



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
November 4, 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 and absent:
Helen S. Drawbert, President
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer; Absent
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 21, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the October 21 minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. October 23, 2013 Special Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the October 23 minutes as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, abstain. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Dr. Biedron congratulated the Lady Rails Volleyball team for their win at Sectional-Finals. They will play at State in Green Bay on Friday. John Disalle, student representative, mentioned that high school pep band will perform. (2) Helen Drawbert announced that Brad Poquette is absent due to his attendance at a conference.
b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Elvig to approve payment of general fund checks totaling \$427,880.02 and student activity fund checks totaling \$7,455.81 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

9. School Perceptions Survey Results. Bill Foster, School Perceptions, reviewed the results of the survey conducted in October. A total of 841 responses were received. In addition to demographic data, the survey gathered feedback on facility priorities and options, and overall satisfaction. The four facility options to deal with current and future needs were developed by the Demographic Trends and Facilities Planning Committee. The committee will meet on November 14 to review the results and discuss a recommendation to the board. The results and comment analysis will be posted on the website.
10. School Showcase. a. Student Representative's Update. John Disalle reviewed recent and upcoming events including homecoming week, a food drive for the Inn Towne food pantry, Time to Share, and the Holiday Games. b. Altoona Intermediate School Update. Altoona Intermediate School teachers, Chris Gutsch, Teresa Langlois, Jenny Madsen, and students, Evan Judkins and Greta Schlafer shared information about project based learning, and examples of their projects. c. Altoona Middle School Veteran's Day Program. Plans for a district-wide Veteran's Day program on November 11 were reviewed. The program, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. will involve participation from students across the grade levels. The middle school student council is organizing the event.
11. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Altoona Parks & Recreation Committee. Dave Rowe shared highlights and discussion related to Centennial Park in particular. The meeting was held on October 28. **b. President's Report.** (1) Discuss Policy Development Consulting and Parameters. Discussion was postponed. (2) WASB Executive Coaching Workshop. Session 2, which examined superintendent job descriptions, evaluation systems, and system structures, was held on October 25 in Neenah. Dr. Biedron and Robin Elvig attended. Session 3 is scheduled for January 21 in Milwaukee. **c. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Common Core Standards Public Hearing. Dr. Biedron and Dave Rowe attended the Senate's Public Hearing on the Common Core Standards at CVTC on October 23. (2) River Prairie Stakeholder Meeting. Dr. Biedron participated in the River Prairie stakeholder process on October 23. Student feedback was also part of the process. (3) WSPRA Conference. Dr. Biedron and Joyce Orth will attend the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association Fall Conference on November 7-8 in Green Lake. (4) Meetings with New Staff Members. Dr. Biedron has been meeting with staff members that are new to the district this year. (5) Property Purchase Update. The property purchase closed on October 28. District office (superintendent's office and business office) staff will move to the new location in summer 2014. (6) Copier PIN Code Accounting System. The pin-code system went into effect on October 30. An annual savings of 10-15% is expected. (7) PLC Consortium. The PLC Consortium of Altoona, Colby, Eau Claire and Stanley Boyd will provide staff development for teachers who are new to the PLC process. Training sessions are scheduled for February 19 and 20. Tim Brown, Solution Tree, will present. (8) Distance Learning and Videoconferencing Services Project. A proposal from CESA 10 for distance learning and videoconferencing services was reviewed. The proposal includes a one-time buy-in for equipment used for streaming and recording events. If approved, the November 11 Veteran's Day program will be the first stream-event. (See 12.g.) (9) Other Updates, News and Events. The next Coffee with Connie session is scheduled for November 6 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Altoona Family Restaurant.
12. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Setting Tax Levy for 2013. Motion by Rowe to set the 2013 tax levy at \$5,031,066 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Elementary Administrative Assistant Position. Motion by Elvig to approve the employment of Jennifer Varsho, elementary administrative assistant, to begin on November 11, 2013 as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Food Service Position. Motion by Elvig to approve the employment of Bobby Klumper to fill a food service position beginning October 15, 2013 as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extra Assignment Position. Motion by Elvig to approve the employment of Pete Ryan, 7th grade basketball coach for the 2013/14 season, as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. e. Consider Approval of Recommendation to Fill Elementary Leadership Team Positions. Motion by Rowe to approve the elementary leadership team for 2013/14 as recommended: Amy Bauman, Andrea Steffen, Shelly Pierson, DeAnn Halvorson, Deb Stuckert, Elizabeth Tice, Tara Betlach and Lisa Roff; PBIS tier 1 co-coaches for 2013/14: Rachel Krings and Renee Martell; and PBIS tier 2 co-coaches for 2013/14: Amy Bauman and Tammy VanBlarcom, seconded by Elvig. Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. f. Consider Recommendation for Additional Special Education Aide Positions. Motion by Rowe to approve two additional special education aide positions, one full-time and one part-time, as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. g. Consider Approval of Distance Learning and Videoconferencing Services Project. Motion by Elvig to approve the Distance Learning and Videoconferencing Services project with CESA 10 in the amount of \$12,880 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. (See 11.c. (8).) h. Consider Proceeding with Policy Development Project. Action postponed.

13. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette; absent; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 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.