

MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

June 20, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Special Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Almont Central Office.

Present

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

Visitors: 5 community members, Kim VonHiltmayer, Rob Watt, Penny McWilliams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Stephan Manko arrived at 5:04 pm, Jon Owens absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Bourdeau had some questions:

1. Will the students be using regular books or new books.
Mr. Candela – Apple is figuring this out as far as apps and costs go.
2. How will we get teachers to use this technology?
Mr. Candela – We are providing training. 1st year teachers will work together, 2nd year we will be asking how they are using the technology
3. What are we doing for tech support?
Mr. Candela – we have updated servers and infrastructure
4. Are you planning parent training?
Mr. Candela – big issue is deployment. Could possibly plan an evening training for parents.
5. Middle School math concerns
Mr. Candela – We need to see if the 6-8 grade teachers are going to follow the same plan as K-5. We need to look at budget. The book is just a tool. There are multiple sources that teachers can pull from.
Mr. Hoffa stated that if there were more concerns they would be discussed later.

Another parent that was present stated that he had been encouraged to approach the Board. Would like a response. He stated that he does have an appointment scheduled with the Superintendent. He has watched his son being bullied. Another parent that was present supported the first parent and would like the students to be contacted as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Session

No action was taken. Various informational items were discussed:

- A. Finance
 - Random checks
 - Budget Review
 - End of Year
 - 2013/2014 School Year

Refunding of 2004 and 2002 Site and Building Bonds

B. Curriculum

None at this time

C. Personnel

Resignations and Retirements

Retainer Agreement with Thrun Law

Approval of Contracts

Awarding of Tenure

Coaches

ACS

CoachEZ

D. Business

Retainer Agreement with Thrun Law

Agreement for Human Resource Services – CoachEZ

MHSAA Membership

Overnight Trips – Football and Volleyball

E. Policy

Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

School of Choice Students

F. Building and Grounds/Transportation

Transportation

School truck and car discussion

G. Maintenance

Axium starting July 1

Would the Board like Hendricks to come to July work session?

Pressure tank at AE

H. Misc

iPads are here. Cases will arrive end of next week

GSRP full Day 18 students/Half day tuition program

Payroll proposal from ISD

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AUDIENCE

None

QUESTION AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steven Hoffa, President