

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**October 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Edwards called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, MI 48003. Meeting was also broadcast via YouTube.

**Present**

Sue Frederiksen, Tim SaintOnge, Rick Battani, Janaea Smith, Dallas Walton, Angela Edwards, James Wade and Interim Superintendent VonHiltmayer

**Visitors: 20**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Student Council- updated on Capstone Projects, Rachel's Challenge Military Donation, Upcoming Events.

Raider Recognition- Orchard Primary Principal Mrs. Allen and teachers Mrs. LaPonse and Mrs. Kloeckner presented on Literacy Instruction and different ways to get students engaged and excited about reading and writing.

Lewis and Knopf- came in late, presentation was moved to later in the meeting, during Finance.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA: AUDIENCE**

- P. Bowman spoke to splitting the Bond and concerns regarding the amount of Bond. Mr. Bowman indicated that he would like to hear from the Business Manager regarding costs. Would like information about the Sinking Fund.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD**

- S. Frederiksen thanked Orchard Primary for the presentation this evening. Also thanked the AHS Senior who has made their Capstone project the 8th Grade Halloween Dance and helping to get the 8th graders involved in the school activities.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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## Questions and Comments

### Audience:

- P. Bowman mentioned that minutes should not exist for the October Work Session due to the number of Board Members present. Mr. Bowman asked how BoE can approve the Bond Qualification if not corrected. Mr. Bowman also mentioned that the sound system needs work and hopefully the district will get it fixed.
- D. Campbell echoed what Mr. Bowman said. Concerned about moving forward with Bond.
- C. Samul spoke in regards to transgenderism/pronouns. Asking about policy on parental information.

### Board:

- D. Walton mentioned that NEOLA has some forthcoming legislation re: Mr. Samul's concerns. Mrs. VonHiltmayer confirmed.
- J. Smith asked if the Watch Dogs Program would start at Middle School or High School. Mrs. VonHiltmayer confirmed that Watch Dogs will be started at the end of the month at Almont Middle School. The High School is not planned at this time.
- S. Frederiksen thanks Max for working so hard with the auditors. Thanks Mrs. Myers for being so helpful.
- Mrs. VonHiltmayer thanked the audience for feedback on the sound system and that the district will be working to improve the glitches.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. Smith mentioned an Ad Hoc Athletic Committee.

### Motion to go into Closed Session

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, to go into closed session for the purpose of Labor Negotiations as permissible under the Open Meetings Act.

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**Open Session at 9:33pm**

### AEA Contract Approval

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approved the AEA Contract as presented, with copies of the contract to be marked XIII (A) 1 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

**P, 198, 6-0-1**

(T. SaintOnge abstain)

### Approval of Non Rep Compensation

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approved the compensation packages of the non-represented individuals as discussed in closed session.

Discussion:

- R. Battani asked for clarification on the increase of the contracts presented.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board adjourned the October 23, 2023 Meeting at 9:38 pm.

**P, 200, 7-0-0**

Approved 11.30.23  
Date

Signed: Dallas R. Walton  
Dallas Walton, Secretary

Signed: Angela Edwards  
Angela Edwards, President