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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
August 5, 2013
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice President, Robin Elvig at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:
Helen S. Drawbert, President; Absent
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member; Absent
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 15, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Hilger to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0.
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 Hilger to approve general fund checks totaling \$262,604.31 and student activity fund checks totaling \$2,000.00 as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Demographic Trends & Facility Planning Committee. Committee progress and their most recent July 16 and 30 meetings were reviewed. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for August 8. **b. General Information.** None. **c. President's Report.** (1) WASB Fall Regional Meeting. The Region 4 Fall Meeting will be held at the 29 Pines, Eau Claire on October 16. (2) Board Goals Discussion. Draft board goals were discussed. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Energy Management: Annual Report 2013. The 2013 Annual Report was presented. The report shows annual savings of \$16,806 in 2012/13 and cumulative savings February 2010 to date of \$155,728. (2) Open Enrollment Exceptions Update. A total of six nonresident open enrollment exceptions for 2012/13 have been submitted and approved since July 1. This compares to three resident exceptions submitted and approved.

(3) Project Based Learning School Update. Dr. Biedron shared a progress update. The facility has been painted and the “cubbies” have been installed. (4) WASB Executive Coaching Workshop. Dr. Biedron reviewed the July 26 workshop that she attended along with Helen Drawbert. The workshop is the first of four sessions designed for initial and second year administrators and board presidents. This session titled The Power of Effective Communication was held in Madison. (5) Coffee with Connie. Coffee with Connie is scheduled for August 7, 8:00 a.m. at the Altoona Family Restaurant. (6) Eggs & Issues: State of K-12 Education. The August 16 Eggs and Issues session will focus on K-12 education in Altoona and Eau Claire. Dr. Biedron, Dr. Hardebeck and Mark Gobler will present. (7) New Staff Orientation Luncheon. The board is invited to attend the luncheon on August 23 at 12-noon in the high school LMC. (8) Other News, Meetings and Events. Dr. Biedron reviewed the following: expanded voucher school program, expanded “choice” program, upcoming Aventa online class training on August 14, an LEA Cohort grant award, and the upcoming Race to the Top grant application.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Resignation of District Mentor Coordinator. Motion by Hilger to accept the resignation of Kimberly Wardean as mentor coordinator, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill District Mentor Coordinator Position. Motion by Poquette to employ Kelly Ostrander as mentor coordinator, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill High School Spanish Teacher Position. Motion by Poquette to employ Jenna Baxter as high school Spanish teacher beginning in the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Title 1 Teacher Position. Motion by Hilger to employ Denise Madison as intermediate/middle school Title 1 teacher beginning in the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. e. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Position. Motion by Poquette to employ Kathryn Roen as early childhood teacher beginning in the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. f. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Elementary Intervention Specialist Position. Motion by Elvig to employ Sharon Asselin as elementary intervention specialist beginning in the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. g. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle/Intermediate Intervention Specialist Position. Motion by Poquette to employ Patricia Solfest as intermediate/middle intervention specialist beginning in the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. h. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Elvig to approve coaches/advisors for the 2013/14 season as recommended: Kevin Garnett, high school football assistant, high school girls basketball assistant and high school head girls track; Steve Lippert, high school football assistant and weight room coordinator; Zach Honadel, high school football assistant; Ben Coenen, high school head football; Paul Meznarich, high school assistant cross country; Erin Welch, high school head girls tennis; Connie Oas, color guard; Gail Abernathy, middle school volleyball; Elissa Upward, high school head volleyball; Eric Mueller, high school head hockey; Carly Rahn, high school dance team; Kelly Herman, middle school volleyball; and Brittany Torud, middle school volleyball, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. i. Consider 2013-2015 Contract for Computer/Network Support Technician. Motion by Hilger to approve the 2013-15 contract for the computer/network support technician as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. j. Consider 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement with the Cluster A Consortium. Motion by Elvig to approve the 66.0301 agreement with the Cluster A as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0. k. Consider Budget Revisions for 2012/13. Motion by Hilger to approve the budget revisions (3rd revision) as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Rowe, absent; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 3-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition.

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.