

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**June 22, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Hoffa called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. in Media Center at Almont Middle School, 4624 Kidder, Almont, MI 48003

**Present**

Steve Hoffa, Jill O'Neil, John Miles, Scott Kmetz, Jonathon Owens, John Brzozowski , Stephan Manko and Superintendent Joseph Candela.

**Visitors:** 42

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Candela told the Board about the grant from the Music Boosters and thanked them for their support  
Mr. Hoffa mentioned that he would be abstaining from the motion regarding financials since he son's business had a check being approved and from the approval of ACS coaches since his son-in-law was being considered for a position.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

Ann Sousanis inquired as to if the BOE would be considering the disposition of the AE building at the meeting.

Mr. Hoffa said yes it was on the agenda

Mrs. Sousanis stated she lives in the township and thought it was a good idea once it first came up, then the price tag grew too high. It seemed to her that the tie vote on the previous Monday put a stop to the process. She is worried that if the vote goes to the community and gets voted down the community will miss a great opportunity. She would like to see the 2 entities (village, township and school) get together and find something feasible for the building. She would like to see this be a real community project with people working together.

Paula Alfonzi – would like to see the building used and go to a community vote

Steve Snider – The school brought the idea to the township/village who then invested time, energy, and money into it during the last 14 months. Village voted 6-1 and Township 4-3 to take it to the people for a vote. Mr. Candela worked with the entities, the entities held community forums. He feels the project could bring incredible things to the community and bringing it to a vote is the correct thing to do. He was stunned at the vote at the work session which seemed to halt the project.

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Dave Love – he is personally going to vote no because it is too expensive but he does feel that it should be up to the community to get their say in a vote.

Jim Rinke – dead set against it. If it passes the village will have some of the highest taxes in the State of Michigan. Feels the BOE should vote against it and put it to rest.

Jennifer Mitchel – agrees the taxes could be high but still feels the people need to vote. She really wants to see someone take the building that will provide for the hundreds of kids that play ball (baseball and football) at the school.

Roberta Kutsin – yes it is expensive but the people need to decide on this community project.

Kathleen Flaherty – If the property does get sold where does the money go? To the general fund?

Mr. Hoffa – yes

Karen Barton – was at a previous meeting and feels the board promised not to sell the property. Her son moved here specifically for the baseball. She feels lied to.

Mr. Hoffa – said the BOE said they would give the village/township time to bring a proposal to the Board based on specific conversations with the Superintendent. He said they would be able to finish this current season. If the ballot does not pass in November then there is time to plan for next season.

Karen – is the school going to provide property for the fields

Hoffa – we would provide property

Karen – softball fields will not work for baseball

Gary Pelpitier – (Gary is on the Parks Board) If the ballot does not pass he feels the school should donate the fields to the village/township and the park board could run them in conjunction with the 2 entities.

Gyanee Bourdeau – Is there a plan B? Can it be repurposed differently? Where will the sports go that practice there now? It is always busy.

Mr. Hoffa – you would have to ask the village/township if there is a plan B. We currently have less students than we have had in the past with more places than we have in the past to practice. District sports will have a place and times to practice. Will it be as convenient as it currently is? No, but it will be done.

Gyanee – She will be surprised if it works.

Mr. Hoffa – it will because it has in the past with even more students.

Tim Dyke – where are we finding prospective buyers?

Mr. Hoffa – we have not started the process

Tim – if the school is at ground zero then why vote on this now, budgeting?

Hoffa – this is not budgetary

Tim – Why then?

Mr. Hoffa – for myself when we started the process the Superintendent set a time for ballot language and the agreement between the village and township. Also we wanted to see language for use of facilities for the fields, gym etc. They did the feasibility study, which in itself is a risk. Doing a feasibility study costs money but it does not mean the project will necessarily go forward, that's the risk. At this time we have not seen the terms of the agreement or the ballot language so, speaking for myself, I cannot make an informed decision. We need the agreement and the ballot language.

Patti Biochini – has talked to Mark Weigand (Athletic Director) in the past to inquire about gym use to get 12 boys on the basketball court, willing to pay and still could not get on the court until 9:30 on a Sunday night.

Jennifer Bassols – how much are we spending a year on AE?

Candela – around \$116,000, over \$10,000 a month

Jennifer – is she to understand that the township/village missed the August deadline for ballot language?

Mr. Candela – yes

Jennifer – she is a teacher and sees every day the financial issues of the school, colleagues losing jobs, lack of paper etc. She feels the schools need to spend the money on academics.

