



# School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
1903 Bartlett Avenue  
November 21, 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 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. November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. Suzon Gordon, community member, inquired about any feedback from students following the November election. (2) Dave Rowe inquired about voter registration efforts for adult students. (3) Helen Drawbert followed up with a comment to convey that she was pleased that there were no disruptions in the classrooms following the election. (4) Dave Rowe mentioned two recent events that he attended including the Veteran's Day program at the elementary school and last Saturday's performance of "Mrs. Smyth Goes to Washington or The Apple of My Pie," a production of the high school drama department. 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 \$537,073.69 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$9,443.94 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures and revenues as of November 16, 2016 were included in the packet. Two cash position graphs (general fund 2011/12 to 2016/17) were also included.

9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** None. **b. General Information.** None. **c. President's Report.**
- (1) Update on KB Trail Project. David Rowe shared an update on the KB trail project. Funding for the engineering study has been included in the city budget by unanimous vote, helped in part by the commitment of up to \$20,000 from Altoona Outdoors contingent on the trail (being included in the budget for) completion by August 2018. (2) Movie Screening of Resilience. Robin Elvig, Brad Poquette and Mike Hilger attended the November 16 screening of Resilience and shared insights. Dr. Biedron indicated that another screening will be planned for staff. (3) NSBA Annual Conference and Exposition. Robin Elvig will attend the NSBA Conference in Denver, March 24 -27. **d. Superintendent's Report.**
- (1) Behavior Report/ Update, Altoona Intermediate School. Andrea Steffen, intermediate school principal, presented behavioral data for September and October 2016. (2) Wisconsin Student Assessment System, District Test Results 2015/16. Dan Peggs, middle school principal and District Assessment Coordinator, presented district test results for 2015/16 in the core subject areas of English language arts (K-11), mathematics (3-11), science (4, 8-11) and social studies (4, 8, 10). Dr. Biedron and principals reviewed steps being taken to address areas scoring below the state average proficient and advanced. Out of 32 scores compared, only four (4) scores were below the state average. (3) School and District Report Cards 2015/16. The School and District Report Cards were presented. (4) Studer Education Update. Strategic planning focus groups have been scheduled for staff and parents/community members on January 10, 4:00 p.m. for staff and 7:00 p.m. for parents/community. (5) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. Final projects are being wrapped up and were noted. Project bills are being finalized. (6) WSPRA Conference. Joyce Orth shared highlights from the WSPRA (Wisconsin School Public Relations Association) Conference attended in Sheboygan on November 10-11. (7) Foundation Options for Educational Entities. Options were discussed. Dr. Biedron will follow-up with the Eau Claire Community Foundation, and bring back more information. (8) Update on Policy 341.1 – Reading Instruction. Dr. Biedron indicated that the policy revision has been postponed pending a three-year plan that will influence reading instruction. (9) Rettler Proposal Follow-up. The bid process for the soil boring has been initiated. See 10.f. (10) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Topics announced included the December 15 WEDC Fab Lab Grant deadline.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Poquette to approve the employment of coaches/advisors for the 2016/17 season: Kyle Boyea, high school boys' basketball assistant and Tim Kaiser, high school boys' basketball assistant, as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Final Adoption of Policy 323 – Ceremonies and Observances/Religion. Motion by Drawbert to approve final adoption of Policy 323 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c.** Consider Final Adoption of Policy 330 – Curriculum Development and Improvement. Motion by Drawbert to approve final adoption of Policy 330 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **d.** Consider Final Adoption of Policy 333 – Parent Rights in Relation to District Programs/Activities and Student Privacy. Motion by Drawbert to approve final adoption of Policy 333 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **e.** Consider Initial Adoption of Policy 342.11 – Independent Education Evaluation Policy. Motion by Drawbert to approve initial adoption of Policy 342.11 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Consider Approval of Rettler Proposal for Track Assessment and Athletic Field Master Planning. Motion by Rowe to approve the Rettler Proposal in the amount of \$9,420 for Master Plan and Topographic Survey and Base Mapping as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. g. Consider Recommendation for Purchase of Bobcat 5600. Motion by Drawbert to approve the purchase of the Bobcat 5600 from Bobcat Plus in the amount of \$48,854 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. h. Consider Recommendation for Purchase of Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader. Motion by Drawbert to approve the purchase of the S570 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from Bobcat Plus in the amount of \$25,987 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

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District Clerk

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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.*