

Almont Community Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Edwards at 7:01 pm in the Auditorium of Almont High School 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, MI 48003. Meeting was also available on YouTube for viewing only.

Roll Call – SaintOnge, Wade, Battani, Walton, Frederiksen, Smith, and Edwards and Mrs. VonHiltmayer

Visitors 8

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Communications

Raider Recognition- Mrs. VonHiltmayer expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board of Education for their hard work and dedication to the school community. Mrs. VonHiltmayer also mentioned that the Student Councils from both Almont High School and Almont Middle School put together a dinner for Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Questions and Comments from the Board

None

Questions and Comments from the Audience

None

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the November 27th, 2023 Closed Session- Student Discipline
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Closed Session- Superintendent's Evaluation
- D. Approval of the Minutes Organizational Meeting January 8, 2024
- E. Approval of the Minutes from the January 16, 2024 Work Session

Discussion- Mr. Walton asked if there was a need to add any other items to the Consent Agenda? Mrs. Edwards confirmed there was not a need.

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Approval of Bills Payable

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee as follows:

<u>12/16/2023 to 01/15/2024</u>	
General Fund Total	\$ 191,037.24
School Lunch Fund*	\$ 70,677.78
Student Activity Fund	\$ 27,362.31
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ 4,051.51
Sub-total	\$ 293,628.84
ACH/Wire Transactions:	
Payroll 12/15 & 01/15	\$ 1,212,460.70
EduStaff	\$ 7,562.00
Health Equity H.S.A.	\$ 75,187.06
Credit Card (BMO)	\$ 10,526.97
Health Insurance	\$ 154,110.57
ProCare Fees	\$ 172.73
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,753,648.87
Check numbers	44121 - 44183
Void checks	43586

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number **44121 - 44183** and voided checks as presented.

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ORCHARD PRIMARY, ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORTS

The Student Activity Accounts were approved as presented.

New Business

Superintendent Report

Mrs. VonHiltmayer highlighted some points of interest in each of the schools.

-Orchard Primary has NWEA testing occurring, with teacher data days and Kindergarten Round-up coming soon in February.

- Almont Middle School also has NWEA testing and students continue to work on skills with the MAP Accelerator program. AMS also has a new initiative of a weekly VIP Staff Member. The 5th grade Band and Choir Concerts are coming up soon as well.

- Almont High School has the Snowcoming Dance coming up and has recognized their January Students of the Month. The High School staff is also having meetings based on the department to work on curriculum.

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New Business

Finance

Approval of Door Security Barricade

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education approved Nightlock as the contractor for the Door Security Barricade purchase and installation. Contract will be attached to the official minutes, marked VIII, B,1.

Discussion- Mr. Walton asked if we solidified where the funding was coming from. Mrs. VonHiltmayer and Mr. Shafik confirmed that this was being paid for out of 31aa Grant Funds.

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Personnel

Resignations

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Kasie Allen and wished her well in the future.

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New Hire(s)

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education approved Vanessa Ruiz and Dena Norrod as new hires and welcomed them to the district.

Discussion- Ms. Frederiksen stated that she has heard such great things about both Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Norrod and is excited to have them in Almont. Mrs. Edwards agreed with Ms. Frederiksen and welcomed them both to the district.

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Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education approved that GECS fill the positions of Varsity and Assistant Varsity Softball Coaches.

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Change in Teacher Pay

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education advanced Kenady Kaufman 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 her for her commitment to continued learning.

Discussion- Mrs. Edwards congratulated Ms. Kaufman on her Master's Degree.

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Policy

Moved by Battani, supported by Wade, the Board of Education accepted the students on the list below for the 2nd semester of the 2023/2024 school year through the 105C/105 Schools of Choice Programs.

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NEOLA Updates

Moved by Battani, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approved policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531, and 3131.

Discussion- Mr. Walton recognized the support from NEOLA and Mr. Schelke for attending our December meeting and helping with the updates. Mr. Walton also thanks Mrs. VonHiltmayer for arranging the additional support. Mrs. Edwards agreed.

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Approval of Cheer Camp Trip

Moved by Battani, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approved the Cheer Camp Trip in July 2024.

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Comments: Audience

None

Comments: Board of Education

-Ms. Frederiksen stated she really liked having the new hires come to the meeting so that the Board can meet them and would like to see this done in the future.

-Mrs. Smith welcomed the new hires and thanked the Student Council for the dinner.

-Mrs. Edwards echoed what both Ms. Frederiksen and Mrs. Smith said. She stated it was very nice to meet the new hires and interact with the kids at the dinner that evening.

-Mrs. VonHiltmayer shared the artwork given to the Board of Education by the students at Orchard Primary in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month that will be displayed in Central Office.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board of Education adjourned the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting at 7:23pm.

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Angela Edwards, President

Dallas Walton, Secretary

Date

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