Kitty Schuster- Twp resident who lives on Elizabeth Lane. Her sons grew up and went to school at AE. She feels this is an exceptional town with 3 beautiful schools. Would love to see the AE used by the township/village. Feels everyone should come together. Her family moved here because of the love of the community. She does not want to see the community fighting because of baseball. She feels that \$7 - \$19 dollars a month is worth it. It will be good for senior citizens they can watch their grandkids play. It would also bring the village, township and school together. You can't out give yourself. The dollars invested will come back to you.

Mr. Hoffa – stated that it is probably more than \$7 – 10 dollars per month for most people. The millage will be 3.75 mils.

Scott Stroup- feels this is a business decision. A community center will bring people to the community. It will also help us retain students.

Mr. Hoffa – looking at it as a business decision then the BOE cannot vote affirmatively until they have all the necessary information that they have requested. If they did that would be a bad business decision.

Susan Brown – will tonight be the last ballot decision?

Mr. Hoffa – yes

Wez Ligon – local farmer. Wanted to point out that different people pay different taxes. She went to the AE building her whole life. She too thought it was a wonderful idea at first, until the \$7.5 million dollar feasibility study. Thought at first it would be a much smaller project then the talk of a museum, pool etc. She thinks that the BOE needs to vote on what is best for the school because if it is best for the school it is best for the community. She personally will vote no. She does not feel it should go to the voters. She would like the school board make the decision because that is why they were voted in.

Didn't Yale do this kind of project? What kind of dollars will the school get from the sale?

Mr. Hoffa – no market analysis done so we do not know.

Wez – the people that bought the Yale building bought it for profit. She feels it should be if you use it you pay, not all the tax payers paying. As it is the tax payers are paying over \$10,000 a month for the building. She wants the BOE to vote tonight on what is best for the school.

Jim Rinke – he agrees with Wez. So far all 20 or so members of the various boards have not had the intestinal fortitude to make a decision. Sell the building and fix all the things that need to be fixed – road, roofs.....

Ann Sousanis – if you do not have enough information then why can't all three boards sit down together?

Mr. Hoffa – the Superintendent has communicated to the other boards. They need to sit down and talk. The BOE needs the agreement between the village and township and the ballot language.

Ann- is there a possibility that all 3 will get together?

Mr. Hoffa – Twp and Village can keep working together

Steve Snider – in a couple months we (village/twp) will have a better picture. That is all they are asking for. \$5,000,000 will just get offices, \$10,000,000 will get pool, \$7,500,000 will get best of both worlds, offices, senior center, youth center, gym, theatre. After the \$14,000 on a feasibility study why is the BOE stopping?

Mr. Hoffa – does not believe we are stopping. They have until Aug 11<sup>th</sup> to bring what the BOE has asked for. The Board needs to consider what is best for the District. We want to reduce cost and provide services. An extension has been granted, that is where we are today. We cannot make decisions based on unknowns.

Roberta Kudsin – is this contingent by getting information by a certain date?

Mr. Hoffa – in his opinion yes. There is a correct way to follow the process and they have not done it. His opinion is for the twp/village to finish the process and get it to the BOE.

Roberta – the twp/village could have just raised the millage without a vote but they felt this was a community decision because it is such a big project. She wanted people to know that they do still meet on the project and would like to see more people there.

Mr. Stroup – if the language is due to the state by Aug 11<sup>th</sup> when does the BOE want to see it?

Hoffa – before then, the July 20 or 27 meeting.

Jennifer Mitchell – wanted to thank the BOE for clarifying what exactly is going on with the process. She still feels the vote needs to go to the community. They must find a place for these kids to play. This decision cannot just be about money.

Mr. Hoffa – He has coached and been part of the summer ball program so he understands.

Kathleen Flaherty – is there a guarantee that the twp/village will let the fields be used?

Mr. Hoffa – the plan is available online

Kathleen – BOE needs to vote for what is best for kids. If the school is deficit spending and the district needs money to make fixes to buildings and keep teachers she feels it would be irresponsible for the BOE not to sell the building.

Randy Eschenburg – stated he does not want to pay more in taxes. The BOE are her to educate the children. The parking lot is a mess. Look at the kids, educate them. What about the toxics at the AE, the village and township will have to deal with them if it goes through.

Janice Grant – she is still unclear. Mr. Hoffa says the BOE is not stopping the process. She thought the previous Monday vote did stop the process.

