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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
May 2, 2016
6:45 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:46 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. 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 18, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. 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) Helen Drawbert and Dave Rowe will be guest-speakers in Civics classes next week. (2) Dr. Biedron announced the District's Fab Lab Grant award of \$25,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). (3) Dave Rowe attended the Maker Fair on April 26, and shared some highlights. He also noted the high school's Piñata competition. (4) Dr. Biedron noted that Mike Hilger's submission to Dr. Ever's ConnectED e-newsletter was included in the April 29 issue. (5) Robin Elvig shared an update regarding her research and discussions with county officials and DOT regarding trail construction along Bartlett to the new elementary school. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Poquette to approve General Fund checks totaling \$780,007.56 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$6,536.43 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Update. Claire Pszeniczny's written update was distributed and reviewed. Claire served as the Student Representative to the Board for 2014/15 and 2015/16. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Budget Development Committee. The April 19 meeting was reviewed. As recommended by the committee, graphs and other explanations will be provided along with the monthly business services reports. The district newsletter will also include a column to highlight relevant financial activity. (2) Parks and Recreation Committee. The April 25 meeting was reviewed. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President's Report.** (1) Appointment of Student Representative for 2016/17-2017/18. Emily Studinski was appointed as the board's student representative for a two-year period starting in 2016/17. (2) Committee Sign-Up Process. The committee sign-up process is underway. Appointments will be made on May 16. (3) Date for Board Development Session. A board development session was scheduled for June 15, to start at 8:30 a.m. Board members should read through chapter 5 in *Maximize Performance* prior to the meeting. **e. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Board members are invited to attend the Staff Appreciation breakfast on May 3, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Commons Addition. (2) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The current status of projects was reviewed. All construction work in the middle school building is being completed by a second shift crew. Demolition of the current intermediate school wing and intermediate/middle school offices is scheduled for May 30. A "block party" is being planned with the students for May 19. (3) Student Education Update. The parent engagement survey closed on April 29. The second employee engagement survey period will open soon. (4) Academic Intervention Clinic Program with UW-Eau Claire. The Academic Intervention Clinic Program, which offers reading fluency intervention to identified students, will be available to third graders starting in 2016/17. The program is provided in partnership with UWEC and is funded by a three-year grant. (5) Recommendation to Approve Enrollment in AP Biology with 12 Students or Less. Dr. Biedron recommended that the board approve continuation of AP Biology with enrollments of 12 students or less for the fall semester 2016. See 10.g. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Jason LeMay will visit on May 16.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of Special Education Teacher.** Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Karsten Powell, special education teacher, at year end 2015/16 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill English Teacher Position.** Motion by Poquette to employ Jeff McLain as high school English teacher starting in the 2016/17 school year as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Elementary Art Teacher Position.** Motion by Drawbert to employ Jalissa Booth, elementary art teacher starting in the 2016/17 school year as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Recommendation to Fill Extra-Assignment Positions.** Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation to fill coaching positions as presented: Ryan Wundrow, high school golf assistant for 2015/16; and Lane Wojtyna, high school head girls' basketball for 2016/17, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e. Consider Recommendation for Summer Programs Employment.** Motion by Drawbert to approve the 2016 summer employment of Heather Burich Holle, high school core credit recovery; and Charlie Mabie and Katie Stanton, RAIL program aides to replace Annie Brenizer and Maddie Janke as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **f. Consider Approval of Administrative Contract for High School Principal for 2016-2018.** Motion by Rowe to approve the 2016/18 administrative contract in the amount of \$95,000 (for 2016/17) for Jason LeMay as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Consider Recommendation to Approve Enrollment in AP Biology with 12 Students or Less. Motion by Rowe to approve AP Biology course continuation with enrollments of 12 students or less for first semester 2016/17 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 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.