



# School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
Altoona Commons Addition  
December 16, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Helen Drawbert at 6:00 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:  
Helen S. Drawbert, President  
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President  
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk  
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer  
David A. Rowe, Member  
Dr. Connie M. Biedron, Superintendent  
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice. Report of notice was given. All posting requirements were met and posting places are noted: Altoona City Hall, Altoona Post Office, school district office, high school office, middle school office, and elementary school office.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Rules for Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes. a. December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Mike Rowe announced an open house scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday night at City Hall regarding conceptual site plans for the northwest quadrant of River Prairie. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Barb Chilson, acting president, Altoona Athletic Boosters, expressed concerns regarding agenda item 9.d. (6), 10.g. She asked that the board postpone action until the boosters' board can discuss it.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve general fund checks totaling \$611,590.07 and student activity fund checks totaling \$5,055.17 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Elvig to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee. The December 11 meeting was reviewed. Two new proposals based on Options 1 and 3 were developed to coincide within a range of project costs between \$18,475,000 and \$24,000,000. After considering all the factors, the committee found that Option 1 best meets the District's immediate needs.

**b. General Information.** None. **c. President's Report.** (1) State Education Convention. Registrations for preconference sessions were reviewed. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of December 9 were reviewed: Pedersen, 618; intermediate school, 219; middle school, 307; and high school, 440. (2) Hour of Code. Classrooms across the district participated in the Hour of Code in conjunction with Computer Science Education Week, December 9-15. Dr. Biedron also shared the tealsk12.org resource. TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) places tech professionals in high schools to work with teachers as mentors. A local software developer has expressed an interest in working with our district. (3) Committee Sign-up and Structure Update. Committee sign-up's to date were reviewed. Rick Fields, alternative compensation consultant (see 10.e.), will meet with the Board to determine core values on January 6, 8:00-9:30 a.m. (4) Parking Update. The student parking area will be moved back by one row to the south effective in January. The possibility of moving the main entrance into the parking lot by extending James Avenue was also discussed. (5) Budget Update. Expenditures and revenues as of December 11, were reviewed. See 10f. (6) Agreement with Altoona Athletic Booster Club. Discussion was postponed. See 8.b. and 10.g. (7) Workers' Compensation Dividend. A dividend check for \$7,874 was received for October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2012. (8) Other Meetings, News and Events. (a) A Cluster-wide PLC conference is scheduled for October 2-3. Bob Eaker and Janelle Keating will present. (b) The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant application is in process. (c) The District Office will be closed December 23-25, 30-31 and January 1.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Recommendation for Increase in Pay-Rate for Substitute Teachers.** Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation for an increase in the pay-rate for substitute teachers to \$100/day effective January 1, 2014, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Recommendation for Increase in Pay-Rate for Substitute Support Staff.** Motion by Elvig to approve the recommendation for an increase in the pay-rate for substitute support staff to \$90/day (\$11.25/hour) effective January 1, 2014, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Approval of 455.2-Rule – Altoona School District Parking and Traffic Rules.** Motion by Elvig to approve 455.2-Rule as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Approval of 455.2-Exhibit – Parking Permit Student/Vehicle Information.** Motion by Elvig to approve 455.2-Exhibit as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e. Consider Agreement with Fields' Consulting Services.** Motion by Rowe to approve the Fields' Consulting Services employment parameters as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **f. Consider Budget Revisions.** Motion by Elvig to approve the 2013/14 budget revisions as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **g. Consider Resolution with Altoona Athletic Booster Club Inc. to Pay Off Stadium Project Loan.** Motion by Elvig to postpone, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **h. Consider Direction to the Delegate Concerning 2014 Resolutions from the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee.** Motion by Rowe to postpone, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition, 1827 Bartlett Avenue.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

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District Clerk

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Date