



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
July 15, 2013
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Helen Drawbert at 6:30 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; Absent
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. July 1, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. None. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General fund checks totaling \$1,847,521.79 and Student Activity fund checks totaling \$3,849.36 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** None. **b. General Information.** (1) Policy Development. Policies 620 – Annual Operating Budget and 680 – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting were discussed, and the Support Staff Handbook which will be effective in August for foodservice employees was reviewed. Handbook adoption is planned for August 19.

- c. President's Report.** (1) WASB 2013 Educator Effectiveness Conference. The WASB will sponsor the Educator Effectiveness Conference on August 6, 8 and 14 in Madison, Green Bay and Turtle Lake respectively. In addition to the educator effectiveness initiative, testing, compensation plans, evaluations and more, will be addressed. (2) Review of Vision Statement. The Vision Statement was reviewed. The end of the last sentence: "on our unique, single campus setting," will be deleted. See 10.e. (3) August 5 Board Meeting. Helen reminded the board that she and David Rowe will both be absent from the August 5 meeting. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute. A district team of 13 attended the institute July 8-10 in Minneapolis: Dr. Biedron, Karen Henry, Jeff Pepowski, Gary Pszeniczny, Joann Walker, Jamie Oliver, Bobbie Kuchta, Shelly Pierson, Kim Butnick, Greg Power, Melissa Martin, Amanda Miller, and Tara Betlach. Dr. Biedron shared highlights. (2) Books in the Park. The most recent Books in the Park was held on July 12. The last session is scheduled for July 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 10th Street Park. (3) Review of Pedersen Elementary Room Analysis Report. A room analysis for Pedersen Elementary was reviewed. The report establishes "what we have," versus "what we need," in terms of rooms and square feet. (4) School Perceptions Facility Planning/ Community Engagement Survey. A proposal from School Perceptions for a community survey process was discussed. The survey would be conducted in the fall to understand the communities' priorities and willingness to financially support options to address overcrowding and safety. Project costs given do not include printing and mailing expenses: phase 1: \$3,700; phase 2: \$3,400; phase 3: \$2,700. See 10.g. (5) Open Enrollment Update: Alternative Application Procedure (Exceptions). The open enrollment exception process opened on July 1. Three (3) nonresident and two (2) resident applications have been submitted and approved to date. (6) Newsletter Update. A draft template, bid for printing, and topics for the August issue were reviewed. The \$899 bid was based on a 12-page newspaper layout (11 x 12). The newspaper will be called Rails Review. (7) Budget Update 2012/13 and Preliminary Budget 2013/14. Budget revisions for 2012/13 and the 2013/14 preliminary budget were reviewed. The preliminary budget includes fund 10 expenditures of \$16,640,209, and total expenditures for all funds of \$20,300,649. (8) Other News, Meetings and Events. Other topics Dr. Biedron noted include an opening for mentor coordinator, position interviews, and a project based learning team meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Computer/Network Support Technician Position. Motion by Rowe to employ Andrew Lierman as computer/network support technician effective July 10, 2013, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **b.** Consider Approval of 2013-2015 Administrative Contract for Intermediate/Middle School Principal. Motion by Rowe to approve the 2013-15 administrative contract for Gary Pszeniczny as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **c.** Consider Request to Waive Late Resignation Fee. Motion by Rowe to approve the request from Andrea Schaffer to waive the late resignation fee, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, no; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Drawbert, no. Motion failed 2 (yes) -2 (no). **d.** Consider Recommendation for High School Flooring Project. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation for the high school flooring project as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, no; Poquette, no; Elvig, absent; Rowe, no; Drawbert, no. Motion failed 0 (yes) -4 (no). **e.** Consider Amendment of Strategic Vision Statement. Motion by Rowe, seconded by Hilger to amend the Vision statement as discussed (9.c (2)), to read "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." Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **f.** Consider Adoption of Strategic Goals and Objectives. Motion by Hilger to adopt the Strategic Goals and Objectives as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

g. Consider Approval of School Perceptions Facility Planning/Community Engagement Survey Proposal. Motion by Rowe to approve the School Perceptions survey process totaling \$9,800 (not including printing or postage) as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, abstain; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes (with reservations); Elvig, absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 3-0. See 9.d.(4). h. Consider Budget Revisions for 2012/13. Motion by Rowe to approve the budget revisions as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

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