

MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

September 16, 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, Jon Owens, John Brzozowski, Nancy Boxey, Scott Kmetz, John Miles and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 5

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Manko was absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

Building Principals presented to the Board of Education

Mr. Woelkers, High School Principal discussed:

- AP Courses
- Student Council trip

Mrs. McWilliams discussed:

- Teacher mini observation
- Title I fund changes and recommendations
- ParaEducators roll

Mrs. VonHiltmayer discussed:

- Loss of two students
- Discipline

Comments: Audience

Mrs. Bowman is concerned about the loss of the 2nd recess at OP. She feels most people did not realize the change was happening. She is concerned about childhood obesity and feels we need to keep kids active.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman provided and read a letter of concern regarding an administrative statement.

Comments: Board of Education

Mr. Kmetz has the question to the principals: What is our process for 504's and IEP's? All of the principals explained the process that happens in their building. All of the principals expressed that from building to building we need to have a better process in transferring student 504's and IEP's.

A board member also at the work session asked about the opportunity for students to take a sport and have it count for PE credit. Mr. Candela informed the board members that he would talk with the high school principal about that proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Session

No action was taken. Various informational items were discussed:

FINANCE

Budget Questions/Random Checks

Random checks were pulled

Best Practices Incentive

Section 22f of the State School Act provides \$52 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 out of 8 practices criteria for 2013/14 school year.

The Board of Education certifies that the school district has established at least 7 out of the 8 best practices

Hold policy on medical benefit plans (if directly employed by district, or not excluded by a voluntary employee beneficiary association)

Obtain competitive bids for the provision of 2013-14 non-instructional services

Accept applications for enrollment of non-resident pupils under Section 105 or 105c

Monitor individual pupil academic growth in each subject area at least twice during the school fiscal year using competency based online assessments

Support opportunities for pupils to receive postsecondary credit while attending secondary school

Offer online courses or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils, and publish course syllabi

Provide to parents and community members a dashboard/report card with required financial information on website

Provide physical education or health education

The school board resolution for Best Practices Incentive should be adopted. The school district has met 7 out of the 8 best practices as required by the State of Michigan. The adoption will allow us to receive \$52 per pupil in funding from the State.

PERSONNEL

Resource Room Teaching Position

Central Office Payroll Position

Media Specialist Position – will be interviewing this week

Teacher Contract-AEA

Secretarial Contract

Latchkey Aide Contract

Fall 2013 Sport Coach Girls 7th Grade Basketball- Mike Savage

Freshman Volleyball CoachEZ-Cosette Tank

Resignation of Lori Winslow

Resignation of Terry Kleinhaus-Cook AMS

POLICY

Acceptance of Students- 2 VLAC students (3rd and K)

Release of Student from the HS to Alt. Ed

Overnight Trip- Student Council

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A discussion was also held on the bat situation at the AE building. Updates were provided regarding the Orchard Primary playground.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTION AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Board member asked Mr. Candela what was the progress of Gail moving to business manager and the ISD taking over payroll. Mr. Candela also informed the Board that he hopes to have final audit numbers be the end of next week and that Taylor and Morgan would be presenting at the October work session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steven Hoffa, President