MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting Almont Community Schools Board of Education May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Bowman called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Present

Paul Bowman, Jill O'Neil, John Miles, Jennifer Mitchell, John Brzozowski, Dallas Walton, Michael Sullivan, and Superintendent William Kalmar.

Visitors: 28

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present until O'Neil had technical difficulties before any motions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Kalmar – introduced the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2020 He then went over the impending budget crisis (PowerPoint to be posted to website)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Janaea Smith – asked that PP be put on FB and Website so that community members could contact their legislators.

Kara Cunninham- stated that Dean transportation is looking at what bussing could potentially look like in the fall.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD

- J. Miles inquired about cost of online learning vs. traditional teacher. Dr. Kalmar and Barb explained that it varies. Dual enrollment being more expensive MV and Edgenuity being less.
- D. Walton When will they have the details to the new budget. Dr. Kalmar stated he hopes to have this by the first week of June. He is meeting with Barb tomorrow.
- J. Brzozowski what were the details from the State call on Friday. Dr. Kalmar and Barb explained the state budget shortfall and general details as to how they will effect schools.
- P. Bowman Have we have COVID19 expenses this year because the state has grant monies for that. Dr. Kalmar stated no extra expenses so far.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. Approval of the Minutes from the April 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Roll Call – Ayes -Mitchell, Miles, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

April 28-May 18, 2020

General Fund Total		250,492.01	
School Lunch Fund*		63,031.07	
2014 Sinking Fund	\$		
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$		
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	-	
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	4	
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	2	
Sub-total	\$	313,523.08	
ACH/Wire Transactions:			
Payroll		498,668.10	
EduStaff	\$	1,454.35	
Health Equity H.S.A. Payments		4,864.46	
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ \$	89,344.92	
2013 SBL Refinance	\$	1,332,787.08	
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$	511,679.41	
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$	821,575.00	
QZAB Energy	\$	113,470.00	
Procare Fees Automatic payment		151.46	
Meal Magic Fees Automatic Payment		3.75	
Total Funds Spent		3,687,521.61	

Check numbers 39657-39710

Void checks 39678

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 39657-39710 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 39678

Roll Call – Ayes –Miles, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Mitchell, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

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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. Kalmar encouraged the BOE to look over the Principals reports for the month to catch up on district activities.

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Approval of Lunch and Breakfast Pricing

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education establish lunch and breakfast rates for the 2020/2021 school year as follows (no changes):

Primary Students	2018/2019	2019/2020	CHANGE
Breakfast	1.55	1.55	0
Lunch	2.80	2.90	0
Milk	.50	.50	0
Middle/High School Students			
Breakfast	1.65	1.65	0
Lunch	2.90	3.00	0
Milk	.50	.5	0
Adults (all buildings)			
Breakfast	2.10	*Tbd	
Lunch	3.75	Tbd	
Milk	.50	.50	.50

^{*}the mde has not released the Adult Meal calculator as of yet 5-18-2020

Roll Call – Ayes –Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan, Mitchell, Miles, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

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Approval of Chromebooks for K-2

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education purchase Chromebooks for K-2 from the REMC at a cost of \$102,080.00.

Discussion – Walton -Is the total cost covered by Cares? Dr. Kalmar – most of it, the other part comes from grants that Barb was able to reallocate. No dollars thru GF.

Roll Call – Ayes –Brzozowski, Sullivan, Mitchell, Miles, Walton, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

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Personnel

Approval of New Hires

Moved by Walton supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve Marc McFarlane as summer technology help.

Roll Call – Ayes –Sullivan, Mitchell, Miles, Walton, Brzozowski, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

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Moved by Walton supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the following ACS coaches:

James Leusby - Varsity Football Head Coach

Beau Beneson - Varsity Football Assistant Coach

Jeff Bacholzky - JV Football Head Coach

Roll Call – Ayes –Brzozowski, Mitchell, Sullivan, Miles, Walton, Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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Moved by Walton, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the third party coaching positions to be staffed by qualified individuals from GECS.

Roll Call – Ayes –Mitchell, Brzozowski, Miles, Sullivan, Walton, Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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Approval of Resignation

Moved by Walton, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ms. Barbara Potter and wish her well in the future.

Roll Call - Ayes -Mitchell, Miles, Walton, Brzozowski, Sullivan. Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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Policy

Approval of Graduating Seniors

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the list of seniors eligible to graduate this school year as attached.

Roll Call – Ayes –Mitchell, Walton, Sullivan, Miles, Brzozowski, Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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Approval of Changes to Handbooks

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Sullivan, the Board of Education approve:

The recommended changes to the High School Handbook as well as the changes as suggested by the committee.

The recommended changes to the Orchard Primary Handbook as well as the changes as suggested by the

The recommended changes to the Middle School Handbook as well as the changes as suggested by the committee.

Roll Call – Ayes –Mitchell, Walton, Sullivan, Miles, Brzozowski, Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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Acceptance of School of Choice Students

Moved by Mitchell, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2020/2021 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

Roll Call - Ayes -Walton, Sullivan, Mitchell, Brzozowski, Miles, Bowman

Absent - O'Neil

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

Comments BOE

J. Mitchell – thanked all the graduation volunteers, appreciated the MS and OP Surveys, thank you Dr. Kalmar for all the communication.

Miles – When best guess for final 20-21 budget?

Kalmar – Draft by first week of June then can possibly schedule budget meeting with BOE if this is what they would like. Keep in mind we may approve a June 30th budget that could get changed shortly there after depending on communication from the State.

Miles – when notify staff of layoffs?

Kalmar – as soon as we can.

Sullivan – applicants for Barb's position

Kalmar – yes

Brzozowski – talked about fund balance over the next two years.

Bowman – webinar he attended talked about forced consolidations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miles, supported by Sullivan the Board of Education adjourn the Regular May 18, 2020 meeting at 8:28 pm.

Roll Call – Ayes –Walton, Sullivan, Miles, Brzozowski, Mitchell, Bowman Absent – O'Neil

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Approved	
Date	
Signed:	Signed:
John Miles, Secretary	Paul Bowman, President