



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
January 8, 2018
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:32 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:
Robin E. Elvig, President Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President Michael Markgren, Acting Superintendent
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member
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. December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the December 18 minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. January 2, 2018 Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing. Motion by Rowe to approve the January 2 minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Helen Drawbert noted some favorable comments from recent student teachers placed at the elementary and intermediate schools.
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 \$1,038,716.46 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$4,297.42, as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Update. Recent and upcoming events and projects announced by Emily Studinski included a decade's dance, a break the rules week fundraiser sponsored by Interact, student participation at DECA District competition, the courage retreat, academic decathlon and A Time to Share.

(2) Multi-Age Research and Proposal for Altoona Intermediate School. Andrea Steffen, principal, and teacher, Jen Bain shared recent developments concerning the standards, and the new science standards in particular, their alignment with the curriculum cycle and the potential impact on student achievement. Other challenges and positives of the multi-age classrooms were shared, as well as current research on the topic. Seeing no objection from the board, the intermediate school will proceed with plans to separate 4th and 5th grade students into grade-related classrooms as of the 2018/19 school year. **b. General Information.** (1) Candidates for School Board Election. The two candidates for school board election were announced. They are Richard Risler, and incumbent, Michael Hilger. (2) Ballot Order. A coin-flip was conducted to determine ballot order. As a result, Richard Risler will be listed first, and Michael Hilger, second. **c. President's Report.** (1) Legal and Human Resources Conference. This conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on February 21-22. The conference includes an optional workshop on February 21. Policy development, the first amendment, employee wellness, employee misconduct, co-curricular activities, nonrenewal of teacher contracts, and employee benefits will be addressed. (2) Superintendent Evaluation Process. The superintendent evaluation will not be conducted. (3) Policy Discussion: Policy 225 – Evaluation of the Superintendent. There was preliminary discussion about amending the policy to include a 360-degree evaluation component, or to include staff input at a minimum. **d. Acting Superintendent's Report.** (1) Donations Update. Donations recognized included a grant from the Altoona Area Foundation for \$1,000 for guided reading books and a donation of \$2,500 from the Marshfield Clinic Health System for the Fab Lab. (2) Cluster A School Board Retreat. The Osseo-Fairchild School District will host the February 7 board retreat. Bob Butler and Guy Leavitt, WASB, will present. (3) Studer Update, Standards of Excellence Process. The Standards of Excellence committee met remotely with Dr. KK Owen this afternoon. The conclusion of this process will complete the district's work with Studer. (4) Audit Report for School Year Ended June 30, 2017. The full audit report was included in the board's packet. Mike Markgren responded to questions, and will look into Dave Rowe's question about the pension expense for 2018-2022. (5) Other Meetings, News and Events. Interest applications are being accepted until January 19 for parents interested in serving on a parent advisory committee for athletics.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Maintenance Position**. Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Brandon Kronenberg to fill the maintenance position effective January 22, 2018, as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Request for Child Rearing Leave for Two Semesters of the 2018/19 School Year**. Motion by Drawbert to approve the leave request submitted by Elizabeth Tice for the 2018/19 school year as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Open Enrollment Spaces for 2018/19**. Motion by Drawbert to postpone until January 24 pending clarification, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d. Consider Amendment of Policy 225 – Evaluation of the Superintendent**. No action taken.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2018.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

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