



# School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
Altoona Commons Addition  
December 21, 2015  
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. Report of notice was given. 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. December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes for December 7, as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. December 15, 2015 Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes for December 15, as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Dave Rowe shared an update concerning the man-made river planned for the northwest quadrant of River Prairie. At the recent City Council meeting, several stakeholders commented that the water feature was a significant factor for them in choosing the River Prairie development. The resolution for the river passed with two no votes. Dave noted that he is concerned about the ongoing costs associated with the project. (2) Dave Rowe also commented on feedback from taxpayers about their property tax bills. The upcoming Rails Review newsletter will address the issue. (3) Helen Drawbert mentioned that Jack Blackburn will deliver a copy of the document showing the prior work done on the multi-use trail on KB.

- b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. Mary Mickel, representing RAVE (Register and Vote Eau Claire) gave an overview of the organization. The non-partisan group's purpose is to increase voter registration in Eau Claire County by providing information to residents on the new voter ID requirements, early voting options and resources for rides to polling places. See 10.f.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Elvig to approve General fund checks totaling \$751,396.54 and Student activity fund checks totaling \$1,946.29 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Elvig to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. c. Expenditures and Revenues. The reports as of December 16, 2015 were included in packets. d. Appointment of Associated Trust Company, National Association to serve as Fiscal Agent. Mike Markgren reviewed his recommendation that Associated Trust Company, National Association serve as fiscal agent in connection with certain outstanding bond issues as specified by resolution. See 10.e.
9. Information. a. **Committee Reports.** None. b. **General Information.** (1) Policy Discussion. Policy 151 – Board Policy Adoption and Review was discussed. c. **President's Report.** (1) Superintendent Evaluation Process. Board members will complete the evaluations and return them to Joyce by January 11. A special meeting was scheduled for January 18 at 8:30 a.m. to review the compiled evaluations. (2) Resolution Supporting Increased Voter Registration. See 7.b. and 10.f. d. **Superintendent's Report.** (1) Review of Falls Sports and Overview of Coach Evaluations. Scott Hayden, athletic director, shared a review of falls sports and an overview of evaluations for the fall-season varsity coaches. (2) Wrestling Cooperative. Student interest in a wrestling program will be surveyed. A possible coop program with Regis is under discussion. (3) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of December 8 were reviewed: elementary school: 588; intermediate school: 246; middle school 315; and high school, 426 for a total of 1,575. (4) Economic Development Work Group Committee. Dr. Biedron reviewed the topics of discussion at the December 9 meeting. The possibility of extending or adding-to TID #4 was discussed as it relates to the highway 12 corridor. This discussion will be ongoing. (5) Cluster Board Retreat. The Cluster-wide board retreat will be held on February 17 in Augusta. Tom Thibodeau will present, "Showcasing Servant Leadership." (6) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The December 2015 elementary school progress update from Market & Johnson was distributed. Asbestos removal will begin under the stage in the middle school building over break. (7) Studer Education Update. Results from the Staff Engagement survey will be reviewed with the leadership team on January 7. A Support Services survey will be conducted in mid-January. (8) Proposed Change in Start and End Times for 2016/17. The bus pick-up times were reviewed. The earliest bus pick-up time would be 6:40 a.m. for elementary students under the change in start-time. The arrival time at the school would be between 7:15-7:20 a.m. (8:00 a.m. school start time). For students in grades 4-12, the earliest bus pick-up time would be 7:20-7:25 a.m. An additional bus route needed is not related to the new school or proposed change in start time. (9) Alternate Education Program and Completion Options. Resources explaining alternative education programs and high school completion credential options were included in packets for board review. Alan McCutcheon, pupil services director, will share an update from the committee and answer questions at the January 4 board meeting. (10) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced included: Student Transit's ribbon cutting and the "Fab Lab" grant.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Resignation of High School Study Hall Aide. Motion by Elvig to accept the resignation of Barb Chilson effective at the end of the work day on January 8, 2016 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Elvig to employ coaches for the 2015/16 season as recommended: Jen Varsho, middle school girls' basketball; Jeff Calkins, middle school girls' basketball; and Brad O'Connell, head high school baseball, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. c. Consider Amendment of Policy 423 – Public School Open Enrollment. Motion by Elvig to approve amendment of Policy 423 as presented and with current provisions pertaining to open enrollment for special education students for the 2015/16 school year remaining in place until the end of the (2015/16) school year, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Consider Deletion of Policy Section H: Negotiations. Motion by Hilger to delete policy Section H: Negotiations in its' entirety as presented, seconded by Elvig. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. e. Consider Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection With Outstanding Bond Issues. Motion by Rowe to approve the Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection With Outstanding Bond Issues as presented, seconded by Elvig. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. f. Consider Resolution Supporting Increased Voter Registration. Motion by Poquette to approve the Resolution Supporting Increased Voter Registration, as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. g. Consider 2016 Resolutions for Delegate Assembly. Motion by Poquette to give the Delegate authority to act on the board's behalf at the 2016 Delegate Assembly, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 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

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