

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education

April 22, 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, Jon Owens, John Miles and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

Visitors: 16

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Manko arrived at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS: BOE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

Susan Brown was concerned about BK. Mr. Candela stated that it was discussed at the work session last week and the consensus is that we will not have BK if it takes from the general fund. He told Mrs. Brown to go ahead and sign her student up for BK just in case we get enough students. He did stress that at this time it does not look promising but he is not discouraging people to sign up. A final decision will be made by June.

Kim Hattis is concerned about a suspension her son received at the Middle School. She does not agree with the calling it a major offense – which prevents her son from attending a scheduled field trip. Mr. Hoffa informed her that you cannot appeal to the Board regarding a one day suspension. Both Mr. Candela and Mr. Hoffa stated that they do feel it is a major offense. Mr. Candela asked Mrs. Hattis to contact his office to set up a face to face meeting outside of the BOE meeting which is a public forum.

Ms. Ferzacca asked Mr. Candela to email the staff and clarify the BK decision as it stands now.

Mrs. Grubbe asked that her daughters release be discussed. Mr. Hoffa stated that it is on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2013 Closed Session
- Approval of Minutes from the March 27, 2013 Student Matter
- Approval of Minutes from the March 27, 2013 Student Matter Closed Session
- Approval of Minutes from the April 15, 2013 Special Meeting Board Goals
- Approval of Minutes from the April 15, 2013 Special Meeting 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.

MARCH 2013	
General Fund	\$703,788.51
School Lunch Program	\$22,455.87
2002 Debt Fund	\$0.00
2004 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$0.00
2013 SBL Refinance	\$17,000.00
QZAB Bond	\$26,940.00
General Fund Transfers for Payroll	\$364,106.19
Total	\$1,134,290.57
Voided Check(s): 30321	
Check Numbers: 30400-30511	

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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

Kindergarten numbers were discussed. We currently have 93 students.

Parents have been filling out request forms for next year keeping in mind that the dynamics of each classroom will be considered to create an educational balance.

Thrubadours from the Flint Symphony Orchestra visited the school on April 9th.

25 students from Mrs. Byrd’s class will serve as safety patrol until the end of the year.

OP has been recognized as a Green School for the 2nd year in arrow. To celebrate this Mrs. Divito is planning a Green Spirit Week.

A tornado drill was practiced this past week and went very well

Upcoming events were discussed.

Almont Middle School

AIMSweb testing will be administered April 29th – May 17th.

PLC and ELO’s are creating lots of feedback from the staff.

Thanks to Ms. Diaz ‘Rockin a Healthy Lifestyle’ was a big hit again this year.

Over 100 students in 5th and 6th grade attended activity night on April 16th.

To motivate the students to bring in as many box tops as possible a pie in the face contest is underway. Upcoming events were discussed.

High School

The Master Schedule is coming together. Ms. Fred has been working very hard on it.

Ms. Nizich is working with HS students to update their EDP's

PLC work is continuing

A Pre-Prom meeting recently took place for the prom that will be held May 3rd.

The AHS office staff recently held a meeting to plan, organize and problem solve.

Video mapping by the ISD is currently underway.

Ask the lawyer was a success with social study students.

Mr. Bostian, Ms. Murphy and Mr. Johnson recently trained other teachers on Edmodo and Google Drive.

The HS budget is complete and headed over to Ms. Knight.

Upcoming Events were discussed.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Contracts

Moved by Boxey, supported by Miles, the Board of Education approve the employment contracts of the following individuals as presented, with copies of the individual contracts to be marked VIII B(1), and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

Mr. LaCavera – Vice Principal

Mrs. Penny Kentish McWilliams – Orchard Primary Principal

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POLICY

Approval of Trip

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the 7th grade annual Cedar Point trip on May 16, 2013.

