



# School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
Altoona Commons Addition  
December 2, 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  
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. November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. November 21, 2013 Special Meeting/Work Session. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
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 \$837,556.96 and Student activity fund checks totaling \$761.91 as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. School Showcase. a. Student Representative's Update. John Disalle reviewed recent and upcoming events including a food drive to support the food pantry, a Time to Share, Spirit Week and Winter Games. b. Altoona High School Visit to Adlai Stevenson High School. Altoona High School teachers Steve Marczinke, Angela Jeske and Hailey Neumueller, along with school counselor Jay Mielke and principal Jeff Pepowski, shared highlights from their October 22 visit to Adlai Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire IL. As part of the high school's leadership process, they will implement some of the strategies to improve student learning. Karsten Powell also went on the site visit.

10. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Altoona Parks & Recreation Committee. Robin Elvig reviewed the November 25 meeting. An update on plans to develop Centennial Park was among the topics of discussion. **b. General Information.** (1) Policy Development. Proposed changes to 455.2-Rule – Altoona School District Parking and Traffic Rules and 455.2-Exhibit – Parking Permit Form were discussed. **c. President’s Report.** (1) December 16 Board Meeting. The start time for the December 16 board meeting was changed to 6:00 p.m. **d. Superintendent’s Report.** **a. Altoona Library Board.** The November 20 meeting was reviewed. **b. Athletic Booster Club Debt.** The request from the Athletic Booster Club for the district to take over \$20,000 of their \$32,000 debt owed on the Field Improvement Project was discussed again. The topic will be brought back at the next meeting in the form of a resolution for board action. **c. Race to the Top Grant.** CESA 10’s grant application was not one of the 30 selected to advance. **d. 21st Century Grant.** The district will submit a grant featuring possible partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club and Grace Lutheran Foundation to support high quality academic support, recreation, and youth development programs after school hours. The grant application is due January 30, 2014. **e. Hour of Code.** The Hour of Code event is scheduled for December 9-15 in conjunction with Computer Science Education Week. Our schools are signed up to participate by including an hour of coding at some point during the week. See 11.d. **f. Other Meetings, News and Events.** This week’s Coffee with Connie has been cancelled. Dr. Biedron also noted a Civil Rights Compliance audit scheduled for December 5-6, and the upcoming TIES conference.
11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-time Elementary Special Education Aide Position for Limited Term Employment (Remainder of 2013/14).** Motion by Elvig to employ Lynn Kinnard to fill the special education aide, limited term part-time (.42) position for the remainder of 2013/14 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Position for 2013/14.** Motion by Rowe to employ Joseph Petersen to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach position for the 2013/14 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Recommendation to Fill Altoona High School Leadership Team Positions.** Motion by Poquette to approve the Altoona High School leadership (RtI) team for 2013/14 as recommended: Erin Lynnes, Anita Fairbanks, Kim Butnick, Wendy Nelson, Karsten Powell, Steve Marczinke, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Resolution Supportive of Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code.** Motion by Rowe to adopt the Resolution Supportive of Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code, as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Hilger. 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, December 16, 2013 at 6:00 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

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