Mr. Hoffa – not really the village and twp can keep working and moving forward.

Janice – a majority means what?

Mr. Hoffa – we do not want to stop the process, they can continue. The vote does not end the process, they can still fulfill the process. They can come back to the BOE.

Karen Barton-Why is there a vote tonight at all?

Mr. Hoffa – because a BOE member asked to change the language of the previous motion

Karen –Did the township/village ask for it to be voted on last time?

Mr. Hoffa – yes

Roberta Kutsin – wasn't there a straw pull vote of 4-3?

Mr. Hoffa – no. We said we would wait for ballot language came and it has not been brought.

Mr. Candela – sounds like we need the agreement between the twp/village and the ballot language.

Roberta- what if the vote is defeated tonight? Do the village/twp still get to bring the information to the BOE?

Mr. Hoffa – you will need to stay and see what the vote and discussion outcomes are. He cannot commit to something when he does not know what he is committing to. The ball is in the twp/village court.

Mr. Miles – this seems to be a highly charged item. He stated that once the new motion is read it will be clear what the intent of the BOE is.

Mr. Hoffa – agreed

Mr. Candela – whatever the outcome of the BOE vote you can be assured that the BOE cares about the community and district. BOE will do what is best for kids. Let's not divide over this. The kids are the most important part of this decision. Know that the BOE cares.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the June 11, 2015 Special Meeting Personnel Matter
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the June 11, 2015 Special Meeting Closed Session
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the June 15 , 2015 Work Session

**P, 73, 7-0-0**

#### **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.

#### **May**

General Fund Total	\$ 1,443,480.11
School Lunch Fund	\$ 24,424.50
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$ 150.00
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ 100.00
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
Sinking Funds	\$ 1,079.95
QZAB Bond	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,234.56</b>
General Fund (transfer in for Payroll)	\$ -

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PESG	\$ 9,286.08
Coach EZ	\$ -
Participant Benefit Claims	\$ 50,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS SPENT</b>	<b>\$ 1,528,520.64</b>
Check Numbers: 33276-33397	
Void Checks: 32052, 33306	

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 33276 to 33397 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 32052 and 33306

**P, 74, 6-0-1 (Hoffa abstained – MMM invoice being approved)**

## **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**

##### **Orchard Primary**

##### **Field Day**

Fun was had by all at Field Day on Monday, June 8. It was scheduled to be held on the High School grounds, but we ended up moving to Orchard Primary because of rain and soggy field conditions. Judging from the endless smiles on students' faces, I think we can safely say everyone had a terrific time--indoors or not. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring and organizing such a successful event!

#### **Spring 2015 Parent/Student Survey Results**

##### **Parents...**

- 98% believe Orchard Primary places a strong emphasis on student achievement for all students.
- 94% believe teachers engage students at a high level and make learning exciting.
- 90% feel their children are safe at Orchard Primary.
- 97% feel the principal is approachable and cares about student success.
- 83% feel the school does an effective job of communicating student progress to families.
- 90% feel the school is welcoming and inviting, offering many opportunities for families to partner in the learning process.

##### **Students...**

- 96% reported feeling their teachers care about them, treat them fairly, and believe they can succeed.
- 85% said they enjoy the learning and activities they do in STEAM classes. They would like to have STEAM as part of their specials rotation again next year.
- 93% reported feeling the principal cares about them, treats them fairly, and believes they can succeed.
- 68% of students reported feeling that the cafeteria ladies care about them and treat all students fairly.
- 95% would like to keep movie Fridays as a positive behavior incentive in the cafeteria for next year.
- 98% of students reported feeling safe in the classroom.
- 84% feel safe in the hallways.
- 88% feel safe in the cafeteria.
- 81% feel safe on the playground.
- 77% feel safe on the bus.

#### **Curriculum & Professional Development**

Mrs. Weigand, and several of the teachers at OP have been visiting other schools to explore their programs. The first school was Northside Elementary School in Ann Arbor. Northside is a full STEAM and PBL (project-based

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learning) school. The second school was Chatfield School in Lapeer. Chatfield is a project-based learning school with an outdoor classroom. These trips have sparked significant conversation about the possibility of piloting this type of programming at Orchard Primary, beginning in the fall. Twenty teachers have signed up to stay at Camp Lael for three days and two nights at the end of June for professional development with Chatfield's Peter McCreedy. The idea is to carve out the time to collaborate as a staff. Our goal is to build activities and thematic units centered around science and social studies curriculum standards. We would like to access the orchard and the wetlands on the Middle School grounds for curriculum purposes.

