

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

February 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Almont Elementary School.

Present

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

Visitors: 15

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: John Miles was absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Candela asked that VIII(B)4 'Approval of High School Course Guide' be taken off the agenda for this month.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boxey, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the following Minutes:
January 28, 2013 Regular Meeting
February 19, 2013 Special Meeting Worksession
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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

January 2013		
General Fund Total	\$ 1,014,501.02	
School Lunch Fund	\$ 27,115.09	
2002 Debt Fund	\$ -	
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -	
QZAB bond	\$ 996.11	
Subtotal	\$ 1,042,612.22	

General Fund transfers in for payroll	\$ -	
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,042,612.22	
Check #'s 30187-30291		
Voided checks NONE		

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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

Mrs. McWilliams wants to remind parents that they need to stop in the office when visiting the school so that they can get a volunteer pass. Mr. Candela stated that this is the policy at all buildings.

OP is continuing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports for students on a daily basis. New tee shirts supporting this program have come in and 20 positive behavior tickets will buy a tee shirt.

Common Core State Standards are being addressed during PLC time.

The Science Fair took place tonight and provided many activities for visitors. This great event was funded with Title I monies.

Upcoming events were detailed.

Almont Middle School

AIMSweb reports are going home with 2nd trimester report cards.

PLC day in April will find teachers working on Essential Learning Outcomes

Last week was spirit week – Wednesday was western day, Thursday was PJ day, and Friday was orange and black day.

Staff kudos to the I-Team – D’Onofiro, Diaz, Tappen, Mueller, Andrades and Murphy

MiBLSi Team has been doing a great job – Diaz, Ferman, Calopisis, Weigand, Malloy, Arnissi, Verschaeve, Frakes and honorable mention Bacholzky.

IPad Committee members include: Verschaeve, Murphy, Purvis and Johnson.

Thank you Mr. Beneson for stepping up and being the ‘in charge’ when the administrators are out of the building.

Upcoming events were detailed.

High School

Parent Teacher Conferences took place on 1/31 with only a 28% turnout

Snowcoming provided a Varsity Boys victory against rival Armada

The Snowcoming dance was a success.

Raider Down drills took place during lunch recently with help from the Almont Police Department

Staff meeting topic on 2/7 was centered on a possible new schedule for the 2013/2014 school year which would include a 6 hour day in the same trimester format.

The District Leadership Team recently discussed the results of the student surveys.

Juniors recently registered for the ACT test
Secretarial interviews were conducted.
The Staff received ACT test giving instructions as required by the College Board
Upcoming events were discussed.

Other

News from the state includes:

New Pupil Accounting Method – Daily Average Attendance

Concealed Weapons Bill – Schools should be able to opt out (remain gun free)

Education Effectiveness Council is looking at revamping Teacher Evaluations which will in part be based on student test results.

As a district we are working on the evaluation process with staff and administrator input.

CURRICULUM

Approval of Courses

Moved by Boxey supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the course, Big History, to be offered as a High School elective for students beginning in 2013/2014.

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Moved by Boxey supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the course, Mathematics of Business Finance, to be offered as a High School elective for students beginning in 2013/2014.

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Moved by Boxey supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the course, Kitchen Chemistry, to be offered as a High School elective for students beginning in 2013/2014.

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PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Resignation

Moved by Boxey, supported by Manko, the Board accept the resignation of Nancy Demo with regrets and best wishes.

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Approval of New Hires

Moved by Manko supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Joyce Burkland as High School Secretary effective February 26, 2013.

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Moved by Manko, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education employ Jenny Henige as Office Assistant effective February 26, 2013.

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Moved by Manko, supported by Boxey, the Board of Education employ Sherrie Taylor as Office Assistant effective February 26, 2013.

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Moved by Boxey, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coaches for the Spring 2012/2013 sport season:

- Erik Johnson – Girls Varsity Softball
- Mike Finton – Varsity Tennis
- Ritchie Feys – Varsity Baseball
- Ron James – Assistant Track

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Moved by Manko, supported by Brzozowski, the Board of Education staff the following positions with personnel provided by Professional Contract Management Incorporated:

- JV Tennis
- JV Softball
- Varsity Soccer
- JV Baseball
- Varsity Golf
- Middle School Track
- Assistant Middle School Track
- Varsity Track - Girls
- Varsity Track - Boys

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FINANCE

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing the District to adopt the 2013 Refunding Bonds., a copy of which as presented, is to be marked VIII(D)1 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

(P), 35, 5-0-0

BUSINESS

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Boxey, Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing the Board to change the date of the March 2013 regular meeting from Monday March 25, to Tuesday March 26. A copy of said Resolution will be attached to the official minutes of this meeting and marked VIII(E)1.

(P),36, 5-0-0

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Candela talked about the Board Vacancy left by Mr. Dallas Walton.

Mrs. Boxey mentioned that we should think about providing childcare at the Pam Stentzel presentation for those parents that may need to bring their younger children. Mr. Candela stated that they have talked about this and are planning to take any younger children to the gym with adult supervision.

Mr. Candela also mentioned that the powerlifting event over the weekend say quite a few Almont students qualify for the state competition.

Mr. Hoffa wondered if how we were covering the bus secretary position in the interim. Mr. Candela stated that Sherrie will be doing both jobs until we can fill that position.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Don't forget the Special Meeting on February 27 at 5:30 in the Conference Room to discuss the potential new schedule for the HS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President