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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
January 18, 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
Robin E. Elvig, 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. 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. January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. 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) Dave Rowe announced that Locopalooza is scheduled for January 23. (2) Dr. Biedron mentioned the Cloverbelt All-Conference Music Festival that we hosted at the high school on January 16. (3) Travel arrangements for January 19 were confirmed. (Board members, Dr. Biedron and Mike Markgren traveling to and attending the State Education Convention in Milwaukee, returning January 22.) b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Elvig to approve General Fund checks totaling \$572,212.29 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$270.00 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks & Recreation Committee. Brad Poquette reviewed the January 12 meeting, including contracts with the Altoona Youth Softball, fees for the adult softball league, a scholarship program that offsets fees for families in need, and dogs in city parks. (2) Community Education Partnership Council. The most recent meeting was held on January 13. The 2016/17 calendar and new start and end times, the Fab Lab project and associated grant, plans for an alternative education program, the 1:1 computing initiative, and compacting the curriculum were included on the agenda. City and building project updates were also given. **b. General Information.** None. **c. President's Report.** (1) 2016 Legal and Human Resources Conference. The WASB will offer this conference February 25-26 in Wisconsin Dells. If attending, board members will register with Joyce by February 15. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1)State Test Results. Andrea Steffen, director of curriculum and instruction, presented the 2014/15 state test results and the ways that we are working to close the achievement gap in our district. Students in grades 3-8 took the Badger Exam, an online assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics last spring. The average scaled scores for our students were above the state average in all but four categories (4th grade ELA, 5th grade ELA, 4th grade math, 5th grade math). Also last spring, 9th and 10th grade students took the ACT Aspire assessment, with all our students scoring above the national readiness percentage in all subjects (English, writing, science, reading, math). Eleventh grade students took the ACT; their composite score of 20.7 was above the state composite of 19.9. The 2014/15 school year was the first year that all 11th grade students were required to take the ACT statewide. Results were released statewide on January 13. (2) Retirement Committee. The Retirement Committee met on January 7 to review revisions, and the updated plan and revised handbook language was reviewed with the board. No action will be taken. (See 10.b.) (3) Alternate Compensation Committee. The Alternate Compensation Committee will meet on February 4. (4) Staffing 2016/17. Staffing recommendations for 2016/17 were reviewed. (5) Studer Education Update. The results of the Employee Engagement Survey will be shared with staff by January 29. Dr. Owen will present the results of the Employee Engagement and Support Services surveys to the board in February or March. Dr. Biedron distributed copies of "Maximize Performance" to board members. (6) On Track for the Future! Building Project Updates. The current status of projects was reviewed. (7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion): policy and handbook work in process for 1:1, the Fab Lab grant deadline, and collaborative book study group "Most Likely to Succeed;" the film trailer was viewed.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Open Enrollment Spaces for 2016/17. Motion by Elvig to set open enrollment spaces for 2016/17 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Adoption of Revised Voluntary Retirement Clause. No action taken.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., seconded by Poquette. 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, February 1, 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.