



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
November 6, 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 6:31 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. October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the October 16 minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. October 25, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion by Poquette to approve the October 25 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) Dave Rowe shared highlights from last week's high school choral concert. He also noted that high school theater students will perform, "Any Famous Last Words?," November 16-18. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.
8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Drawbert to approve General Fund checks totaling \$1,522,022.96 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$2,866.25 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Update. In her absence, a written update from student representative, Emily Studinski was reviewed. (2) Middle School Grading Changes. Daniel Peggs, middle school principal, gave an overview of standards-based grading. This school year, grading practices will be aligned, power standards will be identified and finalized, technology to support the new system will be readied and communications will occur with parents, students, and staff, all in preparation for the switch to standards based grading in the middle school in the 2018/19 school year. (3) GT Services Restructuring Update. Pupil services director, Alan McCutcheon, introduced the advanced learner/GT teams at each school and their roles. In addition to the pupil services director, principal, school psychologist and school counselor, each building level team includes a school liaison to support teachers in differentiation and transition between grades, and grade-level/building representatives to communicate information within teams and with the liaison to support advanced learners in core classes. (4) Soccer Program Change. Jason LeMay, high school principal, reviewed potential changes in the soccer program that will come to the board at the next meeting. **b. General Information.** (1) Announcement of School Board Election. Mike Hilger, Clerk, announced the April 3, 2018 spring election, the timeline and the process to be placed on the ballot. Candidates can begin circulating nomination papers as of December 1, and the deadline to file all paperwork is 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2018. One board seat will be open. **c. President's Report.** (1) WASB Fall Regional Meeting. Board members, Dr. Biedron and Joyce Orth attended the October 24 meeting at the Florian Gardens. In addition, Robin Elvig and Helen Drawbert attended a budget update workshop held prior to the meeting. Three board members received WASB member recognition for advancement to another level in the WASB Member Recognition Program - Robin Elvig for attaining a Level 5, Mike Hilger, Level 4, and Dave Rowe, Level 3. Level 5 is the highest award level, requiring a minimum of 675 professional development points. (2) Bartlett Avenue Reconstruction Project Update. Dave Rowe shared an update from the October 26 city council meeting, and reviewed the dates of upcoming meetings that will deal with the project and its' hopeful inclusion in the budget. The city budget will be finalized on November 28. (3) Policy Discussion: 521.1 – Staff Communication and Lines of Responsibility. Helen Drawbert recommended that the board rescind Policy 521.1 (see 10.o.) until the policy can be rewritten. (4) Policy Resource Guide Overview. Postponed. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of October 20 were reviewed: elementary, 595; intermediate school, 247; middle school, 354; and high school 418 for a total of 1614. (2) New Scoreboards. The new scoreboards have been installed in the high school gym. The old scoreboards were installed in the middle school. (3) Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent teacher conferences were held district wide on October 20-21. Dr. Biedron indicated that there was a 95% participation rate, overall, and positive feedback about the new format. (4) Family Learning Night. The elementary school's Family Learning Night was held on October 26 with 600+ in attendance. (5) Veteran's Day Programs. Veteran's Day programs will be held on Friday, November 10 at the elementary school at 8:00 a.m. and at the high school at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. program at the high school. (6) Standards of Excellence Focus Group. The next focus group meeting is scheduled for November 14. (7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). The Fab Lab grant period opened on October 18; applications are due December 14. Family Learning Night is scheduled for November 9 at AIS.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of Custodian.** Motion by Rowe to accept the retirement of Jeannie York, maintenance custodian, effective February 1, 2018 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Position and Employment Recommendation for Limited Term K-12 Math Coach.** Motion by Hilger to approve the additional position and employment of Stacy Winsand as K-12 math coach for the limited term, remainder of 2017/18, as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, no; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 4-1. **c. Consider Recommendation for Additional Limited Term .50 Physical Education Teacher Position.** Motion by Drawbert to postpone action, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Head Hockey Coach Position. Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Nick Stirmel as head hockey coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. e. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Assistant Hockey Coach Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Teegan Brock as assistant hockey coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. f. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Assistant Hockey Coach Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Jesse Hays as assistant hockey coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. g. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Assistant (C-Team) Boys Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Poquette to approve the employment of Caleb Burch as assistant (C-Team) boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. h. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Jason Boyarski as 7th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. i. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Scott Hayden as 7th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. j. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Andy Riechers as 8th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. k. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Dave Roseth as 8th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. l. Consider Application for Cooperative Team Renewal for Girls' Golf. Motion by Poquette to approve the application for cooperative team renewal for girls' golf for 2018/19-2019/20 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. m. Consider Request for Early Graduation. Motion by Drawbert to approve the request for early graduation at the end of semester 1 2017/18 submitted by Jennifer Struchen as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. n. Consider Amendment of Policy 224 – Shared Decision Making – Board/Administrator Relations. Motion by Drawbert to amend Policy 224 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. o. Consider Amendment of Policy 521.1 – Staff Communication and Lines of Responsibility. Motion by Drawbert to amend Policy 521.1, seconded by Poquette. Motion by Drawbert to amend the main motion and rescind Policy 521.1, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call on amendment of main motion to reflect rescindment of Policy 521.1: Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. p. Consider Recommendation for Bid Award – Student Chair Replacement Project. Motion by Poquette to approve the bid from School Specialty in the amount of \$11,686.35 for chair replacement K-8 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. q. Consider Resolution Authorizing a Line-of-Credit in Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8) (a) 1, Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Rowe to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Anticipated Closed Session as Per Section 19.85 (1) (c), (1) (f), (1) (g) – Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn into closed session at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. a. Consider closed session minutes for September 18, September 28, October 2, October 25, 2017; b. The Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1) (c), (f), (g) Wisc. 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.
12. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Poquette to reconvene and take no action at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Drawbert. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. As a personnel matter with legal implications and financial ramifications, Robin Elvig stated that there would be no announcement concerning this personnel matter at this time.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 9:42 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, November 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

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