



# School District of Altoona

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## ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
809 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
April 18, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Helen Drawbert at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
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 Biedron, Superintendent  
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice. 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. April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Oath of Office. Board Clerk, Mike Hilger administered the Oath of Office to Bradley Poquette and David Rowe.
8. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dave Rowe shared highlights from Prom held on April 16. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
9. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Update. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$624,411.15 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$6,856.10, as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report – February. Motion by Elvig to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2016 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – March. Motion by Elvig to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March 2016 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Board Approved Expenditures and Revenues. Expenditures and revenues through March 2016 were included in packets. e.f.g. Health and Dental Plan Renewals; Banking Services for 2016/17 and 2017/18; Audit Services for 2016-2020. Recommendations for health and dental renewal, banking services and audit services were reviewed. (See 11. g, 11.h, 11.i.)

10. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Board of Canvassers. The results of the school board election were confirmed by the Board of Canvassers on April 6. (2) Community Education Partnership Council Meeting. The April 13 meeting was reviewed. **b. General Information.** None. **c. President’s Report.** None. **d. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) Economic Development Work Group Committee. The work group met on April 13. Downtown development was discussed. (2) Eggs & Issues. Dr. Biedron and Mike Markgren attended the Eggs & Issues session on April 15. The “State of Altoona” was presented by city administrator, Mike Golat. (3) Principal Search Update. Initial interviews were held with 10 principal candidates on April 6 and 7. Four finalists participated in a second interview and public forum on April 12. Two were selected, and are recommended to fill the middle school and high school principal positions. (See 13.a, 13.b.) (4) Studer Education Update. The Parent Satisfaction Survey is underway, closing on April 29. (5) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The current status of projects was reviewed. (6) Bartlett Avenue Trail Feasibility Report. The Feasibility Report for the Bartlett Avenue Trail prepared by SEH in March, 2016 was discussed. The report summary indicates that constructing a trail along the south side of Bartlett from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East to the new elementary school is feasible, noting challenges to be addressed including trail geometrics, storm water drainage, utility conflicts, property encroachment, overall timing and coordination with Eau Claire County and other parties. Construction costs are estimated at \$500,000. The board also discussed student safety. A Resolution will be drafted for adoption on May 2. (7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced include last Friday’s Shark Tank event at the intermediate school and the upcoming interview schedule. The high school Forensics’ team participated at State on April 15. Awards included six gold medals, nine silver, and three bronze.
11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of High School Library Media Center Paraprofessional.** Motion by Elvig to approve the resignation of Jess Lehman, high school LMC paraprofessional, effective at year end 2015/16 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Library Media Center Paraprofessional Position.** Motion by Poquette to employ Amy Thiede as LMC paraprofessional beginning in 2016/17 as recommended, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill High School Study Hall/Online Coordinator Position.** Motion by Rowe to employ Mary Gonstead as high school study hall paraprofessional online coordinator beginning in 2016/17 as recommended, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill 4-8 Spanish Teacher Position.** Motion by Poquette to employ Anne Urbanski as 4-8 Spanish teacher beginning in 2016/17 as recommended, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Business Education Teacher Position.** Motion by Rowe to employ Heidi Warren as business education teacher beginning in 2016/17 as recommended, seconded by Elvig. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **f. Consider Change in Voluntary Retirement Provision for Support Staff.** Motion by Rowe to approve the Voluntary Retirement provision for support staff as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **g. Consider Health and Dental Plan Renewals for 2016/17.** Motion by Rowe to approve the health and dental plan renewals for 2016/17 with Security Health Plan and Delta Dental as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- h. Consider Recommendation for Banking Services for 2016/17 and 2017/18. Motion by Poquette to approve banking services with Citizen’s Community Federal (CCF Bank) for 2016/17 and 2017/18 as recommended, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. i. Consider Recommendation for Audit Services for 2016-2020. Motion by Elvig to approve audit services with Clifton, Larson, Allen for 2016-2020 as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. j. Consider Technology Acquisition Proposal from Dell Financial Services for Leasing of Chromebooks. Motion by Rowe to approve the proposal from Dell Financial Services in an amount not to exceed \$170,292.96 for leasing of Chromebooks and related items (license, RAM upgrade, hardware) as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. k. Consider 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement with Fall Creek for Speech and Language Services for 2016/17. Motion by Elvig to approve the 66.0301 Agreement with the Fall Creek School District for shared speech and language services for 2016/17 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. l. Consider 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement with Cluster A for 2016/17. Motion by Elvig to approve the 66.0301 agreement with Cluster A for 2016/17 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Anticipated Closed Session as Per Section 19.85 (1) (c) – Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Rowe to adjourn into closed session at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Elvig. Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Rowe, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. a. Consider Approval of Closed Session Minutes for March 29, 2016; b. Consider Employment and Compensation of Middle School and High School Principal Finalists – 19.85(1)(c).
13. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Hilger to reconvene and take necessary action at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Rowe, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. a. Consider Approval of Employment Recommendation and 2016/18 Contract for Middle School Principal. Motion by Elvig to employ Daniel Peggs in the middle school principal position and approve his 2016/18 contract beginning July 1, 2016 at a salary of \$82,000 as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Consider Approval of Employment Recommendation for High School Principal. Motion by Elvig to approve the employment of Jason LeMay in the high school principal position beginning July 1, 2016 at a salary of \$95,000 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, no; Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-1.
14. Adjournment. Motion by Hilger to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Hilger, yes; Rowe, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. (following the 6:30 p.m. Organizational Meeting) in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

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District Clerk

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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.*