

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Almont Community Schools Board of Education**  
**March 18, 2024**

**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 the Auditorium of Almont High School, 4701 Howland Rd, Almont, MI 48003. The meeting was also available for viewing via YouTube.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Present**

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

**Absent** - none

**Visitors:** 25

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Additions**- none

**Deletions**- none

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Raider Recognition**

Mrs. Royster and some members of the Almont Middle School and High School Choirs attended to perform two songs from their successful year. Mrs. Royster shared that both the Middle School and High School Choirs received Superior ratings in all areas at the Choral Festival.

**Student Council Update**

Mrs. Norrod is working with students on their class schedules for the upcoming school year. The Blood Drive was successful and there was a great turnout. Special Olympics were held on March 13th at North Branch High School, LINKS was there to support the athletes participating. There is a BWAC Art Expo currently being held at Yale High School and features some of Almont's student artists.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AUDIENCE**

None

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: BOE**

None

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Closed Session
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the March 11, 2024 MASB Workshop
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2024 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 as follows:

**02/16/2024 to 03/08/2024**

General Fund Total	\$	348,744.07
School Lunch Fund*	\$	3,442.44
Student Activity Fund	\$	10,267.51
2014 Sinking Fund	\$	5,905.86
Sub-total	\$	<u>367,502.10</u>

**ACH/Wire Transactions:**

Payroll 2/29	\$	554,454.00
EduStaff	\$	13,596.94
Health Equity H.S.A.	\$	6,590.72
Credit Card (BMO)	\$	11,311.98
Health Insurance	\$	116,074.24
Arbiterpay	\$	10,000.00
<u>Total Funds Spent</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,079,529.98</u>

Check numbers **44333 - 44415**

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**ORCHARD PRIMARY, ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL, ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL, AND ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORTS**

The Student Activity accounts were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Orchard Primary is in full swing celebrating March is Reading Month. Mystery Readers have been showing up, including Mrs. VonHiltmayer, to surprise the kids with stories. The Science Fair/Reading Event will be held on March 21st. Three teachers have been selected for the Model Library Grant Fund. Spring Concert will be held on April 16th.

Almont Middle School is also busy celebrating March is Reading Month and is giving a special thanks to Mrs. Kuhn for her hard work in making the month a successful and fun event for the school. Teacher Appreciation is happening with a 'March Madness' basketball theme. There is a Parent Pulse Night scheduled for March 21st. Rock Shop will be held on April 19th and Field Day at the Middle School will be held June 4th.

Almont High School is in the process of getting schedules in order for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Norrod has gone above and beyond in making herself available to the students for any questions or help needed with their schedules. With the various upcoming testing on the calendar, the High School staff has been undergoing training to be sure they are ready to proctor exams. The BWAC Academic All-Conference Team was praised for their accomplishments and will attend a special luncheon in their honor in April.

## **Finance**

### **Approval of Budget Amendment**

Moved by Wade, supported by Smith, the Board of Education adopted the amended General Fund Budget for the 2023/2024 school year, with Revenues totaling \$18,413,751 and Expenditures totaling \$18,445,790. Copy of adjustment to be marked X(B)(I) and attached to the official minutes.

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## **Personnel**

### **Resignations**

Moved by Battani, supported by SaintOnge, the Board of Education approved the resignations of Samtri Lallbachan and Vanessa Ruiz and wished them well in the future.

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### **New Hires**

Moved by Battani, supported by SaintOnge, the Board of Education approved Craig Gleason as a Resource Room ParaProfessional at Almont Middle School.

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## **Policy**

### **School of Choice**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board of Education limited the number of School of Choice students in grades Y5 thru 5th Grade, as listed above.

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### **Neola Policy**

Moved by Walton, supported by Battani, the Board of Education approved the NEOLA provided updates to policies 3120, 3130, 3132, 3139, and 3140.

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**Curriculum**

**Approval of Science PILOTS**

Moved by Frederiksen, supported by Walton, the Board of Education approved the adoption of the current science PILOTS as the new program for the science curriculum at Almont High School.

Discussion- Mrs. VonHiltmayer thanked the Koerner Family for the generous donation that allows us to purchase new curriculum materials for the Science Department. Mrs. Edwards also extended her thanks to the Koerner Family.

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**Questions and Comments: Audience**

None

**Questions and Comments: BOE**

Mrs. Edwards mentioned that the decor at Orchard Primary is once again ‘magical’ and that the door decor at Almont Middle School is awesome. Mrs. VonHiltmayer agreed that the work that both schools have put into the March is Reading Month themes is phenomenal.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Wade asked that there be an update provided by the Orchard Primary teachers who ‘looped’ the same classes up a grade from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024.

**Moved by Walton, supported by Frederiksen, the Board of Education adjourned the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting at 7:38pm.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dallas Walton, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Edwards, President