

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

March 26, 2013

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, Nancy Boxey, John Brzozowski, Scott Kmetz, Stephan Manko , Jon Owens, John Miles and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 45

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was revised as follows:

After the consent agenda, Finance VIII(D)1 will be discussed with Jeff Soles, Bond Council from Thrun Law.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2013 Special Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2013 Board Goals Workshop
- Approval of Minutes from the March 5, 2013 Special Meeting Board Vacancy
- Approval of Minutes from the March 5, 2013 Closed Session Negotiations
- Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2013 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.

February 2013		
General Fund Total	\$ 629,501.66	
School Lunch Fund	\$ 17,752.02	
2002 Debt Fund	\$ -	

2004 Refunding Bonds	\$	-	
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$	-	
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$	-	
QZAB bond	\$	16.47	
Subtotal	\$	647,270.15	
General Fund transfers in for payroll	\$	356,296.22	
Total Funds Spent	\$	1,003,566.37	
Check #'s - 30292-30399			
Voided check -29927			

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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

FINANCE

Approval of Refunding Bonds

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution as presented by Jeff Soles, Bond Council.

Resolution to be attached and marked VIII (D) 1

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REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Candela discussed the following:

Orchard Primary

March is reading month at OP and this year's theme is Super Heroes

Reading Therapy dogs have visited the students

Mrs. McWilliams has been visiting the classrooms and reading her favorite books

Staff has been working on completing the Interim Self Assessment of the AdvanceED accreditation process. This Assessment helps a school identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

"Thank You" to the Lions club for their donation of a much needed wheelchair

High School art classes have created several Dr. Suess posters and wall hangings to decorate the halls

Dr. Vanderest, local Almont dentist, visited the 3rd graders to talk about dental health

Almont Middle School

Activities during *March is Reading Month* have included "Book Talk". Students in all grades have the opportunity to share their favorite book during lunch.

Presenter Pam Stenzel presented to the MS students today to kick off the Sex Education Curriculum. Mr. Candela attended both sessions (MS and HS) and found the presentation powerful and informative.

Mrs. VonHiltmayer would like to thank Kari Diaz for all her hard work on coordinating the assembly for the students

Instead of MAT testing this year the 5th and 6th graders will be doing the Mode Comparability Study via ACT.

Spelling Bee Winners were announced

Thank you Erik Johnson, Rick Filar and Lori Arnissi for your work on the Spelling Bee

Mrs. VonHiltmayer has had the privilege of meeting with several students from all grade levels. They spend time chatting about various school issues while enjoying a continental breakfast. Mrs. VonHiltmayer then takes back the information that the students share to the staff.

Field trip updates and recent and upcoming events were announced.

High School

The dance team won first place awards at the state dance competition in Birch Run recently.

The choir received first division rating at the MSVMA Festival in Flushing. Thank you Mr. Wetzel and Ms. Cay.

Various student art work was displayed at the Lapeer Conservation District's 70th Annual Meeting/Open House recently. Two of our students earned second place awards at the state level.

AHS Concert Band received first division ratings at the District 3 MSBOA Festival in Oxford

The ACT for juniors took place recently and ran smoothly thanks to Mr. LaCavera, Ms. Bacholzky and Ms. D'Onifrio

Almont placed 3rd overall in their division at the UM-Flint Math Day, Thank you Mr. Voyt

The powerlifting club did great at the State Championship in Traverse City recently. They walked away with 3 state champions and 11 others received honors.

Trimester Exams went smoothly

The Senior breakfast was held on March 19th where the seniors picked up their cap and gowns.

Upcoming events and conferences were discussed.

Other

Last night (March 25th) about 160 parents came out to listen to Pam Stenzel's presentation on abstinence. She had a powerful message for both parents and students. Mr. Candela felt this was an eye opening and powerful event.

IPAD committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss deployment of the IPADS this summer

CURRICULUM

Approval of High School 2013-2014 Handbook

Moved by Boxey, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the 2013/2014 Almont High School Course Selection Guide as presented.

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PERSONNEL

Approval of Bus Garage Secretary

Moved by Boxey, supported by Manko, the Board of Education employ Christine Becker as Bus Garage Secretary effective March 27, 2013.

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POLICY

Approval of Overnight Trip

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the overnight trips to Camp Lael in Lapeer, Michigan for the 6th grade students.

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BUSINESS

Approval of Lawn Maintenance Contract

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the bid from Yard Services for lawn services from April 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2015, as presented, a copy of said pricing sheet to be marked VIII(F)1 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

(P), 45, 7-0-0

Approval of Contract Between the Almont Fastpitch Softball Organization and Almont Community Schools

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Almont Fastpitch Softball Organization per the attached agreement to be marked VIII (F)2.

(P), 46, 7-0-0

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Kmetz stated that all three companies that bid on the lawn maintenance have done a good job for us in the past and that should we have any issues he would like Mr. Jones to have the authority to move on to the next lowest bidder.

Mrs. Boxey wondered if the HS Course Guide would be preloaded on to the IPAD’s for the students. Mr. Candela said yes it would and it would also be available on the web site.

Mr. Miles ask a student in the audience what he thought of the presentation by Pam Stenzel. The student responded that he found it very informative. He learned a lot about STD’s and thought the stories about her life experience were very interesting. He also felt it was well worth the time. Others in the audience agreed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Boxey moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the Superintendent’s quarterly review and evaluation at 7:39 p.m. as permissible under the Open Meetings Act. No further action to be taken after closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No – None

Return from Closed Session 9:18

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President