

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Almont Community Schools Board of Education
March 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Edwards called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in Media Center at Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd, Almont, MI 48003. Also available on Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present

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

Absent - Sue Frederiksen, Janea Smith

Visitors: 9

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of Agenda – Finance VIII B 1 deleted from the agenda (Limbach Contract)

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Council Update

Dr. Kalmar thanked Mr. Walton and Mrs. Edwards to their commitment to MASB training
Dr. Kalmar introduced Amanda Myers the new Administrative Assistant

Closed Session

Time: 7:06

Moved by Walton supported by Battani the Board go into closed session for a student discipline matter.

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Time back into Open Session: 8:34

Student Matter

Moved by Battani supported by Walton the Board of education *expel* student 23388 from the Almont Community Schools for violating Offense MJ34 of the *Almont High School Handbook 2023-2024* on January 27, 2023. Student 23388 will be expelled for 180 school days with the option to appeal after 90 days based on conditions to be set.

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Roll Call: Aye – Walton, Wade, Battani, SaintOnge, Edwards

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE

K.Bice – Middle School concerns regarding bullying, vaping and follow-up

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Dan Walker –apologized to BOE for past statements at meetings, is concerned with District communications with Barton Malow and district lawyer. Had questions concerning programming at the OP and opt-in vs. opt-out.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the February 27, 2023 Special Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the March 2, 2023 Retreat Bond Discussion
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the March 14, 2023 Work Session

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BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

02/17/2023 to 03/09/2023

General Fund Total	\$	292,791.40
School Lunch Fund*	\$	52,609.56
Student Activity Fund	\$	12,844.85
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	12,569.50
Sub-total	\$	370,815.31

ACH/Wire Transactions:

Payroll 2/28 & 3/15	\$	894,741.06
EduStaff	\$	17,691.61
Health Equity H.S.A.	\$	6,772.90
Credit Card (BMO)	\$	14,878.37
Health Insurance	\$	100,754.72
Procure Fees	\$	159.37
Meal Magic Fees	\$	198.75
Total Funds Spent	\$	1,406,012.09

Check numbers **42877 - 42988**

Void checks Ck 42563
CK 42879

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 42877-42988 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 42563 and 42879

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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.

Mr. Walton thanked Mr. Shafik for his timely response to energy usage questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendents Report

Dr. Kalmar updated the Board on building activities.

Board of Education: Questions

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Deleted from Agenda at beginning of meeting:

~~Limbach Contract~~

~~Moved by _____ supported by _____ the Board of Education approve the maintenance contract with Limbach, LLC as attached.~~

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Personnel

New Hires

Moved by Walton supported by Battani the Board of Education hire Amanda Myers as Administrative Assistant to start July 1, 2023.

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Moved by Walton supported by Battani the Board of Education hire the Success Coordinators as listed above for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

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Moved by Walton supported by Battani the Board of Education hire Almont Community Schools employees as coaches as listed above.

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Moved by Walton supported by Battani the Board of Education refer GECS to fill the Coaching positions as listed above.

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Policy

Neola Policy

Moved by Battani supported by Walton the Board of Education approve the policies as discussed and Reject Policy 8390.

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Professional Development Committee

Moved by Battani supported by Walton the Board of Education authorize the development of the Professional Development Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Discussion: RB – how long before committee is operational. BK will be sending out invites tomorrow, union is in agreement.

School Calendar

Moved by Battani supported by Walton the Board of Education adopt the attached 2023-2024 school year calendar as presented.

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School of Choice

Moved by Battani supported by Walton, the Board of Education limit the number of School of Choice students in various grades as listed above.

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Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the ISD Biennial Election

Read the attached resolution starting at 'NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT'

(Resolution attached)

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Questions: Audience

L. Shapman – VP of Music Boosters suggested looking into additional teacher for music in the fall.

Questions: BOE

Additional Motions

Ad-Hoc Bond Committee

Moved by Wade supported by Battani the Board of Education form an Ad-Hoc Bond Committee.

Discussion: Committee would have 3 people and work like other Board Committees.

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Parent Committee

Moved by Battani and supported by Wade, the Board of Education compel the administration to act upon Policy 5531 and ag 5531 as stated in order to ensure that assistance programs are properly planned and operate effectively, a committee to be known as the District's SAP Steering Committee will be established under the chairmanship of the Superintendent and/or his/her designee and this is to be completed prior to the end of the school year.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Regular meeting be a adjourned at 9:41 pm.
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Approved 4/24/23
Date

Signed: Dallas R. Walton
Dallas Walton, Secretary

Signed: Angela Edwards
Angela Edwards, President