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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting/Board Retreat
District Board Room
August 30, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of Public Notice
4. Strategic Planning Priorities/Strategic Initiatives Discussion
5. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion
 - a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Students Position
 - b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill High School/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher Position
 - c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Special Education Aide Position
 - d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Special Education Aide Position
 - e. Consider Open Enrollment Exceptions for Resident Students
6. Adjournment

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 on our unique, single campus setting.



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August 27, 2012

To: Altoona Board of Education

Fr: Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent

RE: Employment Recommendation to Fill the Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Students Position

Interviews for the Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Students position were held on August 16. The interview team consisting of Gary Pszeniczny, Karen Henry, Donna Walther, Sandy Irwin, Kathy Kent (parent), and I met with two candidates from a pool of three applicants.

We are most pleased to recommend the employment of Susan Sivertson to fill this position. In addition to her most recent employment in the Eau Claire Area School District as a GT resource teacher and summer school coordinator, Susan provided consultant services in our district and to CESA 10 school districts during the 2009-2010 school year. Prior to that time Susan worked in the GT Inclusion Program at Lakeview Elementary and Tatum Ridge Elementary schools in Sarasota, Florida.

We look forward to the leadership and coordination that she will bring to our Gifted and Talented Program.

August 24, 2012

TO: Altoona Board of Education

FR: Jeff Pepowski, Altoona High School Principal

RE: Employment Recommendation to Fill the Middle School/High School
Vocal Music Position

The interview team of Dr. Connie Biedron, Gary Pszeniczny, Bob Baldwin; parents, Dave Elvig and Shelly Grokowsky, senior students, Jaboidia McIntyre and Zachary Druckrey, and I interviewed two candidates out of a pool of 10 applicants on Monday, August 20.

We are pleased to recommend **Jonathan Lueck** to fill position. Jonathan is a Chippewa Falls native. He student taught at St. Paul Central High (MN) and Arkansas Elementary (WI). We are excited to welcome his musical talents and enthusiasm.

August 25, 2012

TO: Altoona Board of Education

FR: Karen Henry, Pupil Services & Curriculum Director

RE: Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-time Aide for Special Education Students

On August 22, a committee consisting of Karen Henry and Kelly Ginder interviewed six qualified candidates from a pool of eight applicants.

We are pleased to recommend Kelly Herman who has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Disorders, and has been working on a degree in special education. She has a wealth of experience working with school aged children and assistive technology. In addition, she has been a faithful substitute in our district. Kelly is a highly qualified aide who will be an asset to the school district.

August 25, 2012

TO: Altoona Board of Education

FR: Karen Henry, Pupil Services & Curriculum Director

RE: Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-time Aide for Special Education Students

On August 22, a committee consisting of Karen Henry and Kelly Ginder interviewed six qualified candidates from a pool of eight applicants.

We are pleased to recommend Staci Sandstrom for the part-time special education aide position. Staci previously worked in our district as our district community liaison and as a substitute aide. Her positive energy, calmness, and passion for making a difference in children's lives are just a few of her strengths. Additionally, her previous employment skills from working as an EMT and graphic communications specialist will be helpful as she works with students with significant physical and cognitive disabilities. Staci will be a great addition to the special education team.