



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
February 20, 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:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member
Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Rules for Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes. a. February 3, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, abstain; Rowe, yes; Hilger, abstain; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Mike Hilger stated that he is impressed with the newsletter from the schools and suggested that some of the articles be included in the district newsletter. (2) Dave Rowe shared feedback from the Valentine's Dinner held on February 19 at the Eau Claire Country Club. The annual fundraiser event is sponsored by the Altoona Music Boosters.
b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Drawbert to approve General Fund checks totaling \$687,802.11 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$3,223.45 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. c. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures and revenues as of February 13, 2017 were included in the packet. The cash position graph (general fund 2011/12 to 2016/17) was also included.

9. Information. **a. President's Report.** (1) State Education Convention Highlights. Highlights from the State Education Convention, January 17-20, were shared. Robin Elvig, Helen Drawbert, Mike Hilger, Brad Poquette, Dr. Connie Biedron, Mike Markgren, Joyce Orth and Andrea Steffen attended. Helen distributed copies of two board self-evaluation forms and requested they be reviewed for possible use. There was positive feedback concerning the January 20 breakout session, "Creating a School: Visioning, Challenges, Celebrations," presented by Dr. Biedron, Andrea Steffen and intermediate school teachers, Shalyn Gagnon and Jenny Riepe. (2) Cluster A School Board Retreat. Our district hosted the February 8 retreat for Cluster A school board members at the elementary school. Chancellor James Schmidt gave the keynote address. (3) WASB Day at the Capitol 2017. Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 15.
- b. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Studer Education Update and Rollout of Survey Results. Dr. Biedron conducted a survey roll-out process with the board. The process highlights the three highest and three lowest scoring survey items for feedback from the audience. She also reviewed progress with the strategic planning process, and next steps. Next steps include an update to the board in March, an opportunity for staff to give further feedback via a survey, and a town hall type meeting to get further feedback from the community. Board members would like the town hall meeting to be held at a community location. (2) Stadium and Track and Field Redevelopment Project – Next Step. The proposed Resolution (see 10.d.) was reviewed. As outlined in the Resolution, financial commitments of \$1,000,000 from outside sources would be required before the board will proceed with the project. (3) Eau Claire Community Foundation – Next Step. The sponsorship fund agreement was reviewed. There were questions about the logistics, administration process and fees. Action will be postponed (10.e.). (4) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). The visit from Leadership Eau Claire on February 16 was noted. Dr. Biedron has a copy of the book "Changing Minds, Changing Schools, Changing Systems" for the board to share.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Retirement of Special Education Aide. Motion by Drawbert to accept the retirement of Kathy Venaas effective at year-end as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- b.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment recommendations to fill coaching positions for the 2016/17 season: Brittany Morrison, middle school track, and Zach Valk, high school boys' tennis, as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c.** Consider Initial Adoption of Policy 940 Naming School Facilities. Motion by Drawbert to approve initial adoption of Policy 940 striking the word "values" in the second sentence, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d.** Consider Resolution to Proceed with a Campaign to Raise Donations in an Amount Not Less Than \$1,000,000 to Support the Stadium and Track and Field Redevelopment Project. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the Resolution to Proceed with a Campaign to Raise Donations in an Amount Not Less Than \$1,000,000 to Support the Stadium and Track and Field Redevelopment Project as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e.** Consider Eau Claire Community Foundation (ECCF) Pass-Through Sponsorship Fund Agreement. Motion by Drawbert to postpone action on the Agreement with the ECCF, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **f.** Consider Cooperative Educational Services Contract with CESA 10 for 2017/18. Motion by Rowe to approve the CESA 10 Services Contract for 2017/18 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Closed Session as Per Section 19.85 (1) (c), (1) (f) – Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Rowe to adjourn into closed session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **a.** Consider Closed Session Minutes for January 23, 2017; **b.** Preliminary discussion of next steps in contacting potential donors - specific public business of a competitive or bargaining nature – 19.85 (1) (f); **c.** Preliminary discussion of employee health insurance contributions - considering employment matters related to compensation – 19.85 (1)(c);

d. Consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent –19.85 (1) (c).

12. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Drawbert to reconvene into open session at 10:05 p.m. and take no action, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 10:06 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 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.