromebook distribution began on Tuesday.

Schedule of Events

Aug 23: Freshmen Orientation 6-8 pm in the AHS Auditorium

Aug 25: Staff Breakfast and Pro. Development:

- Eric Bourque to present on teaching students who suffer from concussions and other traumatic brain injuries

- Curriculum work and Section 504 Plans (some related to E. Bourque's presentation) Possible Pacing Guides analysis

Possible PSAT / SAT Test results analysis of last year's test

Possible School Improvement goals work in preparation for External Visit in May

- Technology presentation by Jack Bostian at 2:00 pm

Aug 26: Teacher Work Day and Staff Mtg at 8 am

Aug 29: First Day ½ Day. Dismissal at 10:23 am

Aug 30: Class Mtgs

Aug 25: Football at Home vs Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Sept 6: SC4 Classes begin for AHS students

Sept 1: Football at Home vs Algonac with Hall of Fame Awards at halftime

Sept 15: Flu shots at Central Office

Sept 16: County Principals' Mtg

Sept 19: Jostens Senior Mtg at 9:15

Sept 21: Frosh Parents / Frosh Teachers Mtg time TBD

Sept 26: Jostens Cap and Gown orders taken at Lunches

HS Issues

Mr. Watt is addressing various issues including hiring a SE teacher, office security, and 504 and IEP schedules through October.

Other News

Transportation: Eight new buses and our lift bus have arrived on site. The remaining eight buses should be on site by August 22, 2016. As we discussed in the work session, Bob Jones has met with representatives from the bus drivers and we have adjusted the bus drivers pay schedule.

Service Drive: I have talked with Dan LaPan regarding the service drive. He insists that the service road will be completed by the August 25. The culverts were not included in the service road specifications. I will talk with someone from Hendrick regarding the culverts. Dan the LaPan said the engineers missed them.

Security Doors: According to Dan LaPan, buzzers were not included in the specifications for the security doors.

Disposition of Surplus Property: Policy 7310 The Superintendent is authorized to dispose of obsolete instructional and other property by selling it to the highest bidder, by donation to appropriate parties, or by proper waste removal.

The Budget with the additional spending items will be included in the Friday note this week.
Sinking fund is on target.

Board of Education: Questions

Kmetz – did the security company suggest buzzers and cameras?

Dr. Edwards – yes, we did not go with due to cost

Miles – is roof still under budget

Dr. Edwards – so far

Miles – what is the warranty on the road?

Dr. Edwards – will look into

Owens – concerned about who will clean up the roof project

Owens – weeds need to be pulled and trees trimmed around the buildings who is doing this?

Brzozowski – is the road getting a new base.

Hoffa – yes and in the mushy spots getting the extra gravel and fabric

Brzozowski – is D.LaPan on site?

Dr. Edwards – no B. Jones is watching work that is being done.

Brzozowski – is there a contingency plan for first day of school if road not done.

Dr. Edwards – we are working on one.

Brzozowski – are sidewalks being ground off?

Dr. Edwards/BJones – waiting for one more bid. When decide it will only take one day.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Approval of Resignation

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ms. Robinson and wish her well in the future.

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Approval of Resignation

Moved by Kmetz, supported by, Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Karen Eby and wish her well in the future.

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Approval of Third Party Coach

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education staff the following position with personnel provided by CoachEZ:

Interim Varsity Wrestling Coach

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Approval of Teacher Change in Pay

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, Board of Education advance Gina Wilkins to the appropriate level of the salary schedule in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and

commend Ms. Wilkins for her commitment to continued learning.

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Approval of Teacher Change in Pay

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, Board of Education advance Heather Murphy to the appropriate level of the salary schedule in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend Mrs. Murphy for her commitment to continued learning.

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Approval of Change in Contract

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve Mark Weigand's contract as attached. Copy to be attached to official minutes and marked VIII (B) 5.

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Approval of Non-Renewal of Contract

Moved by Kmetz, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education decline to renew the contract for Dean Sousansis for the 2016/2017 school year and wish him well.

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Approval of New Hires

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve Stephanie Talan as 1st grade teacher at OP beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve Nicole Cobb as a 1st grade teacher contingent upon return of teacher on leave.

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve Mary Meeker as Special Needs teacher at Almont High School beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.

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Policy

Approval of School of Choice Students

Moved by Owens, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2016/2017 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

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Approval of Overnight Trip Resolution

Moved by Owens, supported by Manko Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Almont Board of Education supports extracurricular programs as an extension of the classroom learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the various extracurricular clubs and teams are provided opportunities to participate in activities and competitions which require overnight stays at locations outside of the Almont School district service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that extracurricular clubs and teams and/or individual club or team members take advantage of these opportunities.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve overnight trips for students participating in extracurricular programs during the 2015/2016 school year, with the Board of Education to be provided with the following information prior to any students embarking on such trips:

Date of Event

Accommodations for Food/Lodging

List of Chaperones

Trip Itinerary

Means of Transportation

Cost

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Pam Ferzacca asked why not offering AP Physics? Was it low numbers.

Dr. Edwards – no, the class that we were offering was not preparing the students for the test

S. Hoffa – if the students are interested in taking the test we can provide specific materials for it.

S. Fred – asked if AP one was also Advance Physics?

M. Martin – thanked K. VonHiltmayer and K.Rohrbeck for all their hard work with the golf outing

Sally Tanascu – question about football jerseys

Dr. Edwards – will look into it.

G. Bourdeau – Thanked Mr. Jones for all his hard work.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Manko – any movement on the AE

Dr. Edwards – not this week.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Check Google Drive for MLI schedule

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles supported by Manko to adjourn the August 22, 2016 regular meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President