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Adoption of New Board Policies, Bylaw Revisions, and Policy Revisions

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve new policies and revisions as follows:

Approve Revisions to:

Bylaw 0122 Board Powers

Bylaw 0144.3 Conflict of Interest

Policy 2270 Religion in the Curriculum

Policy 2370.01 On-Line/Blended Learning Program

Policy 4162 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Drivers

Policy 5112 Entrance Age

Policy 5113.01 School of Choice (Intra-District)

Policy 5610 Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students

Policy 5610.01 Expulsions/Suspensions Required by Statute

Policy 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

Approve New Policy:

Policy 5340.01 Concussions and Athletic Activities

Policy 5515.01 Safe Operation of Motorized utility Vehicles by Students

Policy 6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement

Policy 7540.07 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Students

Policy 7540.08 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Staff

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Approval of Board Goals

Moved by Miles supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the following goals developed at the March 2, 2013 Board Goal Workshop:

Goal Statement 1:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to be fiscally responsible

Goal Statement 2:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to analyze, evaluate and revise curriculum to meet the needs of the students.

Goal Statement 3:

The Almont Community Schools shall communicate effectively with all Almont Community stakeholders.

Goal Statement 4:

The Almont Community Schools shall continue to develop and incorporate technology initiatives.

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BUSINESS

Approval of Latchkey Program Rates

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for the 2013/2014 Latchkey Program:

Per Student Registration Fee: \$40.00 one time fee

Per Family Registration Fee: \$50.00 one time fee if more than one family member attends Hourly Rate:
\$ 3.50 per hour

Drop-In Fee: \$ 5.50 per hour

Late Fee(s): \$10.00 every 10 minutes (1st two occurrences)

\$20.00 every 10 minutes (3rd and subsequent occurrences)

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Approval of Preschool Tuition Rate

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the preschool tuition rate for the 2013/2014 school year at \$660.00 per fifteen (15) week semester.

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Approval of Athletic Pricing

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education establish the following rate schedule for Athletics during the 2013/2014 school year.

Pay to Participate:

High School: \$125 for 1st sport, \$100 for 2nd sport, \$75 for 3rd sport
Middle School: \$95 for 1st sport, \$70 for 2nd sport, \$45 for 3rd sport
(this includes all paid coach sports and clubs)

Students who qualify for free lunch pay \$0 and students who qualify for reduced lunch pay ½ price.

Ticket Prices:

Varsity Game:	\$5
JV or Freshman Game:	\$4
Middle School Game:	\$3
Almont Student 4-12 (With student ID):	\$3
Students without ID:	\$5
Tournaments:	\$5

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Release of Student

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education denies the request for student number 16861 to be released to the Virtual Learning Academy for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

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Approval of Audit Services

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Owens, the Board of Education award the contract for audit services for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) to Taylor & Morgan in the amount of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred (\$10,900) Dollars.

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Designation of Representative for the Annual ISD Meeting

Moved by Manko, supported by Boxey, the Board of Education designate Jonathan Owens as its designee to attend the Annual Meeting of the Intermediate Board of Education to be held on May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Education and Technology Center.

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Consideration of Representative for Biennial ISD Election

None: Resolution only to be considered at this meeting. We will adopt the resolution at the Regular Meeting in May.

COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Miles was wondering if PreSchool is just 30 weeks. Mr. Candela said yes it is.

Mr. Miles was wondering if athletes in season have to pay to enter a contest and should this be added to the motion. Mr. Candela stated that it has always been our policy to let in season athletes into contests free and no we do not have to amend the motion.

Mrs. Boxey wondered if we had set special latchkey rates for PLC days. The BOE had talked about it previously. Mr. Candela will talk to Ms. Wheatley about this. We will not charge family the 'one time fee' if they are only using latchkey for PLC days. If they use it for anything else they will have to pay the fee. Mr. Miles was concerned because the May regular Board meeting conflicts with the band concert. Since most of the Boards children participate in band he suggested we move the meeting to the next day, May 21, 2013. It was then suggested they move to change the meeting.

Motion to change the date of the May 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Boxey, supported by Miles, to change the May 2013 Regular Board Meeting from Monday May 20th to Tuesday May 21st.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved _____
Date

Signed: _____
Nancy Boxey, Secretary

Signed: _____
Steve Hoffa, President