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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
April 3, 2017
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice President, Helen Drawbert at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:
Robin E. Elvig, President; Absent
Helen S. Drawbert, 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. 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. March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Dave Rowe noted the Final Four event sponsored by the Athletic Boosters on April 1 at Action City. Dave also offered a reminder that the spring election is tomorrow (April 3). 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 \$748,503.35 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$537.74 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Information. a. School Showcase. (1) Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Update. The 2017/18 AGR update was given by Joann Walker, principal, Altoona Elementary, and Tara Betlach, instructional coach/reading specialist. Data was presented for each grade (K-3) in the areas of math and reading, and the steps being taken to improve instruction and learning were reviewed. They will follow-up with an end of year report in June.

(2) High School Band Trip. Matt Kruszka, band instructor, reviewed highlights from the high school band trip to Orlando over spring break. Students participated in an Instrumental Workshop at Disney where they sight-read Disney tunes, worked with a professional conductor/musician and scored their own movie soundtrack. They also performed at the Marketside Stage in Disney Springs, and visited Cocoa Beach, Hollywood Studios, the Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios and Universal's Islands of Adventure.

(3) Alternative Program Update. Jen Robertson, Altoona Alternative Learning Center (AALC) teacher and advisor; Stacey Sandstrom, paraprofessional; and students, Blakeley, Amanda and Grace, shared their stories, projects and involvement with the food pantry or other initiatives at school and in the community. Baseline attendance, tardy, and behavior data was shared, as well as next steps. The AALC opened this school year to support the diverse needs of students by offering an alternative way to deliver instruction and monitor academic success. The AALC has provided services to 14 high school students this year. It is housed in the former District Office adjacent to the high school.

(4) Student Representative's Update. Student representative, Emily Studinski, shared an update highlighting recent or upcoming events including Forensics' 4th place finish in Division 3 at State Competition last Saturday, the mock car crash that will be sponsored by SADD in conjunction with prom, the April 12 blood drive, Real Life Academy, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, and prom. She also mentioned a pen pal project offered through Spanish club.

b. Committee Reports. (1) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Brad Poquette reviewed the most recent meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee held on March 27.

c. General Information. None.

d. President's Report. (1) NSBA Annual Conference. Report postponed.

e. Superintendent's Report. (1) Studer Education – Strategic Planning Update. Dr. Karen Owen, Studer Education consultant, presented the results of the strategic planning feedback survey conducted in March. Three hundred and thirty-seven (337) stakeholders participated in the survey process. The results in the areas of core values, indicators of success, areas of strength, and opportunities for improvement will be used to create a draft plan with the leadership team on April 4. After presenting the draft plan to the board, it will be shared in employee forums and a town hall meeting.

(2) AASA Superintendent's Personalized Learning Cohort Program. Dr. Biedron participated in the personalized learning program, March 29-31 in Herndon, Virginia. Highlights included a keynote, "Preparing Students for Success in the Technological/Information-Based Society with cutting-Edge Instructional Practices," by Bill Daggett. About 40 superintendents from across the country participated.

(3) Student Enrollment Update. Student enrollments as of March 20 were reviewed: elementary school, 596; intermediate school, 226; middle school, 347; and high school, 419 for a total of 1588.

(4) Safe Routes to School. Mike Markgren, business manager, attended the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) meeting on March 29 and provided an update. The SRTS plan will be updated prior to submitting an application for grant funding.

(5) City Ordinance Pertaining to Yard Signs. City officials have notified high school staff of a city ordinance that prohibits yard signs with few exceptions. The staff had kicked-off a fundraiser project selling "Railroader Nation" yard signs to promote school pride and support the class of 2018.

(6) Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearings. The Joint Finance Committee will hold public hearings on the 2017-19 State Budget during the month of April. Dr. Biedron and Mike Markgren will attend the April 19 hearing at the Ellsworth High School.

(7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Topics announced include: the Maker Fair, April 20, 3:30-6:00 pm; the April 13 early release for students and afternoon professional learning; the WTI (Wisconsin Technology Initiative) grant.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Resignation of Kindergarten Teacher. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Amy Stuttgen, kindergarten teacher effective at year-end 2016/17, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
- b.** Consider Resignation of High School Science Teacher. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Corey Adams, high school science teacher effective at year-end 2016/17, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Consider Resignation of High School Science Teacher. Motion by Poquette to accept the resignation of Lucas Nolte, high school science teacher effective at year-end 2016/17, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. d. Consider Resignation of Library Media Director. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Beverley Carlsen, library media center director effective at year-end 2016/17, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. e. Consider Resignation of Food and Nutrition Services Director. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Tina Johnston, food and nutrition services director at year-end 2016/17, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. f. Consider Recommendation to Eliminate Library Media Center Director Position. Motion by Hilger to eliminate the 4-12 library media center director position as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. g. Consider Recommendation to Approve Information, Instruction and Innovation Technology Coordinator Position. Motion by Poquette to approve the IT coordinator position to replace the 4-12 library media center director position beginning in 2017/18 as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. h. Consider Recommendation to Approve Additional Special Education Teacher Position for Limited Term 2017/18. Motion by Rowe to approve an additional special education teacher position for limited term 2017/18 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. i. Consider Recommendation to Approve Continuation of the English Language Learners Teacher Position. Motion by Hilger to approve continuation of the Part-time (.50) English language learners teacher position as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. j. Consider 66.0301 Agreement for Speech and Language Teacher Services for 2017/18. Motion by Rowe to approve the 66.0301 Agreement with Fall Creek for Speech and Language Services for 2017/18 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0. k. Consider Approval of Recommendation for High School Fire Doors. Motion by Rowe to approve the bid from JWC Building Specialties for repair of Won-Door fire doors for high school commons in the amount of \$49,259.38 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2017 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.