

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
November 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. in Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, MI 48003

Present

Jill O'Neil, John Miles, Jonathon Owens, John Brzozowski, Stephan Manko, Scott Kmetz, Steve Hoffa and Interim Superintendent Tim Edwards.

Visitors: 62

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council – AM brought the board up to date on the food drive and stated that their next meeting would be held once they get back from Thanksgiving break.

Dr. Edwards let the BOE know about a grant that Mrs. Sullivan received for over \$700.00 from Four County Foundation.

Sue Fredricksen went over the history of the SC4 classes and where we are at this point with both SC4 and MCC

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

S. Edwards – question regarding new board members

J. Albers – question/comments about reconfiguring the buildings

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

Mr. Miles thank people for supporting the play over the weekend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the October 24, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the October 24, 2016 Closed Session Negotiations
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the October 25, 2016 Superintendent Interviews
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the October 26, 2016 Superintendent Interviews
- E. Approval of the Minutes from the November 1, 2016 Superintendent Interview
- F. Approval of the Minutes from the November 2, 2016 Superintendent Interview
- G. Approval of the Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Work Session

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, 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	\$ 821,058.69
School Lunch Fund	\$ 106,039.53
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ 323,138.91
QZAB Bond	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 1,250,237.13
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ 180,000.00
PESG	\$ 13,115.30
Coach EZ	\$ -
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT	\$ 1,443,352.43
Check Numbers: 35168-35271	
35141, 35164, 35195	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 35168 to 35271 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 35141, 35164, 35195
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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

Dr. Edwards discussed the following:

Parent participation at the buildings during parent/teacher conferences:

OP 96%, MS 80%, HS 55%

Feedback on the play over the weekend was excellent

Last of the new buses have arrived

Discussed sidewalk entry situation at the MS.

Board decided to wait, move students to different entrances and put up caution tape and or signs.

Personnel

Mr. Andrews from MLI and Mr. Hoffa reviewed the search/hiring process to this point.

Board members discussed their positions

Before the vote members O'Neil and Owens stated that they would fully support whomever was chosen.

Approval of Superintendent

Moved by Manko, supported by Brzozowski, to hire Dr. William Kalmar as Superintendent of the Almont Community Schools pending board approval of a contractual agreement and authorize the President of the board to appoint a committee to negotiate with Dr. Kalmar regarding the contractual agreement governing his employment.

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Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brzozowski, Manko, Miles, Kmetz, Hoffa

Nays: O'Neil, Owens

Approval of Support of the New Superintendent

Moved by Manko, supported by Brzozowski, the Almont Board of Education pledge to work with and support Dr. Kalmar as he takes on the duties of Almont Community Schools Superintendent.

Discussion:

Mr. Owens and Mrs. O'Neil stated they did not feel the need for this motion since they had stated previously they would indeed support the new Superintendent whomever it was.

Mr. Hoffa and Mr. Andrews explained why a board should/could take this motion.

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Approval of ACS Coach

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the employment of Mark Weigand as Varsity Boys Baseball Coach beginning with the spring 2017 season.

Discussion:

Mr. Miles asked Dr. Edwards and Mr. Woelkers if Mr. Weigand could do this as well as his other duties. Both responded yes and Mr. Woelkers stated they have discussed how they would cover those events that Mr. Weigand would be unable to attend.

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Approval of Resignation

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Anna Merriman and wish her well.

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Policy

Approval of Neola Updates – semi annual

Moved by Owens, supported by O'Neil, the Board of Education approve revisions to the following policies and bylaws:

Policy 1619/3419/4419 - Group Health Plans (New/Replacement)

Policy 1619.03/3419.03/4419.03 - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

(New)

Policy 6605 - Crowdfunding (New)

Policy 1619.02/3419.02/4419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (Revised)

Policy 2628 – State Aid Incentives (Revised)

Policy 3131 Staff Reductions/Recalls (Almont Specific Revision)

Policy 3142 - Probationary Teachers (Revised)

Policy 5830 – Student Fund-Raising (Revised)

Policy 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency) (Revised)

Policy 9700 - Relations with Special Interest Groups (Revised)

Policy 3420/4420 - Health Insurance Benefit (DELETE)

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Approval of Neola Updates – Special Addition Technology

Moved by Owens, supported by O’Neil, the Board of Education approve revisions to the following policies and bylaws:

Bylaw 0100

Policy 7540

Policy 7540.01 V1

Policy 7540.02

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Election

Acceptance of Election Results

Moved by Owens, supported by O’Neil, the Board of Education accept the November 8th, 2016 election results as certified by the Lapeer County Board of Canvassers. Copy of Canvass of Votes Cast will be attached to the Official Minutes and marked VIII (D) 1

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

K. Klos- asked about the BOE oath of office and pledge to support

S. Hoffa – reiterated original options for motions

Mr. Miramonti stated that he hoped the BOE would all work together going forward

Pam Ferzacca stated her frustration with the search process

Mr. Stroh thanked Mr. Kmetz and Mr. Hoffa for their years of service

M. Martin asked Mr. Andrews about the Superintendent Academy and interview training

S. Winkler stated disappointment with the BOE

M. Gilbert wondered about IC community support for Mr. Kalmar

S Hoffa stated that IC did support Mr. Kalmar

Comments: BOE

Mr. Owens stated that the choosing of the Superintendent was a Board decision and the Board will move forward and do what is best for the district to make it the best.

Mr. O’Neil stated that the community will move on as well and make sure that the district moves forward

Mr. Miles appreciates the community coming to meetings and not assuming why board members make certain decisions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Closed Session Negotiations 9:04p.m.

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Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the BOE go into Closed Session for the purposes of Negotiations as permissible under the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brzozowski, O'Neil, Kmetz, Owens, Miles, Manko

Nays: None

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ADJOURNMENT

Into open session at 9:55 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm

Approved _____

Date

Signed: _____

John Miles, Secretary

Signed: _____

Steve Hoffa, President