



Almont Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Edwards called the Special Meeting of the Almont Community School Board of Education to order at 6:00 pm in the Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, Mi 48003.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

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

ROLL CALL: all present

Visitors: 14

Adoption OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved as presented

Questions and Comments: Board

R.Battani – discussed the intention and cost of the bond

Walton – reiterated that the board approved the amount in December

SaintOnge – wants to be able to support the project for the next 6 years, he was not here in the fall

Edwards – discussed doing right by our students and how the board needs to communicate that the bond is necessary for the district.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Bond

Motion by Wade, supported by Frederiksen to delay the call for the bond.

Discussion:

All Board members discussed their feelings on the bond and community impact.

Ayes: Battani, Wade, SaintOnge, Frederiksen

Nays: Walton, Smith, Edwards

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Election

Motion by SaintOnge, supported by Frederiksen, to aim for an August election.

Ayes: Walton, Battani, Wade, SaintOnge, Frederiksen

Nays: Edwards, Smith

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Questions and Comments: Audience

Mr. Walker – questions about various committees within the district. Questioned bond process and how to move forward.

Mr. Burrow – talked about lead times for materials when the process does start.

Mr. Machiniak – wondered how our bond and process compares to others that have recently passed.

Mr. Bowman – feels like the board make a good decision in delaying. BOE needs to come to consensus. Also need to look closely at building reconfiguration.

Mr. McQuade – questions about security items in the bond

Mrs. Bowers – reconfiguration suggestion HS 7-12, MS 3-6

Mrs. Braun – same reconfiguration suggestion as Mrs. Bowers.

Mr. Jones – would like to see different terms (shorter) for the bond.

Mrs. Blum – questioned if both 7 and 8th would fit at the HS at this time

Mr. McQuade – suggested closing School of Choice for a couple years.

Board

Walton thanked all the volunteers that came out over the weekend to help with the 5-6 basketball event.

Future Agenda Items

Need to set date for BOE retreat to discuss moving forward with bond.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Walton supported by Frederiksen the Special Meeting be adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Angela Edwards, President

Dallas Walton, Secretary

February 27, 2023 Date

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