



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
February 6, 2017
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present and absent:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President; Absent
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk; Absent
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member
Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice. Report of notice was presented. 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. Hearing on the Proposed School District Reorganization. A hearing on a Petition to Alter School District Boundaries pursuant to 117.11-13 - Wisc. Statutes was heard. The request to detach property from the Fall Creek school district and attach it to the School District of Altoona was submitted by Aaron and Stephanie Walczak on January 11, 2017.
7. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion on the Request for Transfer of the Territory.
 - a. Consider the Request for Transfer of the Territory Described in the Petition. Motion by Rowe to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition; that the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 11, 2017, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the Fall Creek School District and attaching said territory to the Altoona School District. Motion second by Poquette. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.
 - b. Consider Adopting a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of an Order. Motion by Poquette to adopt the Resolution authorizing issuance of an order to grant the petition as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Approval of Minutes. a. January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Elvig, abstain. Motion carried 2-0.
9. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Student representative, Emily Studinski, shared an update highlighting recent or upcoming events including today's interview with WEAU about the proposed law change concerning the school year start date, high school forensics, AP tests, new classes planned for 2017/18, the Academic Decathlon and this week's Winter Carnival events. (2) Dave Rowe noted Locapalooza, held on January 28 at the high school and the upcoming Valentine's Dinner that will be held on February 19 at the Eau Claire Country Club. The event is sponsored by the music booster's organization. The athletic booster's Final Four fundraiser on April 1 at Action City was also noted. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
10. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$1,533,617.35 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$1,991.62 as presented, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.
11. Information. a. School Showcase. (1) Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report. The Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report and next steps were presented by Alan McCutcheon, pupil service/special education director. The report covers three designated areas of nondiscrimination: counseling, athletics and other activities, and scholarships and other awards. The report was prepared by educational consultant, Fred Skeba. See 12.c. b. Committee Reports. (1) Parks and Recreation Committee. Agenda topics from the January 23 meeting were reviewed. (2) Altoona Area Foundation. The Foundation's most recent meeting on February 1 was reviewed. Helen Drawbert attended, and let them know that the school board is considering joining the Eau Claire Community Foundation.
c. Policy Discussion. (1) 940 – Naming School Facilities. Proposed Policy 940 was discussed.
d. President's Report. (1) Day at the Capitol. The WASB will sponsor Day at the Capitol on March 15. If attending, board members will let Joyce know by February 20. e. Superintendent's Report. (1) Reports as of the 2nd Friday in January. Student enrollments as of January 13 were reported: elementary school, 590; intermediate school, 222; middle school, 346; and high school, 425 for a total of 1583. Also as of that date, 239 nonresident (open enrolled) students attended schools in the district, compared to 135 resident students that attended school in another district. The pupil count totaled 1500, an increase of 14 over the September count. (2) Eau Claire Community Foundation Grant. A grant has been submitted to the Eau Claire Community Foundation for funding of \$5,255.90 to expand our STEM curriculum to grades prek-3. Grant partners include the Children's Museum of Eau Claire and UW-Stout. (3) PCL Network. The principals attended a PCL Network session with Dr. Biedron and Tara Betlach on February 1 in the Belleville school district. (4) Cluster A School Board Retreat. The Cluster A School Board Retreat will be held at the Altoona Elementary School on February 8. The event starts at 6:00 pm with a tour of the facilities. Dr. James Schmidt, chancellor UW-Eau Claire, is the keynote speaker. (5) Leadership Eau Claire Education Day. Leadership Eau Claire will visit the elementary, intermediate and middle schools on February 16. Their agenda includes a coding and robotics demonstration by 1st and 2nd grade students and a tour of the Fab Lab and other facilities. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced include the professional learning day scheduled for February 10, at CVTC and in our district, athletic complex information, the advancement to State for four DECA students, an upcoming Chippewa Valley Education Leaders meeting, and a meeting last week with the Eau Claire County emergency management division.

12. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-Time English Language Teacher for Remainder of 2016/17. Motion by Rowe to employ Sarah Raddenbach, as part-time English language teacher on a limited term for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year, as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0. b. Consider Recommendation for High School Corridor Door Replacement Project. Motion by Rowe to award the door replacement project to Market & Johnson Inc. in the bid amount of \$10,825 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0. c. Consider Approval of Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report. Motion by Poquette to approve the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, absent; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

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.