



# School District of Altoona

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## ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
1903 Bartlett Avenue  
October 3, 2016  
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:  
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. September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. 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. Dave Rowe noted the off-street drop-off and pick-up areas and the improved safety factor. Dave also announced an upcoming city budget committee meeting. The KB development project will be addressed at that time. 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 \$1,322,344.82 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$5,863.37 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Report. Emily Studinski, student representative, shared feedback from other high school students regarding events or activities including Railway Ties Club, and the golf and volleyball seasons. Homecoming events were also noted.

**b. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks & Recreation Committee. Brad Poquette, board representative, reviewed the meeting held on September 26. He shared preliminary results of the Park Improvements and Trail Connections survey that is underway. **c. Policy Discussion.** (1) Policies for Discussion. Policy 310 – Instructional Philosophy and Policy 342.2 – Gifted and Talented Program were discussed. **d. President’s Report.** (1) WASB Fall Regional Meeting. Robin Elvig, Helen Drawbert, Mike Hilger, Dave Rowe and Dr. Biedron attended the Region 4 meeting. Brad Poquette received a Level 2 in the WASB Member Recognition program. In addition, Robin Elvig, Helen Drawbert, Mike Hilger, Dr. Biedron and Joyce Orth attended a pre-conference workshop. (2) Economics for Opinion Leaders. Robin Elvig, Helen Drawbert and Brad Poquette attended Economics for Opinion Leaders on September 22-23 in Birchwood. Seminar presenters included M. Scott Niederjohn, Dean of School of Business and Entrepreneurship and Charlotte and Walter Kohler Professor of Economics at Lakeland University in Sheboygan, and Mark Schug, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and former Director of the UW-Milwaukee Center for Economic Education. (3) WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. The WASB will offer the Legislative Advocacy Conference on November 12 in Stevens Point. The conference has been designed to address questions related to the impact of the 2016 election, Wisconsin’s teacher shortage, and how to effectively advocate for schools. A 2017-2019 state budget preview will also be included. If attending, board members will register with Joyce by October 10. **e. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) Strategic Planning Process Next Steps. Dr. KK Owen, Studer Education, gave an overview of the next steps with the strategic planning process. A follow-up meeting will be held tomorrow with the leadership team. (2) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The few projects remaining were reviewed. Dr. Biedron announced that October 25 is a possible date for the intermediate/middle school open house. The open house will include the dedication of the Pedersen Commons. (3) Enrollment, Membership and Open Enrollment as of the Third Friday in September. Student enrollments as of September 16, 2016 were reported: elementary, 587; intermediate, 220; middle, 344; and high, 419 for a total of 1570. Also as of that date, the enrollments include 239 nonresident students attending under public school open enrollment compared to 138 resident students open enrolled and attending in another school district. The September 16 pupil count shows a percent difference of -2.17% from last year’s Third Friday count. (4) Community Education Partnership Council and Parent Advisory Committee. The future of Community Education Partnership Council (CEPC) was discussed in light of the planned expansion of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Hearing no objection from the board, the CEPC will be discontinued. (5) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Dr. Biedron announced School Board Appreciation Week (October 2-8) and recognized our board for their commitment to our students and our community’s future.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of Food Service Employee.** Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Rhonda Kramschuster, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Food Service Position.** Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Dana Lowder to fill a food service position as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Food Service Position.** Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Karen Simonson to fill a food service position as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Food Service Position.** Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Elizabeth Wojcik to fill a food service position as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Position.** Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Jeremy Gilbert to fill the middle school soccer coach position as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Consider Proclamation Supporting the 2016 More Kids Drug Free Campaign. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the Proclamation Supporting the 2016 More Kids Drug Free Campaign, as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Consider Recommendation for Purchase of Rational Combi-Oven. Motion by Drawbert to approve the purchase of a Rational Model SCC WE 102G Combi-Oven from Strategic Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$21,030 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Rowe. 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, October 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. 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.*