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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
January 4, 2016
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	David A. Rowe, Member
Robin E. Elvig, Vice President	Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk	Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer	
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. December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Poquette 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. (1) Student representative, Claire Pszeniczny shared recent and upcoming events at the high school including a “text and drive” simulation sponsored by SADD, Poetry Outloud, the Holiday Games, an upcoming chess tournament, ACT practice exam, Locopalooza, and forensics. (2) Brad Poquette noted the new Request for Payment form.
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 \$711,761.54 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) Alternate Education Program and Completion Options. Alan McCutcheon, pupil services and special education director, shared an overview of the planning-to-date for an alternative education program, and the potential diploma options. The committee began meeting last spring to look at ways an alternative program could provide an avenue of education for students who need delivery outside of the traditional school setting. The program would be housed in the current District Office building. Helen and Robin will begin researching policy to address grading, attendance, completion, etc.

(2) Overview of Educator Effectiveness System and Process, and Evaluation Update for 2014/15. The principals, Joann Walker, Gary Pszeniczny, Jeff Pepowski, and pupil services director, Alan McCutcheon, reviewed Educator Effectiveness, the current status of Teachscape, and the Danielson Framework and domains. Temporary systems have been put in place locally to replace Teachscape. The number of summary year evaluations, and mini-observations conducted, were also reviewed by each for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks and Recreation Committee. The December 28 meeting was cancelled. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President’s Report.** (1) Superintendent Evaluation Process. Board members will complete the evaluation and turn it in to Joyce by January 11. In addition, board members will meet with administrative team members to get their related input. The evaluation results will be reviewed at a work session scheduled for January 18. **e. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) Fabrications Laboratories (Fab Lab) Grant. A grant application will be submitted to the WEDC for funding to support a fabrications laboratory. Project parameters were reviewed with the board. (See 10.a.) The grant submission deadline is January 22. (2) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. Dr. Biedron shared the current status of building projects. Windows are being installed at the elementary school. A rendering of the main entry of the intermediate/middle school building was shared, along with an idea for a mural. The first round of asbestos removal in the middle school building occurred over winter break; another removal is scheduled for spring break. (3) Studer Education Update. Results from the recent Employee Engagement survey will be presented to the district leadership team on January 7. At that time, Dr. Karen Owen, leader coach, will also provide training on how to roll out the baseline results to staff. The next survey process will open on January 13. (4) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced: a mental health services plan process, Chromebooks purchased for 8th grade students were distributed today, a grant award of \$10,000 for Educator Effectiveness, district-wide staff get-together at Happy Hollow on January 14.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Support of the Fabrication Laboratories Grant. Motion by Rowe to support the application for the Fabrication Laboratories Grant as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Amend Policy 151 – Board Policy Adoption. Motion by Elvig to approve the amendment of Policy 151 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c.** Consider Change in Start and End Times for 2016/17. Motion by Elvig to approve the proposed change in start and end times for 2016/17 as presented (grades K-3 starting at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 2:55 p.m.; grades 4-12 starting at 8:20 a.m. and ending at 3:35 p.m.; all times listed are “approximate”), seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

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.