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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
August 3, 2015
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by board vice 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:
Helen S. Drawbert, President; Absent
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member
Dr. Connie M. Biedron, Superintendent
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice. Report of notice was given. 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. July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dave Rowe announced that they have been approved to host an exchange student from Mexico. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. Joyce Orth made board members aware of two updates to board packet items including the Academic Standards document and the extracurricular employment recommendations.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$873,049.06 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$51.75 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Introduction of New School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Jon Lauscher was introduced to the board, and he shared his background and goals. Officer Lauscher replaces Dana Brown in the SRO position as of this school year.

10. On Track for the Future! Tour of High School. The high school tour included the entryway, office, lobby, concessions' area and gym floor projects.

11. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Negotiation Committee. The Negotiation committee met on July 29 to establish parameters and discuss salary increases for staff. “Meet and confer” sessions will be scheduled. The committee will update the board in closed session. **b. General Information.** None. **c. President’s Report.** (1) Notice of Election in WASB Region 4. The notice of election for the Region 4 director was reviewed. Nominations must be submitted to the WASB’s Madison office, and postmarked by September 5, 2015. The election will be held at the October 14 Fall Regional Meeting. (2) WASB/CESA 10 Workshops. The WASB will offer regional workshops at CESA 10 on August 12 and November 4. All board members will attend the “Key Work of School Boards” session on August 12. (3) Fall Regional Meeting and Workshop. The Fall Regional Meeting will be held on October 14 at the Holiday Inn Eau Claire South, starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting follows an optional workshop scheduled from 4 to 6:00 p.m. (4) WASB Webinar Schedule 2015/16. The webinar schedule was reviewed. (5) WASB Complimentary Member Subscriptions. The complimentary subscription list was reviewed. All board members should be receiving the Legislative Update emails as well as several print documents such as the Wisconsin School News, Legal Notes, and School Employment and Labor Law Review. **d. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) 2015-17 State Budget Additional Notice Requirements. The 2015-17 state budget (2015 Wisconsin Act 55) legislates additional notice obligations including requirements that school districts notify parents and guardians about academic standards, and the educational options available to resident students. Additionally, districts are required to provide a copy of the schools accountability report cards and most recent rankings, and parents of children with a disability are to be provided with information about the special needs voucher program. As the first step, the requirement regarding academic standards requires that school boards adopt academic standards each year prior to the parental notification. (a) Review of Academic Standards for 2015/16 School Year. An amended version of the Academic Standards for 2015/16 was presented. See 12.b. (2) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The Market & Johnson progress update for June-July 2015 was distributed, and drone video content as of July 31 was viewed. Bids for the water and sewer project are due August 6. (3) All School Reunion. Dr. Biedron attended the All School Reunion events on August 1, and shared highlights. (4) Cluster A Administrative Retreat. Administrators and administrative staff will attend the Cluster A Retreat on August 6 at UW-Eau Claire Centennial Hall. Speakers include Chancellor James Schmidt, Dan Slowey, and Jimmy Casas (via Skype). (5) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Upcoming events announced included the August 4 administrative council meeting, Coffee with Connie on August 5, new student registration on August 5, and the new teacher orientation program (August 10-12) and luncheon on August 11.

12. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment recommendation to fill coach positions for the 2015/16 season as presented: Kevin Garnett, high school head football; Emily Dressel, high school girls’ tennis assistant; Gail Abernathy, middle school volleyball; Alicia Mizer, high school volleyball assistant; Abby Brennan, high school volleyball assistant; Ezequiel Magallon, high school soccer club; and Thomas Olsen, high school cross country assistant (pending background check), seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **b.** Consider Adoption of Academic Standards for 2015/16 School Year. Motion by Rowe to adopt Academic Standards for 2015/16 (amended document as presented), seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Closed Session as per Section 19.85(1) (c), (1) (e) - Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Rowe to adjourn into closed session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. a. Consider closed session minutes for July 7, 2015; b. Update from Negotiations Committee regarding contract negotiations parameters and compensation for professional educators, clerical/aides, custodial/maintenance, food service employees, administration, administrative staff and other support staff - 19.85(1)(c), (1)(e).
14. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Rowe to reconvene and take no action at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
15. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room, 809 7th Street West, Altoona.

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.