



# School District of Altoona

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## ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
1903 Bartlett Avenue  
December 4, 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  
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary  
Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent
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 20, 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 thanked Dave Rowe for his work in support of the KB reconstruction project. (2) Dave Rowe recognized the many volunteers involved with the Altoona Athletic Booster's craft sale. It is also noted that two district teachers, Todd Lenz and Kelly Ostrander, have been nominated in the VolumeOne "Best Of" the Chippewa Valley Reader Poll. 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 \$995,875.01 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$396.26 as presented, seconded by Drawbert. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Student Representative's Update. The Region 1 WASC Fall Summit, A Time to Share, the Academic Decathlon, Math Club and Interact Club were among the clubs/events noted by Emily Studinski in her update. The middle school and high school student councils co-hosted the WASC Fall Summit at UWEC on November 16. As of this time, "A Time to Share" has raised \$2,000 in student contributions. Mitch Adrian was a guest at today's Rotary Club meeting. (2) Fuel Up to Play 60 Update. Greg Emerson, physical education teacher, and Isabella Bauer, 6th grade student, shared information about Fuel Up to Play 60 and the process that Isabella undertook to become one of three finalists in the nation in the NFL Play 60 Super Kid competition. If Isabella secures the most votes, she will hand-off the game ball to the refs at Super Bowl 2018. Voting closes on December 5 at 11:00 a.m. Isabella also performed her NFL Play 60 rap. (3) School Report Cards. School Report Cards for 2016/17 were presented. They are fully available on the district website. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Joint Review Board. Mike Markgren attended the November 22 meeting. The board met to consider an amendment to TID #3 for the purpose of extending utilities east on Bartlett/KB to facilitate future development. The review board approved the resolution. (2) Parks & Rec Committee. Brad Poquette reviewed the November 27 meeting. Richard Allen is working with the department on a parks beautification process. Banner and brochure ad fees, park facility rentals, and adult softball league fees for 2018 were also discussed. (3) City Update/Bartlett Avenue Project. Dave Rowe gave the update from the November 28 budget committee and city council meetings. A motion to amend the budget to include the entire Bartlett Avenue/KB project for completion in 2018 failed by a 3-5 vote of the budget committee. A motion to amend the budget to include the full length of the Bartlett/KB trail with TID funding also failed at the city council meeting by a vote of 3-4. The council may reconsider for completion in 2018 at such time that needed land is acquired. Project completion of the trail from Bartlett Avenue (east of 3rd Street E) to Walden Court is included in the budget. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President's Report.** (1) State Education Convention. The State Education Convention will be held January 16-19 in Milwaukee. (2) Policy Resource Guide Demonstration. Helen Drawbert and Joyce Orth reviewed changes in the Policy Resource Guide and the PRG portal. **e. Superintendent's Report.** **a. Studer Update - Standards of Excellence.** A staff focus group has been working on Standards of Excellence to reflect our values. **b. Women's Giving Circle Grant Award.** The school district has been awarded a grant of \$5,966 for K-3 STEM coding and robotics from the Women's Giving Circle. The program is designed to address gender-related bias in STEM fields. **c. Eau Claire Community Foundation Grant Proposal to Support Fab Lab Grant Match.** The fundraising summary provided by Realityworks® was reviewed. A grant proposal to the Eau Claire Community Foundation has been recently completed and submitted; grant proposals have also been submitted to RCU Foundation, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Walmart Foundation and the Ann Marie Foundation. In addition, fundraising letters have been sent to area businesses. Funds raised will support the required \$25,000 match for the WEDC Fab Lab grant. **d. Monthly Enrollment Report.** Student enrollments as of November 20 were reported: elementary, 597; intermediate, 248; middle, 357; and high 414 for a district total of 1616. **e. Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion).** Bomb threat trainings are being conducted by Jon Lauscher, school resource officer.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Resignation of Head Varsity Softball Coach.** Motion by Drawbert to accept the resignation of Emilee Planert from her position as head varsity softball coach, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Recommendation for .50 Limited-Term Physical Education Teacher Position for Second Semester 2017/18.** Motion by Poquette to approve the .50 physical education teacher position for a limited term, second semester 2017/18, as recommended, seconded by Drawbert. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Approval of Application for Boys' Soccer Inclusion in WIAA Tournaments 2018/19.** Motion by Rowe to approve the Application for WIAA Tournament Participation 2018/19 for boys' soccer as presented, seconded by Hilger. 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) Wisc. Statutes. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn into closed session at 7:25 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 November 20, 2017; b. The Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1) (c), (1) (f) Wisc. Stats. for consideration of a personnel problem which, if discussed in public could have an adverse impact on the reputation of those involved.
12. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Necessary Action. Motion by Poquette to reconvene into open session and take action at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Rowe to remove Dr. Biedron from the duties and responsibilities of superintendent and temporarily reassign until the next step can be taken, effective immediately, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Drawbert to adjourn at 8:51, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Drawbert, 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, December 18, 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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