



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
May 1, 2017
6:45 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:45 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. 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. Approval of Minutes. a. April 17, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, abstain; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, abstain. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Dave Rowe mentioned Altoona Lion's Club donations to Feed a Child Nyre You and to the AIS Color Run. He also noted the high school band's joint concert with the UWEC Symphony Band last Friday night. (2) Helen Drawbert will let the Altoona Area Foundation know that we will not proceed with an affiliation with the Eau Claire Community Foundation at this time. (3) Robin Elvig will share highlights from the NSBA Conference on May 15. (4) Student Rep, Emily Studinski was absent. Her written report was distributed. (5) Highlights from Prom were reviewed. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Drawbert to approve General Fund checks totaling \$664,951.77 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$1,688.26 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) High School Interact Club Presentation. Melanie Engen, club advisor, gave an overview of Interact and their monthly community/school service projects. Interact is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eau Claire. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks & Rec Committee. Board representative, Brad Poquette, reviewed the topics discussed at the April 24 committee meeting. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President’s Report.** (1) Spring Academy. The Spring Academy will be held on May 11 at CESA 10. Mike Hilger and Helen Drawbert are planning to attend. (2) Committee Sign-Up. Board members are in the process of signing up for committee work. Committee appointments will be made at the May 15 board meeting. **e. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) State Budget Hearing. Dr. Biedron and Mike Markgren attended the April 19 hearing in Ellsworth. Dr. Biedron submitted written remarks to the Joint Finance Committee. (2) Maker Fair. Highlights from the April 20 event were shared. (3) Wisconsin Fab Lab Day and Fab Lab Grant Announcement. The District’s selection for a WEDC Fab Lab Grant of \$25,000 was announced by Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch at the April 25 press conference held in the Fab Lab. Other guests included Bob Meyer, chancellor UW-Stout, Senator Terry Moulton and Representative Kathy Bernier. Twenty-one (21) districts or consortiums were selected statewide to receive grant funding. (4) Eau Claire County Hazmat Exercise. The district participated in a tabletop exercise to address preparedness for various emergency response and recovery scenarios on April 26. The meeting was facilitated by Eau Claire County Emergency Management. (5) Staff Appreciation Breakfasts. Breakfast events are planned for May 2 and May 3, at the elementary school and high school respectively to celebrate appreciation week. (6) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of April 10 were reviewed: elementary school, 594; intermediate school, 226; middle school, 347; and high school, 417 for a total of 1584. (7) Studer Education Update. The leadership team will have a virtual meeting with Dr. Owen on May 2 to finalize the strategic plan draft. (8) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced included fundraising efforts for the athletic complex, a \$700 grant award from the Eau Claire Foundation, an upcoming grant application to the Women’s Giving Circle, Grandparent’s Day scheduled for Friday at the elementary school, and upcoming concerts. Dr. Biedron also noted that Gary Clark was honored as a JA (Junior Achievement) Hero at the JA Hero Gala on April 27. Technology education teachers, Jeff Ballentine and Bill Steinke will visit Brillion High School’s Fab Lab on May 11.
10. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. 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, May 15, 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.