



School District of Altoona

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Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Altoona Commons Addition

October 21, 2013

8:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Helen Drawbert at 8:25 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. October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes with a correction to the roll call vote to reflect that Michael Hilger abstained resulting in a 4-0 vote. Motion second by Rowe. 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) Kathy Dahl, business manager reviewed bids received today for short-term borrowing of \$3,200,000. The low bid from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. was announced (.489% net effective rate). The funds are needed for cash flow purposes. (2) Dave Rowe announced that the cross country team placed third, and three boys finished in the top 14 at the conference meet last Saturday. (3) Helen Drawbert recognized the accomplishments of former teacher Linda Olson, and expressed condolences to her family and friends. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Elvig to approve general fund checks totaling \$643,688.84, student activity fund checks totaling \$827.02, and debt service checks totaling \$22,496.25 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Community Education Partnership Council. The Community Education Partnership Council, formerly the Educational Planning Council, met on October 9. Four new parent members have been added. Agenda topics were reviewed. **b. President's Report.** (1) Proposal for Policy Development. Helen Drawbert asked board members to consider a proposal to have WASB policy-consulting staff review the district policy manual and provide recommendations for policy updates based on the district's strategic plan. The cost for those policy services would range from \$10,000 to \$18,000 depending on how much updating is needed. (2) Employment and School Law Seminar. Mike Hilger and Brad Poquette shared highlights from the sessions they attended on October 10-11 in Wausau. This joint seminar was sponsored by the Wisconsin School Attorney's Association and the WASB. (3) Legislative Breakfast Meeting. The October 14 legislative breakfast was discussed. The breakfast was sponsored by the Eau Claire school board and held at Northwoods Brew Pub. (4) WASB Region 4 Fall Meeting. The full board, Dr. Biedron and Joyce Orth attended the Region 4 meeting on October 16 at the 29 Pines, Eau Claire. Robin Elvig and Mike Hilger received awards for advancing in the WASB Member Recognition Program. Robin has attained a Level 4, and Mike a Level 2. (5) WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. This conference will be held on November 9 in Stevens Point. The conference will examine the changing environment for public education with a focus on increasing competition for students and funding. New strategies to engage parents, community members and legislators will be discussed and insights on the latest education reform initiatives will also be shared. **c. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Request to City Council. Dr. Biedron addressed the City Council on October 10 with a request for parking/signage changes to address safety and traffic concerns. The Council considered the request as it pertains to Bartlett Avenue only. An ordinance change is the next step. (2) Cluster A Professional Development Day. The Cluster A hosted a professional development day for teachers on October 11 at Fall Creek. Twelve Altoona staff were among those presenting. Our school district will host the next session, which is scheduled for February 7. (3) WASDA Drive-in. Dr. Biedron attended the WASDA Drive-in on October 16 in Eau Claire. Presenters included WASDA Executive Director and President, Jon Bales and Dave Polashek, and John Forester, Director of Government Relations, SAA. (4) School Perceptions Survey Participation. Dr. Biedron reported that School Perceptions has received 837 completed surveys, a return rate of about 17%. School Perceptions will present the results to the board at the November 4 meeting. (5) Professional Educator Compensation Rate for Providing Coverage. The per-hour amount for "comp time" will be adjusted to \$20 per-hour based on comparison of rates ranging from \$14.50 to \$20.00 for the Cluster schools. (6) Other Updates, News and Events. Dr. Biedron announced the following: Common Core Standards Hearing scheduled for Wednesday (10/23), 2:00-8:00 p.m. at CVTC; PLC Consortium meeting this week; the closing date for the property purchase (809 7th Street West) has been rescheduled for October 28.
10. Board Action – Consent Agenda. (Item 10.c. – Declaration of Posting Places was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action.) Motion by Elvig to accept the recommendations for Items 10.a. through b. and 10.d. through l. as presented (incorporated herein by attachment to these minutes). Motion second by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Setting Tax Levy for 2013 as per the Annual Meeting Resolution. Motion by Rowe to postpone action setting the tax levy until November 4, 2013, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0 **b.** Consider Declaration of Posting Places for Board Meetings Agendas and Minutes. Motion by Rowe to declare the Altoona City Hall, Altoona Post Office, district office and school offices as the posting places for board meeting agendas and minutes, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 9:19 p.m., seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition, 1827 Bartlett Avenue.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

The vision of the Altoona School District, in partnership with our students, their families, and our community, is to build a foundation for life-long learning and the emotional well-being of our students. We are dedicated to offering large school opportunities with a small school approach.



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October 14, 2013

To: Board of Education

Fr: Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent

RE: Routine Items for Approval

Attachment to the
October 21, 2013 Minutes

The following represent items that are taken care of yearly, following the annual meeting. Please consider my recommendations.

Consent Agenda 10.a. – 10.l.:

- 10.a. I recommend adoption of the budget as presented at the annual meeting
- 10.b. I recommend approval of depositories for 2013/14 with Wells Fargo Bank, State of Wisconsin Government Pool, and Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative
- ~~10.c. I recommend declaration of the following as the posting places for agendas and minutes of board meetings: Altoona City Hall, Altoona Post Office, district office, and school offices
(Removed from Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action)~~
- 10.d. I recommend that Joyce Orth CAP continue as board secretary for 2013/14
- 10.e. I recommend that Kathy Dahl, CPA continue as deputy clerk for 2013/14
- 10.f. I recommend authorization to use facsimile signatures under Wisconsin Statute 120.16 (2)
- 10.g. I recommend approval of the release of funds for time-sensitive payables
- 10.h. I recommend continuation of legal counsel with Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci
- 10.i. I recommend that Greg Johnson continue as safety officer for 2013/14
- 10.j. I recommend that Wendy Nelson continue as chemical hygiene officer for 2013/14
- 10.k. I recommend that Dr. James Haigh continue as medical advisor for 2013/14
- 10.l. I recommend the adoption of the medical term abbreviations as presented

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- 11.a. The setting of the tax levy may be postponed until November 4, 2013 meeting pending finalization of the equalization aid

Thank You.