

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

November 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Almont Elementary School.

Present

Steven Hoffa, John Miles, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Dallas Walton, and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 4

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Scott Kmetz, Stephan Manko absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Candela and Mrs. Knight reviewed the audit from Taylor & Morgan.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

October 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

November 12, 2012 Special Meeting

(P), 225, 5-0-0

BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 29794-29939 and voided checks as presented : Voided check(s): 29626, 29795

General Fund Total	\$ 681,550.30
2002 Debt Fund	\$ 1,255.33
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$ 1,126.43
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ 184.72
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
QZAB Bond	\$ 122,670.48

School Lunch Fund	\$ 26,385.64
Sub-total	\$ 833,172.90
General Fund	
transfers in for payroll	\$ -
Total Funds Spent	\$ 833,172.90

(P), 226, 5-0-0

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

Orchard Primary

Mrs. Zichichi's class has started their 9 week safety patrol assignment.
 Parent Teacher conferences brought out 94% of parents. Some teachers experienced 100% participation.
 One OP student one the CSB Christmas Card Contest.
 The coin challenge brought in \$1236.00 dollars to be used for positive behavior rewards.
 Office referrals were reviewed and are very low.
 Thank you to the PTA for donating popcorn to the 4th graders.
 Thank you Don Lackey and Cross Community Church for preparing meals for the staff on conference days.

Middle School

The PLC day on 11/14 was a great success.
 MiBLSi is being used to identify and work with students that need interventions.
 Kari Diaz has been meeting with students to discuss careers and job opportunities.
 Holiday Babysitting will be available to parents on Dec 8th from 9-3 p.m.
 A Cyber Safety Expert presented to the students on November 16th. It was a powerful presentation.

High School

Mr. Watt and Ms. Rohrbeck represented the high school at MCCC as part of the District's study of best teaching practices.
 The 10/24 PLC day delved into the issues of understanding trust and its importance in building relationships.
 Parent Teacher Conferences saw 41% of parents attend. Parents that attended said they liked the new structure of 3 parent teacher conferences a year.
 On 11-8 the 9th graders took the EXPLORE test, the 10th graders took the PLAN test and the 11 graders took the P-ACT test.
 On 11/9 the MDE recognized AHS as a Reward School at its annual conference.
 The week of 11/12 was anti-bullying week.
 11/14 was the first PLC day where the individual buildings broke apart to meet individually. This day focused on understanding and identifying Essential Learning Outcomes.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Candela reminded the Board to take a look at the Oxford Foundation Draft.

He discussed the personal property tax legislature that is being considered as well as the Education Achievement Authority legislation that is being debated in the House of Representatives.

CURRICULUM

VISIONS Course Approval

Moved by Boxey, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the following course to be offered as a High School Elective for students during the 2012/2013 school year.

- VISIONS

(P), 227, 5-0-0

BUSINESS

Approval of School bond Loan Fund/School Loan Revolving Fund Refunding

Motion by Brzozowski, supported by Walton the Board of Education approve the following Resolution as presented. A copy of said document to be marked VIII(C)1 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

(P), 228, 5-0-0

POLICY

Policy Revisions/Replacement Policy/New Policies

Moved by Miles, supported by Boxey, the Board of Education:

Approve Revisions of:

Bylaw 0151 Organization Meeting

Policy 3122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

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Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity

Policy 2271 Postsecondary (Dual) Enrollment Option Programs

Policy 6110 Grant Funds

Policy 6320 Purchasing

Approve New Policy

Policy 1422 Non Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy 6146 Post Issuance Compliance for Tax Exempt and Tax Advantaged Obligations

Policy 7530.02 – Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices

Policy 8321 Criminal Justice Information Security

Approve Replacement Policy

Policy 5136 Personal Communication Devices

Policy 7530.01V1 Cell Phone Allowance

Policy 7530.01V2 Board Owned Personal Communication Devices

Policy 7542 Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices

Delete

Policy 5136V1/V2 Wireless Communication Devices

(P), 229, 5-0-0

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Boxey asked how many students attended the sessions that were offered on the late start days.

Mr. Candela stated that on the first PLC day it was offered in October 50 kids attended at OP but at the 2nd only 15 attended. The numbers were low at the MS for both days. He also stated that if the numbers remain low we will need to relook at this next year.

Mrs. Boxey was disappointed in the 41% turnout for conferences at the High School. Mr. Candela agreed and said that Mr. Watt was in the process of getting him the statistics from last year. They both feel that the low numbers could be because of PowerSchools and the parents ability to access grades more easily or because two more conferences are scheduled.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board was reminded that the Board Goals Workshop is scheduled for March 2nd at Camp Skyline.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President