



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
November 18, 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 6:31 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 4, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, abstain; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Dave Rowe congratulated Weston Tobias, high school graduate, class of 2013, for attaining his Eagle Scout certification. Weston was recognized at his Eagle Scout Ceremony on November 16. 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 \$2,354,981.88 and student activity fund checks totaling \$4,796.15 as presented, seconded by Elvig. 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 Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Altoona Area Foundation Inc. Brad Poquette, board representative to the Foundation, reviewed the November 13 meeting. Topics of discussion included promotions, PARR Award, STAR Grant, and a possible partnership with the Altoona Historical Society.

(2) Demographic Trends and Facilities Planning Committee. The committee met on November 14 to review the survey results and discuss next steps. Their recommendation to “Identify highest priority items that would fall within the tax impact range of \$200 to \$250 annual/ \$100,000 home, design a project to fit within the corresponding dollar amount and reconvene the committee in early December” was reviewed. Other aspects of their recommendation include pursuing sponsorships and opening discussions with the city (mission bullet 7). The board will have follow-up discussion at their November 21 work session.

b. General Information. (1) Announcement of School Board Election. School board openings (two terms will expire) and the spring election timeline were reviewed. Candidates can begin circulating nomination papers as of December 1, 2013. The deadline for incumbents to file Notice of Non-Candidacy is 5:00 p.m. on December 27, 2013, and the deadline for candidates to file all paperwork required to establish eligibility is 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2014. **c. President’s Report.** (1) Policy Development Proposal. Parameters for the policy development proposal were discussed. See 10.f. (2) State Education Convention. Registration procedures for the January 21-24 State Education Convention and Preconference in Milwaukee were reviewed. Board members will register with Joyce by December 2. (3) Board Book Study/Work Session. Topics and timeline for the November 21 work session were reconfirmed.

d. Superintendent’s Report. (1) WSPRA Conference. Dr. Biedron and Joyce Orth shared highlights from the WSPRA Conference they attended on November 7-8 in Green Lake. (2) Veteran’s Day Program. A district-wide Veteran’s Day Program was held on November 11. It included student participation from across the grade-levels and a key-note address from Altoona High School teacher and graduate, Dave Boley. (3) Rails TV. The Rails TV schedule for live-stream events was reviewed (<http://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/railstv.cfm>). A stream team made up of students is being developed.

(4) 21st Century Grant. Potential grant partnership opportunities and parameters were reviewed. Funding for a robotics program has been identified as one of the aspects to be addressed in the grant. (5) Monthly Enrollment Report. Student enrollments as of November 14 were reviewed: Pedersen, 619; intermediate school, 221; middle school 306; and high school 441 for a district total of 1587. (6) Monthly Budget Update. Expenditures and revenues as of November 14 were reviewed. (7) Seclusion and Restraint Report for 2012/13. The 2012/13 report was reviewed. 2011 Wisconsin Act 125, requires that building principals submit the report to the board annually by September 1. (8) Athletic Booster Club Debt. There was preliminary review of, and discussion of, the athletic boosters’ debt owing as part of the Altoona Field Improvement Project. The athletic boosters have asked that the school district take over \$20,000 of the remaining debt of \$32,000. (9) 2014/15 School Calendar Process. Dr. Biedron asked for feedback about any priorities to consider in development of the 2014/15 calendar. Robin Elvig would like to see a week-long spring break and Dave Rowe suggested that the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week could be a school day. (10) Cluster A Board Retreat. Ideas for the Cluster A board retreat were discussed. They include fundraising, ways to collaborate, and technology education programs. (11) Other Meetings, News and Events. Dr. Biedron noted American Education Week (November 18-22) as well as legislation that will increase graduation requirements for math and science from two (2) credits to three (3). The law will apply to students graduating in the 2016/17 school year.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Recommendation for Additional Part-Time Special Education Aide Position for Limited-Term (Remainder of 2013/14 School Year). Motion by Elvig to approve the additional special education aide limited-term position (.34) for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Full-time Elementary Special Education Aide Position for Limited Term Employment (Remainder of 2013/14 School Year). Motion by Rowe to employ Mary Seep to fill the full-time limited term special education aide position for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-time Elementary Special Education Aide Position for Limited Term Employment (Remainder of 2013/14 School Year). Action postponed.

d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Position. Motion by Elvig to employ Wendy Bresina as high school girls basketball assistant coach for the 2013/14 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Consider Recommendation for Network Extension Project for District Office Complex. Motion by Elvig to approve the bid from Five Star Telecom in the amount of \$8,970.36 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Consider Proceeding with Policy Development Project. Motion by Rowe to proceed with the Policy Development project with the WASB Consulting Services not to exceed \$10,000 in the 2013/14 budget year, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 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.