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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
July 10, 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 and absent:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer; Absent
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. June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the June 5 minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. June 15, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the June 15 minutes as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, abstain; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-0. c. July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the July 6 minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dave Rowe mentioned recent visits from former exchange students. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$3,171,822.38 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$9,869.93 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report – May. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Treasurer's Report for May as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report - June. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. d. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures and revenues as of July 5, 2017 were included in the packet. The cash position graph (general fund 2011/12 to 2016/17) was also included.

9. Information. **a. Administrative Reports.** (1) End of Year Reports Including Scorecard Review and Assessments Update. End of year reports covering scorecards, and assessments, as applicable, were presented by each administrator. Dr. Biedron presented the report on behalf of the elementary school. (2) End of Year School Climate Update. The School Climate and Behavior report was presented by Alan McCutcheon, special education and pupil services director. Disciplinary referrals and suspensions at each of the schools, background, summary and next steps concerning school-based mental health services and key-findings from the Wisconsin Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey were reviewed. In addition, seclusion and physical restraint data was reported including the number of incidences in each school in 2016/17 and 2015/16, the total number of students involved in the incidents, and the number of students with disabilities who were involved in the incidents. **b. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) Eggs & Issues. Dr. Biedron will share district highlights at the July 21 Eggs and Issues session. Eggs and Issues is sponsored by the Chamber. (2) Districts of Innovation Program. Dr. Evers has introduced the Districts of Innovation program to encourage innovation, increase educational equity, and remove barriers that schools face in helping students graduate college- and career-ready. (3) Update on Status of Evaluations. Dr. Biedron announced that evaluations are still in progress. (4) Studer Update: Strategic Plan, Studer Education Wisconsin Partners Meeting, and Annual Education Conference. The process and final draft of the strategic plan was reviewed (see 10.1.), along with a summary of the Studer Education Wisconsin partners meeting that Dr. Biedron and Dan Peggs attended in Edgerton. Dr. Biedron and Dan Peggs will also attend, and present at, the annual conference in Chicago, August 1-2. (5) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Announcements included upcoming interviews to fill two teacher positions, and PCL and PLC conferences. Renovations at the high school are underway.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of 4-5 Grade Teacher.** Motion by Drawbert to accept the resignation of Jenny Madsen as presented (notification date June 15, 2017), seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **b. Consider Resignation of Choral Music Teacher.** Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Jonathan Lueck as presented (notification date June 15, 2017), seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **c. Consider Staffing Changes for Summer Programs.** Motion by Drawbert to approve the summer staffing changes including the addition of Payton Oliver and Sarah Pedersen in aide positions, and resignations including Bob Brown, session 1 and 2, and Mike Burke, session 2, as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Kindergarten Teacher Position.** Motion by Drawbert to employ Erika Kessler as kindergarten teacher beginning in August 2017 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **e. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Kindergarten Teacher Position for Limited Term 2017/18.** Motion by Rowe to employ Cassandra Flackey as limited-term kindergarten teacher for 2017/18 as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **f. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill 4-8 Phy. Ed. Teacher Position for Limited Term 2017/18.** Motion by Rowe to employ Jacki Vierstraete as limited-term 4-8 phy. ed. teacher for 2017/18 as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

g. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Coaching Positions. Motion by Drawbert to approve the recommendation to employ Martin Adams as assistant football coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Drawbert to approve the recommendation to employ Josh Berg as assistant football coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation to employ Luke Oliver as assistant football coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, no; Hilger, no Poquette, absent; Drawbert, no; Elvig, no. Motion failed 0-4. h. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Reassignment to Dean of Students/Interventionist 4-8. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation for the reassignment of Joann Walker to dean of students/interventionist 4-8, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. i. Consider Approval of Recommendation to Fill Interim Elementary Principal for Limited Term 2017/18. Motion by Drawbert to approve the recommendation to employ Tara Betlach as interim elementary principal for limited term 2017/18 (in addition to literacy coaching position), seconded by Rowe. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. j. Consider 2017/18 Contract for Interim Elementary Principal. Motion by Drawbert to approve the 2017/18 contract for Tara Betlach, interim elementary principal, as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. k. Consider Academic Standards for 2017/18. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the Academic Standards for 2017/18 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. l. Consider Adoption of Strategic Plan. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the strategic plan as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. m. Consider Amendment of Policy 690 – Disposal of School Property. Motion by Rowe to amend policy 690 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. n. Consider Renewal of Policy Resource Guide (PRG). Motion by Drawbert to approve the PRG subscription renewal in the amount of \$2,500 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. o. Consider 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement with the Eau Claire Area School District. Motion by Rowe to approve the 66.0301 Agreement with the Eau Claire Area School District in the amount of \$27,400 for special education services for 2017/18 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, absent; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

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