The State has granted us permission to use Title II funds (professional development funds) to bring aboard a PBL/ecology coach in an ongoing professional development capacity. Mark Fleming is the person we would like to hire as our coach. He will plan and team-teach with teachers 2-3 days per week as we work to launch our outdoor classroom. In addition to teaching together at Camp Lael, Peter and Mark have also partnered to help other schools in the Genesee County area implement garden programs.

### **What they're up to at Northside Elementary:**

#### **A Full STEAM / PBL School...**

- Grade levels collaborate tightly to plan units centered around science and social studies content. PLC and planning time is used for designing individual lessons. If planning whole units, sometimes it is necessary to release teachers for a half day.
- Each unit includes an **entry event** that frames the topic of study and gets kids fired up about it. The more questions they ask, the better! Examples of entry events are skits, dramatic videos, field trips, simulations, etc.)
- Reading, writing, and math are intentionally integrated into each unit with science and social studies as the hook. Common assessments and rubrics are in place to make sure the CCSS are being taught.
- Presentation skills are emphasized, explicitly taught, and practiced.

### **What they're up to at Chatfield: A charter school with an outdoor classroom & a PBL learning approach...**

- Peter McCreedy designs activities within the outdoor classroom on the Chatfield grounds to bring on-site "field trips" to students every 4-6 weeks.
- The onsite "field trips" are the hook. Grade-level teams collaborate with Peter to create cross-curricular lessons and units around those activities. For example.....
- Students learn about Michigan resources, such as copper and iron, by creating their own copper jewelry. At the same time, they learn about friction, molecular reactions, and malleability in science.
- Students use simple machines, such as a life-size shaduf and an Archimedes' screw to irrigate water.

## **Middle School**

### **DCC UPDATE**

Mrs. VonHiltmayer thanked **ALL** DCC Team Members for working on the District Curriculum Council.

- Pacing Guides for K-12 completed for all Core and special courses.
- For 2015-16, Teachers will work on Unit Organizers.
- Working on scheduling Professional Development for 2015-16

### **Read Naturally**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Twenty students participated in the program with 85% of the students showed improvement, while 15 % showed no improvement.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-**Fifteen students participated in the program with 67% showing improvement, while 33% showed no improvement.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade-**Twelve students participated in the program with 92% showing improvement, while 8% showed no improvement.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**-Nine students participated in the program with 89% showing improvement, while 11% showed no improvement.

**School Wide**- Fifty-Six students participated in the program with 82 % showing improvement, while 18% showed no improvement.

### STEM UPDATE

PLTW (STEM) GRANT- The Middle School received \$6,450.00 from the Lapeer Community Foundation to start STEM programing in the Middle School. Mr. Beneson will be receiving training to for the STEM initiative at the Middle School.

### Staff/Student Recognition

**Note:** A special **THANK YOU** to the Mrs. Pinsoneault for all her years of service to Almont Community Schools.

### High School

#### Points of Pride

- Robotics participated at the national competition in St. Louis MO
- Boys Golf Team placed 9<sup>th</sup> at the MHSAA Golf State Finals
- Two All State placers in Track, Rebecca Measel 5<sup>th</sup> place hurdles, Jacob Battani placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Pole Vault.
- Boys Varsity Baseball won the District Championship.
- The High School play, Mary Poppins, was a huge success.
- The High School Band has started an after school Jazz program.

### ACT Testing Results

	2014/15	2013/14	State
Composite Score	20.3	20.3	19.9
English	20.0	19.3	19.4
Mathematics	20.2	20.1	19.5
Reading	20.0	20.6	20.1
Science	20.4	20.5	20.1
Writing Essay ACT score	7.5		6.7

### Schedule

Mr. Woelkers provided the board with the high school schedule for the 2015-16 school year. Two new class electives Principals of Bio-Medical Science and Introduction to Engineering Design will be offered in 2015-16 both courses will year-long classes and will replace other electives that we have offered in the past. Mr. Woelkers also provide the board will classes being offered by St. Clair County Community College in both the Fall and Winter.

