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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
May 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:30 p.m. in District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present and absent:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President; Absent
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. Introductions and Welcome. New principals Jason LeMay, Altoona High School and Dan Peggs, Altoona Middle School were introduced and welcomed.
7. Approval of Minutes. a. May 2, 2016 Organizational Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Poquette to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) A reminder was given concerning the 2016 graduation ceremony on May 18 at 7:00 pm; board members are to arrive by 6:30 pm. (2) Dave Rowe and Helen Drawbert were guest presenters to Civics classes last week. (3) Dave Rowe mentioned the senior lock-in sponsored by the senior parents. The group raised about \$14,000 for prizes and to support the event in general. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
9. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve General Fund checks totaling \$632,441.74 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$9,881.49 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Elvig, 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. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures and revenues as of May 10, 2016 and cash position 2011/12 to present were reviewed. Mike Hilger requested that a brief overview/explanation be included with the graphs for the benefit of those who may access the information online.
10. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) AIS, An Innovative School. Andrea Steffen, incoming intermediate school principal as well as AIS teachers, Jennifer Bain and Sara Brahan, presented ways that they address concepts such as lifelong learning, team building, effective practices and goal setting. Earlier this year, a goal was set to establish that AIS students would master at least 90% of their learning targets by the end of the Colonial Museum unit. The goal was met and celebrated. Other recent school-wide projects included the Shark Tank and Comic Con. The team also shared their goals for the future. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Altoona Area Foundation, Inc. The most recent meeting held on May 11 was reviewed. Updates were given on the scrap metal drive at The Shed, the PARR award and Excellence in Education Banquet. The board member role and ways to attract new members were discussed. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President's Report.** (1) Proposed Board Calendar. The proposed calendar for Regular Meetings, July, 2016 through June, 2017, was reviewed. The board decided to meet only once in July, on July 18. (2) Committee Appointments. Committee appointments were made, and are incorporated herein by attachment. (3) WASB Summer Leadership Institute. The Leadership Institute will be held in Green Bay on July 16. Topics to be addressed include school finance, effective board-superintendent teams, alternative teacher compensation, and financial assessment. If attending, board members will RSVP to Joyce by June 20. (4) Convention Proposals Process. Request for proposals from the WASB for the 2017 State Education Convention were reviewed. The intermediate school will submit a proposal for a break-out session. Dave Rowe suggested that art students be encouraged to submit an entry for the art exhibit. **e. Superintendent's Report.** (1) WASDA Annual Educational Conference. Dr. Biedron shared highlights from the May 4-6 conference held in Green Bay. She noted in particular a general session presentation by Damian LaCroix, superintendent, Howard-Suamico, entitled The Valley of Vision. (2) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of April 21 were reviewed: Pedersen, 594; intermediate school, 247; middle school, 317; and high school, 424 for a total of 1582. (3) Open Enrollment Update. The summary for the 2016/17 application period was reviewed. A total of 77 nonresident applications were received during the three month period ending April 29. This compares to 60 applications for 59 resident students to attend in another district. See 11.e. and f. (4) Proposed Staffing Changes. Dr. Biedron recommended that Jamie Oliver be approved to take on Athletic Director responsibilities in addition to his Dean of Students role. If approved, Scott Hayden would focus on Dean of Students, serving at the elementary school (mornings) and intermediate and middle schools (afternoons). See 11.d. (5) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The current status of projects was reviewed. Landscaping is underway at the elementary school and the stage area in the middle school building has been demoed and readied for reconstruction. The portions of the middle school building scheduled for demolition will be taken down on May 31. (6) Studer Education Update. The second employee engagement survey is in process. A date will be scheduled for Dr. Owen to present an end of year report to the board. (7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). The intermediate and middle school PTO is hosting a block party for students on May 19. The last day of school for intermediate school students is May 20, and May 21 for the remainder of the students. The end of year/retirement recognition luncheon will be held at 11:30 on May 25. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for August 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Altoona Elementary School.
11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Intermediate School Teacher Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation to employ Rachel Drescher to fill the intermediate school teacher position beginning in 2016/17, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill School Psychologist Position. Motion by Hilger to employ Courtney Smith to fill the school psychologist position beginning in 2016/17, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. c. Consider Recommendation for Summer Programs Employment. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Jackie Tollefson to replace Doug Titera as RAILS aide for sessions 1 and 2 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. d. Consider Proposed Changes to Athletic Director Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the change in the Athletic Director position with Jamie Oliver assuming the AD duties, as discussed (10.3(4)), seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. e. Consider Recommendation for Nonresident Open Enrollment Applications. Motion by Rowe to approve all nonresident open enrollment applications as presented, seconded by Elvig. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. f. Consider Recommendation for Resident Open Enrollment Applications. Motion by Rowe to approve all resident open enrollment applications as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. g. Consider Recommendation for Food Service Van Purchase. Motion by Rowe to approve the purchase of a Ram ProMaster from Chilson Automotive in the amount of \$38,411 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. h. Consider Adoption of Board Calendar. Motion by Poquette to adopt the board calendar for July 2016 through June 2017 with the change discussed (only one meeting in July, on July 18), seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, absent; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 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.

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As of May 4, 2015

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Policy/Governance:
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Robin Elvig

Budget Development:
Brad Poquette, Chair
Dave Rowe

**Demographic Trends &
Facility Development:**
Dave Rowe, Chair
Mike Hilger

Negotiations/Meet & Confer:
Mike Hilger, Chair
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WASB Convention:
Dave Rowe, Delegate
Mike Hilger, Alternate

CESA Representative:
Brad Poquette
Mike Hilger, Alternate

**Community Education Partnership
Council:**
Mike Hilger

Technology:
Dave Rowe

Altoona Area Foundation:
Helen Drawbert

Parks & Recreation:
Brad Poquette

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