

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**December 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Edwards called the Regular Board Meeting of the Almont Community Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of Almont High School at 4701 Howland Rd., Almont, MI and via YouTube.

**Present**

Rick Battani, Sue Frederiksen, Janaea Smith, Tim SaintOnge, Dallas Walton, Angela Edwards, James Wade and Interim Superintendent Kimberly VonHiltmayer

**Visitors:** 31

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL: All Present**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Student Council - Update from MP which included Special Olympics, exams prior to holiday break, plans for a play this spring, band and choir performances for the holiday.
  
- Raider Recognition- Almont High School Band performed a medley of holiday music and spoke about the highlights of their fall season.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Pertaining to the Agenda**

**AUDIENCE**

None

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

**BOARD**

- Mrs. Smith had a great time working at the Rock Shop at Almont Middle School. Mrs. Lewis made it a fun experience and the kids all really seem to love their new principal.
- Mrs. Edwards went to the 3rd Grade Concert and said it was phenomenal and had a huge turnout. Mr. McAllister is great with the kids. The Holly Day Parade had a great ACS turnout and thanked Mrs. VonHiltmayer for participating as a judge for the float contest.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Walton, supported by Wade, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the December 12, 2023 Work Session

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**BILLS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

<b>11/18/2023 to 12/15/2023</b>	
General Fund Total	\$ 349,187.70
School Lunch Fund*	\$ 79,586.66
Student Activity Fund	\$ 64,764.27
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ 2,465.50
Sub-total	\$ 496,504.13
<b>ACH/Wire Transactions:</b>	
Payroll 11/30 & 12/15	\$ 1,096,296.55
EduStaff	\$ 17,929.28
Health Equity H.S.A.	\$ 38,683.15
Credit Card (BMO)	\$ 10,055.21
Health Insurance	\$ 107,704.93
ProCare Fees	\$ 221.04
Meal Magic Fees	\$ 1.25
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,767,395.54
Check numbers	<b>43947 - 44120</b>
Void checks	44069

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 43947 - 44120 and voided checks as presented: Voided check(s): 44069

Discussion- Mr. Walton thanked Max for the update and thanked the Finance Committee for the random check pulls.  
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**ORCHARD PRIMARY, ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORTS**

The Student Activity Accounts were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. VonHiltmayer updated on activities for each building.

Orchard Primary- 24a Grant was awarded again and will help build classroom libraries. The annual 3rd Grade Concert was held and was a huge success.

Almont Middle School- Field Trips, Holiday Band and Choir concerts, and Rock Shop have kept the students and staff busy.

Almont High School- Senior Composite photos were completed, Mrs. Boshaw has been getting to know students and building relationships, students were part of the interview panels to select our new staff and seemed to really enjoy taking part.

## **Finance**

- Checks written were covered during the update provided to the BOE via email.

## **Personnel**

### **Approval of Resignations**

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education accepted the resignations of Diane Minnock and Adrienne Spitzer, thanked them for their service and wished them well in the future.

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### **Approval of New Hires**

Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education approved the hiring of Jennifer Luna, Veronica Luna, Brittany Hurley, Kendall Sommer, and Michelle Begin and welcomed them to the district in their new positions.

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## **Policy**

### **Business**

### **NEOLA Updates**

Moved by Battani, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approved policies 0122, 1420, 3142, and 3220.

Discussion- Mr. Walton thanked Mr. Schelke from NEOLA for his expertise and advice at the Work Session. Mrs. Edwards expressed her agreement with Mr. Walton and stated the guidance from NEOLA was very helpful.

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### **Policy Review**

Moved by Battani, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approved the removal of Item B under 'Policy 6110- Grant Proposal and Review', both numbers 1 and 2.

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### **Acknowledgement of Gift**

Moved by Battani, supported by Walton, the Board of Education accepted the Core Board donation and thanked Yarbrough Insurance for the generous and beneficial donation to the Orchard Primary playground.

Discussion- Mrs. Edwards thanked Yarbrough for their continued support and investment in our schools and community. Mr Battani thanked Mrs. Toner and Mrs. Felek for their presentation at our Work Session and finding a way to make this happen for our students.

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### **Date for Organizational Meeting Approval**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board of Education set the Annual Organizational date to Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

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### **COMMENTS:**

#### **AUDIENCE**

None

### **COMMENTS:**

#### **BOARD**

Mrs. VonHiltmayer extended a special thank you to Mr. Wetzel for being so active and for all his work with the band and all the extra performances they had this year. Mrs. VonHiltmayer also thanked Mrs. Royster for her outstanding work with the choir. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Shifflett for his due diligence in working to secure highly qualified candidates for our open positions at the High School.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **Motion to go into Closed Session**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board moved to go into Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation at 7:36 pm.

Discussion- Mr. Walton clarified that there will be no further action taken after the Closed Session.

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### **Open Session –8:21 pm**

### **Questions and Comments**

Audience - None

Board of Education- None

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, to adjourn the Regular December 18, 2023 meeting at 8:22pm.

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Date

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President

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Secretary

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