### Other

#### Lighting in the Middle School Gymnasium and Cafeteria

I would like to move forward in changing the lighting in the Middle School gymnasium using QZAB dollars. The total lighting cost is \$16,785.00. The simple payback in years is 1.27 years and we would receive a rebate from DTE for upgrading our lighting. The Total cost for light for the Middle School Cafeteria is \$8, 511.00. The simple payback is 2.71 years and we would receive a rebate back from DTE for upgrading lighting. The Middle School at this time is unable to be part MISEC.



### **Secured Entranceways**

I would like to move forward with the installation of the secured entranceways this summer. The system would include a camera installed in the vestibules and electronic locks on the current doors. A buzzer system would be installed in all three offices for the secretary to open the door once identifying and speaking with the person via the camera system. The communication system could be installed on to 11 different computers within the building. Many schools have this type of secured entrance system. Total cost was \$21,370. I recommend we move forward.

### **Board of Education: Questions**

Mr. Hoffa -Do you want to decide the lighting and entranceways in July.

Mr. Candela – we can do the entrance ways in July. The lighting is below the BOE threshold but we can amend the roofing motion we will be voting on tonight if that is appropriate.

Mr. Hoffa – we can do that then when we come to it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Personnel**

#### **Approval of ACS Coaches**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the employment of the following coach(s) for the Fall 2015/2016 sport season:

- Varsity Football – James Leusby
- Varsity Assistant Football – Ritchie Feys
- Middle School Cross Country – Shannon Chayka
- Varsity Cross County – Rick Filar
- Varsity Tennis – Nathan Immekus
- Assistant Varsity Football – Beau Beneson
- JV Soccer Coach – Mike Flinn

#### **P, 75, 6-0-1 (Hoffa abstained Mike Flinn is son-in-law)**

#### **Approval of Third Party Coaches**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Owens the Board of Education staff the following position with personnel provided by CoachEZ:

- JV Head Football Coach
- MS Football Coaches (2)
- Varsity Volleyball Head Coach
- JV Volleyball Head Coach
- Varsity Boys Soccer Head Coach
- JV Boys Tennis Head Coach
- Varsity Cheer Head Coach
- Dance Coach

#### **P, 76, 7-0-0**

### **Approval of Contracts**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Owens, 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(3) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

#### Central Office Staff

Debbie Kosinski – Central Office Secretary

Kim Medley – Payroll Clerk

Gail Brinker – Business Manager

#### Para Educators

Shelly Baker

Denise Berger

Linda Bone

Carol Born

Kristy Bryan

Jennifer Fulton

Kim Garant

Sandy Glisman

Heather Hall

Colleen Ions

Loretta Lawrence

Brenda Leech

Deidra McLocklin

Debra Sheffield

Nancy Turvill

#### Other

Teresa Deneweth - Test Coordinator

### **Approval of Step Increase**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko Board of Education advance Karen Howden to the appropriate level of the salary schedule in accordance with provisions outlined in the Master Agreement between the Board of Education and the Almont Education Association, and commend Mrs. Howden for her commitment to continued learning.

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### **Approval of Layoffs**

**WHEREAS**, that the largest portion of the Almont Community Schools' expenditures are used to pay for the employment of its staff members, and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has discussed with the Board of the School District and the Almont Education Association the need for staff layoffs prior to this Board meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the School District, due to the current economic difficulties affecting the School District, must reduce its staff to reduce costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that:

1. The individual(s) on the attached list shall be given notice that the Board of Education has laid off said individuals effective June 30, 2015.

2. The Superintendent is hereby directed to give the teachers named in this resolution a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the Teachers Tenure Act.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: O'Neil, Brzozowski, Kmetz, Miles, Manko, Owens, Hoffa

Nays: None

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#### **Approval of Tenure**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko, the Board of Education grant Breanne Jostock tenure and thank her for her dedicated service.

**P, 80, 7-0-0**

#### **Approval of Retirements**

Moved by O'Neil, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education accept the resignation and retirement of Mr. Denny Wycinski with best wishes for the future.

**P, 81, 7-0-0**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Owens, the Board of Education accept the resignation and retirement of Mrs. Lynda Pinsoneault with best wishes for the future.

