



# School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
1903 Bartlett Avenue  
November 20, 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. adjacent to the District board room in the Pedersen Commons.
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  
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary  
Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent; Absent
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. Robin Elvig addressed the parents, staff and community members in attendance, noting parameters/confidentiality with regard to personnel issues and closed sessions.
6. Approval of Minutes. a. November 6, 2017 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. (1) Helen Drawbert and Dave Rowe noted the high school play, "Any Famous Last Words?" performed by the high school theater students on November 16-18, and recognized play advisors, Kim Butnick and Tammy VanBlarcom. (2) Wendy Springer, former parent and coach, shared an update from the Dig Pink event hosted by the volleyball team on October 3. Anita Schubring and Joann Walker were each presented with proceeds of \$1870.50. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Wendy Springer, former parent and coach, noted her concerns regarding recent news coverage, and the lack of follow-up to parents relative to the November 14 Leader Telegram article in particular. She requested a timeframe for resolution. (2) Roberta Dvorak Lenz, community member, addressed personnel-related concerns and the board's response.

8. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Drawbert to approve General Fund checks totaling \$90,432.19 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$5,842.05 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 Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. c. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures, revenues and cash position (general fund 2011/12 to 2017/18) as of November 14, 2017 were reviewed.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Joint Review Board. Mike Markgren, business manager, attended the November 13 meeting and gave the update. An amendment to TID (Tax Incremental District) #3 was discussed and a follow-up meeting was scheduled for November 22. (2) Altoona Area Foundation. Helen Drawbert, board representative, reviewed the November 15 meeting. Two scholarship awards of \$450 each were allocated. **b. General Information.** (1) Fabrication Laboratories Grant Information. Applications for the Fab Lab Grant are due on December 14. The WEDC will provide grants of up to \$25,000; applicants are required to match the funding. (See 10.g.) **c. President's Report.** (1) State Education Convention. The State Education Convention will be held January 16-19 in Milwaukee. (2) Policy Resource Guide Demonstration. Postponed.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Resignation of Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach. Motion by Poquette to accept the resignation of David Roseth as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Joseph Diekelman as middle school boys' basketball 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. c. Consider Recommendation for Approval of Volunteer Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion by Drawbert to approve the assignment of Paul Henrichs as volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Consider Recommendation for Approval of Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach. Motion by Poquette to approve the assignment of Bill Perry as volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. e. Consider Application for New Cooperative Team Sponsorship – Boys' Soccer. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Coop Application with Fall Creek High School for boys' soccer, 2018/19-2019/20, as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. f. Consider Application for New Cooperative Team Sponsorship – Girls' Soccer. Motion by Rowe to approve the Coop Application with Fall Creek High School for girls' soccer, 2018/19-2019/20, as presented, seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. g. Consider Resolution Supporting the WEDC Fab Lab Grant. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the Resolution as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. h. Consider Resolution of Support: Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2018-2022 Transportation Alternatives Program Award Cycle. Motion by Drawbert to adopt the Resolution as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, 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 7:19 p.m. seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. a. Consider closed session minutes for November 6, 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; this may or may not include legal counsel.

12. Reconvene Into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Drawbert to reconvene and take no action at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. Robin Elvig announced that the board conferred with legal counsel to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation; while there is no resolution in this ongoing process, the board is keeping the best interests of students in the forefront.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017 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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