

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**February 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Edwards called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Media at the High School.

**Present**

Tim SaintOnge, Dallas Walton, Janaea Smith, Angela Edwards, Rick Battani, Susan Frederiksen, James Wade and Superintendent Dr. William Kalmar.

**Visitors:** 23

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL: All Present**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Barton Malow – Bond Presentation/Discussion

Daryl from Barton Malow went over the 2023 Bond Planning process so far. How we got where we are and how the process works as we move forward to the Design/Estimate/Bid/Award process Discussion with board on costs vs. budget, concerns around budgeted costs. Flexibility in making changes is a concern for some members of the board. At this point changes can be made since we have to go back to Treasury. Some concern about items not being included, energy efficiency, and breaking out the bonds into two bonds might be more beneficial.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

R. Buero – feels costs are in line. BOE needs to come together in decision.

D. Walker – Feels that should have been more than one bid and pricing is too high

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOE**

R. Battani – boards are not her to rubber stamp, they will find a way to work together

A. Edwards - agree

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the January 23, 2023 Special Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the February 6, 2023 Special Meeting
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the February 21, 2023 Work Session

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**BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

| A                               | B               | C |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>01/19/2023 to 02/16/2023</b> |                 |   |
| General Fund Total              | \$ 262,950.53   |   |
| School Lunch Fund*              | \$ 83,905.34    |   |
| Student Activity Fund           | \$ 22,705.93    |   |
| 2014 Sinking Fund               | \$ 9,258.48     |   |
| 2016 Refunding Bonds            | \$ 500.00       |   |
| 2021 Series A Refunding Bonds   | \$ 350.00       |   |
| 2021 Series B Refunding Bonds   | \$ 350.00       |   |
| Sub-total                       | \$ 380,020.28   |   |
| ACH/Wire Transactions:          |                 |   |
| Payroll                         | \$ 881,636.20   |   |
| EduStaff                        | \$ 14,529.75    |   |
| Health Equity H.S.A.            | \$ 478.44       |   |
| Credit Card (BMO)               | \$ 17,898.98    |   |
| Health Insurance                | \$ 111,781.69   |   |
| Procure Fees                    | \$ 130.96       |   |
| Meal Magic Fees                 | \$ 5.00         |   |
| Total Funds Spent               | \$ 1,406,481.30 |   |
| Check numbers                   | 42747 - 42876   |   |
| Void checks                     | N/A             |   |

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 42747 to 42876 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 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**

**Superintendents Report**

Dr. Kalmar discussed building updates

**Finance**

**Approval of Lawn Service**

Moved by Wade, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education accept the bid from Yard Services, Inc. for Lawn Services per contract. Contract attached and marked VIII B 1.

**Discussion:** Wade has concerns about YSI's work during the last contract. Would like an evaluation of the services by the people that use the services done before awarding contracts.

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**Wade – opposed**

**Personnel – None**

## **Policy**

### **Recommendation to MASB for Region 5 Board of Directors position**

Moved by Battani supported by Walton, the Board of Education cast their vote for James Johnson for the Region 5 MASB Board of Directors position.

**Discussion:** Battani asked Dr. Kalmar how the ISD makes the decision on their recommendation

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## **Curriculum**

### **Approval of New Courses**

Moved by Frederiksen supported by SaintOnge, the Board of Education approves the addition of new exploratory courses, Digital Media and Michigan History and Culture, at the Middle School.

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### **Approval of MS Course Guide**

Moved by Frederiksen supported by SaintOnge the Board of Education approve the 2023/2024 Almont Middle School Course Guide as presented.

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## **COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

H. Rayl – where do the funds come from to pay Barton Malow? Dr. Kalmar – from the bond

Student Council – did an update

D. Walker – inquired about a steering committee for the wellness policy

## **Comments BOE**

R. Battani – committee for wellness, review of health policy

D. Walton – need to look at as a committee and make recommendations

B. Kalmar – need two reads before policy is changed and vetted by lawyer

S. Fred/B.Kalmar – changes to the third grade reading law discussion

A. Edwards – OP mini mall and March is reading month decorations both amazing

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board of Education adjourn the February Regular Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Approved: March 20, 2023

Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dallas Walton, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Angela Edwards, President