



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
March 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:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member (left at 7:30 p.m.; returned at 8:05 p.m.)
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 20, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Dave Rowe will be joining the high school band in Orlando. Students participating will be gone March 11-16. 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 \$1,093,366.14 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$3,686.32 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. a. School Showcase. (1) Tech/Coding Extensions. Susan Sivertson, gifted and talented coordinator, and Amanda Miller, grade 2 teacher, shared an interactive presentation featuring robots (Code-a-Pillar and Dash) and apps used by students. First used as learning extensions for gifted and talented students, these and other apps and devices are now used to teach code and provide hands-on expanded learning experiences for all students in Amanda's and others' classrooms.

(2) Student Representative’s Update. Student representative, Emily Studinski, shared an update highlighting recent or upcoming events including Forensics, the State Career Development Conference (DECA), ACT and ACT WorkKeys, Cloverbelt math competition (March 7), blood drive (April 12) and prom (April 29). The Forensics team took second place at their most recent competition on March 4 at Regis. Four students are competing at the State Career Development Conference this week.

b. Committee Reports. (1) Parks and Recreation Committee. Brad Poquette reviewed the topics that were included on the February 27 agenda. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President’s Report.**

(1) WASB Legal and Human Resources Conference. Dave Rowe shared highlights from the Conference, held on February 23 in Wisconsin Dells. **e. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) Studer Education Update – Strategic Planning. Dr. Karen Owen, Studer Education Consultant, provided the strategic plan update and next steps. Focus groups were held with parents, community, staff and students in January following the initial visioning sessions with the board and leadership team (steering committee). The next step is to offer an opportunity for feedback via a survey process, March 15-24. A draft plan will be created after survey results have been reviewed with the steering committee, and the draft will be shared with the board, employees and parents/community members before being finalized for board adoption. (2) AASA

Conference. Dr. Biedron attended the AASA National Conference, March 2-4 in New Orleans. Keynote speaker Ravi Hutheesing was noted in particular. (3) Personalized Learning Program. Dr. Biedron has been accepted to participate in the AASA Superintendent’s Personalized Learning Cohort and Certification program. The group’s next meeting will be held in Herndon, Virginia, March 29-31.

(4) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of February 9, 2017 were reviewed: elementary school, 593; intermediate school, 225; middle school, 347; and high school, 422 for a district total of 1587.

(5) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced include the Fall Creek school board’s denial of the Petition to Alter School District Boundaries submitted by Aaron and Stephanie Walczak, and a meeting scheduled for March 7 with the executive committee of the Altoona Booster Club.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Retirement of 4K Coordinator. Motion by Drawbert to accept the retirement of Susan Hintgen, 4K coordinator, as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Consider Final Adoption of Policy 940 – Naming School Facilities. Motion by Drawbert to approve the final adoption of Policy 940 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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