



# School District of Altoona

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## ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
District Board Room  
809 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
September 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 M. 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. September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Mike Hilger noted his recent visit with Andrea Steffen, Director of Instruction, to review the curricular systems, and he encouraged others to do the same. He also mentioned an area of interest, American Indian studies, and indicated that American Indian history seems to be taught in several areas of the curriculum. (2) Dave Rowe reviewed the current status of fall sports and noted that community member, Mike Vaughan, spoke on behalf of Altoona Outdoors and the bike path at the recent City Council meeting. (3) Helen Drawbert met with the board presidents from Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire to discuss options for meeting with area legislators. She also noted her appreciation for our policy work that has been done. (4) Governor Walker's withdrawal from the presidential race was announced. 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 \$530,832.71 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$1,727.23 as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  
b. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  
c. Expenditures and Revenues 2014/15. Final expenditures and revenues for 2014/15 were reviewed.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** None. **b. General Information.** (1) Policy Discussion. Policy 446.2 – Use of Drug-Detection Canine Units in Search Activities was discussed. The title will be changed to reflect that the policy also deals with the detection of explosives. **c. President's Report.** (1) Board Development Session. The board development session was confirmed for November 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (2) Board Evaluation. A special board meeting was scheduled for October 21, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. The board evaluations will be compiled, and reviewed at that time. (3) WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. The WASB is offering this conference November 7 in Stevens Point, topics to include the value of school boards, state finances and advocacy. Democratic and republican state lawmakers have also been invited to discuss their vision for the future of K-12 education. If attending, board members will let Joyce know by October 26. **d. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Fall Superintendent's Conference. Dr. Biedron attended the Fall Superintendent's Conference in Madison, September 16-18, and shared highlights. (2) Annexation of Parcel from Town of Washington to City of Altoona. Parcel ID number 024-1197-04-000, with the exception of the southernmost two (2) rods, is in the process of being annexed from the Town of Washington into the City of Altoona. The parcel is located on the western edge of the school district's property on KB. No electors reside on the parcel. See 10.f. (3) Committee Update. Dr. Biedron shared an update from the school calendar and school day start and end times committees, and distributed a first draft calendar proposal. The draft calendar for 2016/17 features a September 8 school start date for students, and a June 9 end date. Dr. Biedron will get feedback on the calendar and a potential change in school day start and end times from parents including the Parent Advisory Committee. The school day start and end times committee is looking at an earlier start for students K-3 at approximately 7:45 a.m., and a start time of approximately 8:20 a.m. for grades 4-12. (4) Proposal for Additional Aide Support in Sixth Grade. Middle school principal, Gary Pszeniczny is recommending the addition of a three-hour per day aide position for the remainder of the school year. His recommendation is based on student to teacher ratio and the need for instructional support in sixth grade science and social studies classrooms. Also, as part of the proposal, Thaddeus Brown is recommended to fill the limited term position. See 10.a.b. (5) Studer Education Proposal. The Studer Education proposal for implementation of their Evidence-Based Leadership framework was discussed. The three-year contract period would be from October 1, 2015 to September 29, 2018 and would also include a customizable strategic planning process. (See 10.e. and September 8, 2015 board meeting, 9.e. (3).) (6) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. The current status of building projects was reviewed. The district logo sign will be installed at the high school this week, and a new drone video of the elementary school site is available and was viewed. (7) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Items announced included Dr. Biedron's guest appearance on 790 Today, our kick-off meeting with STEP workers and inservice both scheduled for September 23, the September 30 ribbon cutting at the River Prairie Kwik Trip, and Cluster Camp on October 2.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Recommendation for Limited Term Part-Time Middle School Aide Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the limited term part-time (three-hours per day) middle school aide position for the remainder of the 2015/16 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Consider Recommendation to Fill Limited Term Part-Time Middle School Aide Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Thaddeus Brown in the limited term part-time (three-hours per day) middle school aide position for the remainder of the 2015/16 school year as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. See 9.d.(4).

c. Consider Approval of Co-curricular/Additional Assignments 2015/16. Motion by Elvig to approve the co-curricular/additional assignments for 2015/16 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Consider Approval of Revised Step Schedule for Clerical/Aides, Custodial/Maintenance and Food Service Employee Group. Motion by Elvig to approve the revised step schedule as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Consider Three-Year Partnership Contract with Studer Education. Motion by Elvig to approve the three-year partnership contract with Studer Education in the amount of \$28,000 per year as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. See 9.d. (5).

f. Consider Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0217(2) Where No Electors Reside in Territory. Motion by Rowe to adopt the Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0217(2) Where No Electors Reside in Territory as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. See 9.d. (2).

11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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.*