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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
October 19, 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 6:32 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present and absent:
Helen S. Drawbert, President
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President; Absent
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. October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dave Rowe shared an update from the City concerning the bike/walking trail along KB to the new elementary school. He indicated that the engineering-portion is included in the current year budget. The cost of trail construction, estimated at \$411,000 is to be included in the 2017 budget. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Hilger to approve General Fund checks totaling \$580,931.20 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$10,870.21 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. c. Expenditures and Revenues. Budget expenditures and revenues as of October 14, 2015 were included in the packet.

9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Budget Development Committee. The Budget Development Committee met on October 13 for a preview of the Budget Hearing presentation. Pending approval at the Annual Meeting and board adoption following, the school district plans to under levy to offset the impact on tax payers. (2) Community Education Partnership Council. The October 14 meeting was reviewed. Topics of discussion included: building projects, Cluster Camp, the proposed 2016/17 calendar, the proposed change in school start and end times and open enrollment. A city update, school district budget preview and school updates were also presented. **b. General Information.** None.
- c. President's Report.** (1) Region 4 Fall Meeting. The Region 4 Fall Meeting was held on October 14 in Eau Claire. All board members, Dr. Biedron, Mike Markgren and Joyce Orth attended. Dave Rowe received a Level 2 Board Development award. (2) WASB Workshop. The WASB will hold a workshop addressing the board's role in the superintendent evaluation process at CESA 10 on November 4 at 6:00 p.m. (3) WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. This conference will be held on November 7 in Stevens Point, topics to include the value of school boards, state finances and advocacy. Democratic and republican state lawmakers have been invited to discuss their vision for the future of K-12 education. If attending, board members will let Joyce know by October 26. (4) Upcoming Special Meetings. Meetings outside of the regular schedule were reviewed. They include October 21 (board evaluation), October 26 (following the Annual Meeting) and November 3 (board development). The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 26 in the high school library media center. (5) Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent schools (WAES). A proposal for membership at a cost of approximately \$600 (\$200 plus .25 per student) to the WAES and the Wisconsin Public Education Network project was reviewed. The goal of the Wisconsin Public Education Network is to showcase their public schools, engage people in their schools, oppose privatization of education and work to change the way public education is funded. See 10.d.
- d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Committee's Update. The proposed 2016/17 calendar was reviewed and is included on the agenda for adoption. See 10.b. A survey regarding the proposed change in school day start and end times is underway. The survey period will close on October 26. (2) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The high school open house will be held on Monday, October 26, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dr. Biedron suggested a site visit to the new elementary school in conjunction with the November 3 board development session. Packing/moving plans are being coordinated. (3) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). The Studer Education process, the intermediate school transition plan, Impact Therapy, and girls' tennis participation at State competition were noted.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Maintenance Position.** Motion by Poquette to approve the transfer of Timothy Chmelik to the maintenance position officially beginning January 4, 2016, as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **b. Consider Adoption of 2016/17 School Calendar.** Motion by Rowe to adopt the 2016/17 calendar as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **c. Consider Final Adoption of Policy 446.2 – Use of Canine Units in Search Activities.** Motion by Poquette to approve final adoption of Policy 446.2 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. **d. Consider Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent schools (WAES) Membership.** Motion by Rowe to approve the WAES membership in the amount of approximately \$600 (\$200 plus .25 per student) as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. See 9.c. (5). **e. Consider Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8) (a) 1, Wisconsin Statutes.** Motion by Hilger to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8) (a) 1, Wisconsin Statutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Elvig, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. following the Annual Meeting in the Altoona High School Library Media Center.

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.