

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

May 21, 2013

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. at the Almont Elementary School.

Present

Steven Hoffa, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Scott Kmetz, Jon Owens, John Miles and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 10

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Manko was absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS: BOE

Mr. Candela introduced and congratulated the Valedictorian and Salutatorian that were present. He also mentioned those that were unable to make the meeting.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boxey, supported by Owens, the Board of Education approve the following Minutes:

- Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the May 7, 2013 Personnel Issue
- Approval of Minutes from the May 7, 2013 Closed Session Personnel Issue
- Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2013 Special Meeting Work Session

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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.

April 2013	
General Fund	\$739,060.87
School Lunch Program	\$18,438.91
2002 Debt Fund	\$0.00
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00

2013 SBL Refinance	\$43,549.60
QZAB Bond	\$0.00
General Fund Transfers for Payroll	\$0.00
Total	\$801,049.38
Voided Check 29715	
Check Numbers: 30512-30604	

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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

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Candela discussed the following:

Orchard Primary

Finish strong is the theme for the last few weeks of school
 DiBELS has been completed and Math Assessments will take place before the end of the year
 Potential Kindergarteners have been tested this past week
 The PTA went above and beyond with their teacher appreciation activities
 PreSchool students moved on last week
 Reader Dogs are done for the year
 Upcoming events were discussed.

Almont Middle School

The MiBLSi Team attended their last mandatory meeting this past week. The team has decided to continue with these data systems for 2013/2014.
 The Rock Assembly will be on June 5th. Many fun activities are planned.
 The May PLC day saw Dr. Gullen from the Macomb ISD come to the MS and present to the K-12 staff. His presentation was well received.
 Roy Sovis from the Genesee ISD will be on hand on June 3rd at AMS to answer questions concerning the common core.
 Staff Appreciation was a great success. The PTSA did a wonderful job and the teachers were overwhelmed.
 Upcoming events were discussed.

High School

The students that attended the math competition at Mott Community College came in 2nd overall.
 The Master Schedule is just about finished due to the hard work of Sue Fredericksen.
 Mr. Sosnowski has received a \$500 grant from the Four County Community Foundation to help supply those seniors that cannot afford it a yearbook.

AHS and ICHS competed in a friendly food drive competition and dodge ball tournament which AHS won hands down.

Mr. Candela read the names of AHS Class of 2013 top ten students.

Five of our Seniors attended the BWAC all Academic Luncheon in Cros-Lex on May 7th.

The State did a random review of IEP's and all 6 of Mr. Bourque's IEP's met all the criteria

AHS art students recently had their art displayed at Gallery 194

The Honor Society inducted 21 students on May 1

The Prom was a great success and the hall was very impressed by how nice and polite our students are.

16 of the HS made it to State Level in the Skills USA, DECA and HOSA competitions

Teachers were appreciated at the HS

The play 'Grease' was a success, as was the art show

The Choir presented 'The Not so "Les Miserables" Spring Concert

On 5/14 Officer Ryan Wilson presented a Safe Driving Assembly

21 students took the AP US History test

Senior awards took place and \$30,000 in scholarships were given out.

Mr. Watt has come up with 3 questions for the Seniors to answer for before leaving on the 23rd. He will share the info once it is sorted. We may also use it on an alumni page on the web site.

Upcoming Events were discussed.

Misc

On Friday Governor Snyder signed a bill that forgives the snow days as long as we have enough minutes. We are adding time at each building to meet this requirement and moving the end of the year back to the 11th.

Discussion regarding the Superintendent Report

Mrs. Boxey asked what the numbers for BK. Mr. Candela stated that it was 13 – 16 they needed to look closer at the data.

Mrs. Boxey wanted to mention that we had one more student that will be attending Nationals in the fall in the agriculture division.

Mr. Kmetz asked if we had numbers for the tennis program, both coaches and students. Mr. Candela said we do not have those at this time because registration just began.

Mrs. Boxey would like a comparison sheet for the custodial numbers. Mr. Candela stated that he would get that out to her.

CURRICULUM

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

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Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education accept the bid from Axium for custodial and maintenance services from July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2016 (with a 60 day out clause for either side), as presented, a copy of said pricing sheet to be marked VIII (C) 3 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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FINANCE

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the purchase option for the iPad Initiative grades 5-12. The four year lease payment will be in the amount of \$126,262.40 per year.

Total iPads 1,020.

(P), 70, 6-0-0

BUSINESS

Boxey, moves and Brzozowski, supports, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution which:

1. Designates Stephan Manko as its representative to serve on the 2013 electoral body responsible for electing members to the Lapeer County Intermediate School District Board of Education.
2. Supports candidates Mr. Lawrence Czapiewski (six), Mrs. Janet Watz (six) and Mr. Rod Dewey (four) for positions on the Lapeer County Intermediate School District Board of Education for a term of (2) six years and (1) four years each.
3. Directs its representative Stephan Manko to vote for candidates Lawrence Czapiewski (six), Janet Watz (six) and Rod Dewey (four) for a term of (2) six years and (1) four years each, at least on the first ballot taken at the June 3rd election.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes- Kmetz, Miles, Owens, Brzozowski, Boxey, Hoffa

Nays- None

(P), 71, 6-0-0

Moved by Boxey, supported by Kmetz, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution beginning with WHEREAS:

WHEREAS:

The Board received the ISD General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support of disapproval of the proposed ISD budget, and must submit to the ISD Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to budget prior to June 3, 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The ISD General Fund Operating Budget for the 2013/2014 school year be:

Supported

that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the ISD Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

Ayes: Miles, Kmetz, Owens, Brzozowski, Boxey, Hoffa

Nays: None

Motion Declared – Passed

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Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2013/2014 school year.

(P), 73, 6-0-0

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the rate of pay for temporary summer help as \$7.50 per hour.

(P), 74, 6-0-0

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish lunch and breakfast rates for the 2013/2014 school year as follows:

<u>Primary/Elementary Students</u>	
Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.55
Milk	\$0.50
<u>Middle/High School Students</u>	
Breakfast	\$1.60
Lunch	\$2.75
Premium Lunch (avail at HS only)	\$3.50
Milk	\$0.50
<u>Adults (all buildings)</u>	
Breakfast	\$2.00
Lunch	\$4.30
Milk	\$0.50

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COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Mr. Hoffa informed the audience that they would be going into closed session to discuss negotiations and no business would take place thereafter.

Boxey moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for negotiation matters as permissible under the Open Meetings Act. No further action to be taken after closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes – Miles, Owens, Kmetz, Boxey, Brzozowski, Hoffa

No – None

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Went into Closed Session at 8:02

Went into Open Session at 8:52

Board of Education Discussion

Discussion regarding 8th grade disciplinary issue. Three students have been suspended for 10 days. One appeal has been received. The police have interviewed the students with the parents approval.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President