



Almont Board of Education

Work Session Minutes

Tuesday February 21, 2023 6:00 pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Edwards at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room, 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, Mi 48003

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: S. Frederiksen, J. Wade, T. SaintOnge, J. Smith, D. Walton, A. Edwards

Absent: R. Battani

Note: A. Edwards exit at 7:22pm

Administration: Dr. Kalmar, Jason Frederick and Maxim Shafik

Audience: Four

Adoption of Agenda

Adopted as Presented

Questions and Comments: Audience

Dan Walker brought up follow up from previous meeting regarding joining Wellness Committee and interest in joining

Gynnae Bourdeau referenced policy 5531 and a steering committee, requesting this be remedied immediately

Dr. Kalmar confirmed we are in compliance with policy currently, referenced the wellness day participation rates by students

Board Policy Committee will review 5531

Dan Walker asked how the topics were chosen at the OP; this was chosen as a whole in the county

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Communications

State budget proposals starting, first info is in Drive for review

Lapeer County Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is doing a Spark Tank for grants to support learning

Building and Site

1. Maintenance Update

List provided for updates

Roof leak above HS gym is being managed for now until repairs can be done

MS science sinks will be scheduled for Spring Break week

Bleacher repairs not complete, waiting on repair service to come across state

2. Sinking Fund Update

None at this time

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3. Lawn Service Update

Three quotes received today by the due date; will review and check references

3. Finance

1. Checks Written

- Select check inquiries
- Random checks pulled

2. Account Balances

BluePoint system being covered through income from federal grants
Half of funding for Behavioral Interventionist has been received

3. Trust and Agency

Reviewed department accounts

J. Smith noted there are lines for Grants in the OP and MS accounts, but not HS; Maxim will check

4. Personnel

Planning transition time for Central Office Administrative Assistant

5. Policy (none)

6. Curriculum

1. Middle Course Approval

A. Digital Media 7th grade exploratory

B. Michigan: History and Culture 8th grade exploratory

J. Smith asked to clarify how these would be implemented and if these would be considered for other grade levels; these are exploratory and meant to be offered as an elective

Committee support: 3-0

2. MS Course Guide Approval

J. Smith asked about 6th grade having two Art classes, standard Art and Art from the Heart

Committee support 3-0

Questions and Comments: Audience

- Gynnae Bourdeau spoke about policy and ad-hoc parent committee for student wellness and learning; want to be part of the solution
- Mandy Schapman referenced the school Mission Statement and asked when “academics” was removed

Questions and Comments: Board

T. SaintOnge spoke to his career experience and how much things have changed over the years; also believes there should be a way for parents to be offered input in school planning of programs

A. Edwards spoke in agreement to parent input and looks forward to reviewing the policy

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S. Frederiksen referenced her previous Counseling experience and what she saw with students and their challenges

T. SaintOnge also spoke to the mental health of teenagers and the wellness options that have been offered

Future Agenda Items

Will plan Policy review

Adjournment:

Moved by D. Walton supported by J. Wade the work session be adjourned at 7:34 pm. on Tuesday February 21, 2023.

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Date _____

Dallas Walton, Secretary Board of Education

Angela Edwards, President Board of Education

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