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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
October 2, 2017
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 the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:
Robin E. Elvig, President
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. September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the September 18 minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, abstain; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. September 28, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the September 28 minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. 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. (1) Katie Kuenkel, parent, addressed the board, noting concern with board policy 112 (Shared Decision Making-Board/Administration Relations) that delegates executive power within policy to the superintendent for the management of the district. (2) Helen Drawbert asked for a moment of silence in light of the tragedy in Las Vegas. (3) Mike Hilger commented about the role and responsibility of a board member, noting that the purpose of a closed session is to protect the reputation of the person(s) being discussed. He also noted his role as a volunteer mediator for Eau Claire County and the give and take process of resolving a dispute. (3) Dave Rowe shared a city update, indicating that Cedar Corp presented six options, the pro's/con's and issues, for the proposed KB trail. Project costs, which are included in the preliminary budget, are projected at \$2,000,000. (4) Dave also gave credit to Robin for her response to current events. (5) Robin Elvig reiterated and reminded attendees that the board is elected by the community to make decisions for the collective good that are based on facts. 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 \$917,732.78 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$2,188.16 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Update. Homecoming, SADD and Railway Ties were noted by Emily Studinski. Emily was a guest at today's Rotary Club meeting. **b. President's Report.** (1) Discuss Consultant Services for District Communications/Public Relations. Dr. Biedron will bring a recommendation to the board for consideration. **c. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Studer Update. Dr. KK Owen, leader coach, Studer Education, reviewed our progress and next steps. This year's work will focus on the development of Standards of Excellence based on the core values identified in the strategic plan: student focused, respect, responsibility, empathy, joy, continuous improvement, collaboration, and safety. The process includes feedback from a staff focus group. An overview of the evidence-based leadership process was also provided.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Employment Recommendation for Crossing Guard. Motion by Drawbert to employ Joann Dolce as crossing guard, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Consider Employment Recommendation for Middle School Tennis Coach. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation to employ Chris Hugo as middle school tennis coach for the 2017/18 season, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, no; Rowe, yes; Hilger, no; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 3-2. c. Consider Employment Recommendation for Robotics Coach. Motion by Hilger to approve the recommendation to employ Rachel Mills as robotics coach for the 2017/18 season, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Anticipated Closed Session as Per Section 19.85 (1) (c), (1) (f), (1) (g) – Wisc. Statute. Motion by Poquette to adjourn into closed session at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. a. Consider closed session minutes for September 18 and September 28, 2017; b. The Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(c), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats., preliminary consideration of a personnel problem which, if discussed in public, could have an adverse impact on the reputation of those involved and to confer with legal counsel regarding employment options and litigation which might arise.
12. Reconvene into open session to take or announce actions arising out of closed session, if any and if appropriate. Motion by Rowe to reconvene in open session at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. In lieu of action listed on the agenda (12.a. reconsideration of contract), board president, Robin Elvig, announced that an agreement was reached with Jamie Oliver in that he will continue as high school dean of students. Further, she asked for the support of staff, students, parents and community as we work together to improve communication.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

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