**P, 82, 7-0-0**

#### **Finance**

##### **Approval 2014/2015 General Fund Budget Amendment**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education adopt the revised General Fund Budget for the 2014/2015 school year, with Revenues totaling Twelve Million Five Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three (\$12,567,693.00) Dollars, and Expenses totaling Twelve Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven (\$12, 818,737.00) Dollars with the difference to be Subtracted from Fund Reserves as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(1) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

**P, 83, 7-0-0**

##### **Approval of 2014/2015 School Services Budget Amendment**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the revised 2014/2015 School Service Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(2) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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##### **Approval of 2015/2016 General Fund Budget Adoption**

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Manko, the Board of Education adopt the 2015/2016 General Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)(3) and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

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**Approval of 2015/2016 Service Fund Budget Adoption**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the 2015/2016 School Service Fund Budget as presented, a copy of which to be marked VIII(C)4 and attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.  
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**Business****Approval of MHSAA Membership**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the 2015/2016 school year.

**P, 87, 7-0-0**

**Approval of MASB Membership**

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Kmetz, the Board of Education approve membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2015/2016 school year.

**P, 88, 7-0-0**

**Approval of Roof Replacement at Orchard Primary**

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education enter into a contract for the Single Ply Roof Replacement for Orchard Primary with Zimmerman Roofing and Contracting and approve the energy Middle School Lighting Project as discussed with Mr. Candela.

**P, 89, 7-0-0**

**Approval of Almont Elementary Building Agreement**

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Brzozowski the Board of Education will conduct a market analysis of the Almont Elementary property, while the Township and Village have ballot language for the November 2015 election and the agreement between the two governmental entities completed and brought to the July 20<sup>th</sup> Almont Community School Board Meeting.

Discussion:

Kmetz – we have had previous date for the agreement and ballot language to the BOE.

Candela – we have extended those dates previously

Kmetz – we have spent approx. \$174,000 in the past 1.5 years and another half year will cost the school \$60,000.

Manko – voted not last time with Mr. Hoffa. Agrees we cannot enter into an agreement that we have not details for. When we are bleeding and losing money we have to be fiscally responsible. First obligation is to the students. He feels better with this deadline. He cannot agree to something blindly.

Hoffa – the original process had a timeline, several months have gone by. New information since then – budget not where we thought we would be, for the first time since he has been here and as far as he knows even before that, we had mid-year cuts. Each time we delay it costs the district money. There needs to be a decision if it is in the best interest of all, the township, village, and school district. Keep in mind that following the process does not mean you do the project, it means you follow the process to see if it can be done. He takes object to the feeling that the Board is doing a disservice to the district.

O'Neil – is stated she is against it. Her decision has nothing to do with the fields. This is a school issue. We are laying teachers off. We should sell the building for the money. She is not hiding she is stating her feeling.

Miles – feels this vote does not really mean anything. Once we get the ballot language then we can decide if we want to move forward. Is he understanding this correctly?

Hoffa – the vote sets a date then we can discuss again. It gives the district a date.

Miles – OK. Is this enough time for a Market Analysis?

Mr. Candela – should take a week or two, best guess.

Steve Snider – (audience) Commercial real estate take 30 – 60 days.

Manko – we are talking a Market Value Analysis not a in depth appraisal

Hoffa – we just want to be prepared

Manko – this say we can get started

**P, 90, 6-1-0**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes -Brzozowski, Miles, Manko, Owens, Kmetz, Hoffa**

**Nays – O’Neil**

**Policy**

**Approval of Overnight Trip**

Moved by Kmetz, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**P, 91, 7-0-0**

**Acceptance of School of Choice Students**

Moved by Miles supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2015/2016 school year through the 105 and 105C Schools of Choice Programs.

**P, 92, 7-0-0**

**Approval of PAC representatives**

Moved by Miles, supported by Manko, Board of Education approve Jennifer Guerrero and Kimberly Schurig as representatives to the Parent Advisory Committee for 3 year terms.

**P, 93, 7-0-0**

**COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

**Karen Barton – Why so few SOC students? Is that all that applied?**

**Mr. Hoffa – Yes, it’s early for SOC. They will pick up next month. We have the most SOC kids in Lapeer County.**

**Ann Sousanis – wanted to thank the Board for their time**

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Owens – were their 2 or 3 MS Football Coaches**

**Mr. Candela – 2, the packet was updated.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**CLOSED SESSION: Superintendent’s Quarterly Review**

Motion by Miles, supported by Owens, the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of Superintendent’s Quarterly Review as permissible under the Open Meeting Act.

**Roll Call Vote:** Aye's –Owens, Manko, Miles, Kmetz, Brzozowski, O'Neil, Hoffa

Nays - None

**P, 94, 7-0-0**

Meeting into Closed Session: 9:37p.m.

Meeting into Open Session: 10:29 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Miles, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Hoffa, President