



# School District of Altoona

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## ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
809 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
October 5, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President Helen Drawbert at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:  
Helen S. Drawbert, President  
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. September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dr. Biedron announced School Board Appreciation Week (October 4-10) and recognized our board for their advocacy.  
b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$884,601.92 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$-0- as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Report. Student representative, Claire Pszeniczny reviewed recent and upcoming events at the high school. Homecoming, Senior Leadership Day, fall sports, and a food drive were among the announcements. Claire also noted the renovations at the high school and the Blugold Beginnings tutor services.

(2) SLO (School Learning Objectives) Update. The principals, Jeff Pepowski, Gary Pszeniczny and Joann Walker, each shared an update concerning the focus of and progress with their school learning objectives. Andrea Steffen also gave an update focused on progress with 2015/16 curriculum goals.

**b. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks and Recreation Committee. Brad Poquette, board representative, shared highlights from the September 28 meeting. Topics discussed include: a press box/storage building at Bement Field, benches for the Tenth Street tennis courts, and purchase of land in Hillcrest Greens park area for a parking lot. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President's Report.** (1) WASB Fall Regional Meeting. The Fall Regional Meeting will be held on October 14 in Eau Claire. The two nominees for the Region 4 Director position, Amy Riddle-Swanson and Bill Yingst were discussed. (2) WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. The WASB is offering this conference November 7 in Stevens Point, topics to include the value of school boards, state finances and advocacy. Democratic and republican state lawmakers have also been invited to discuss their vision for the future of K-12 education. If attending, board members will let Joyce know by October 26. **e. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Cluster Camp. The Cluster A camp was held on October 2 with 450 staff from Altoona, Augusta, Eleva-Strum, Fall Creek, Gilmanton, Mondovi and Osseo-Fairchild in attendance. Author/speaker/consultant, Jimmy Casas provided the keynote. The event was hosted by our district. (2) Reports as of the Third Friday in September. Student enrollments as of September 18, 2015 were reported: Pedersen, 593; intermediate, 246; middle, 323; and high, 428 for a total of 1590. Also as of that date, the enrollments include 220 nonresident students attending under public school open enrollment compared to 128 resident students open enrolled and attending in another school district. The September 18 pupil count shows an increase of 2.57% over last year's Third Friday count. (3) Committee's Update. Updates were shared from the calendar committee, school start and end time committee, alternative education committee, and wellness committee, and the proposed calendar for 2016/17 was reviewed. A survey will be conducted to get feedback regarding the proposed change in start and end times. Dr. Biedron asked board members to review resources at <http://www.startschoollater.net/>. A pupil service committee has been formed to look at the possibility of forming an alternative education program that would focus on early intervention. The wellness committee met with representatives from Security Health and Marshfield Clinic on September 30. (4) Proposal for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:1 Computing Project. A proposal to purchase 100 Chromebook computers, licenses and carts was reviewed. If approved, the one to one project would be piloted in the eighth grade starting in January. See 10.d. (5) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The current status of projects was reviewed and the most recent Market and Johnson Update flyer was distributed. The October 26 Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing (6:30 p.m.) will be held in the high school to accommodate an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Plans for the intermediate and middle school building will be presented in November. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion. Items announced included the October high school open house, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., makeup of the three robotics teams, a \$1000 donation from Kwik Trip, alternate compensation plan presentations to staff, and parent-teacher conferences on October 8-9.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Rowe to fill coaching positions for the 2015/16 season as recommended: Janel Henning, head 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball and Kaley Mateski, head 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Recommendation for Early Graduation at the End of Semester 1 2015/16. Motion by Elvig to approve the recommendation for early graduation on December 22, 2015 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Consider Initial Adoption of Policy 446.2 – Use of Canine Units in Search Activities. Motion by Elvig to approve initial adoption of Policy 446.2 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Consider Approval of Chromebook Purchase for 1:1 Computing Project. Motion by Elvig to approve the purchase of Dell Chromebooks, licensing and charging carts not to exceed \$31,400.00 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See 9.e. (4).)

11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015 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.*