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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
November 2, 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. October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the October minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, abstain; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-0. b. October 21, 2015 Special Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the October 21 minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. c. October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the October 26 minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Helen Drawbert gave an overview of board meeting procedures for the benefit of our student guests from the intermediate school. (2) Dr. Biedron congratulated the volleyball team for their victory at sectionals. They will play at state vs. East Troy on Friday, 4:00 p.m. There will be no classes at the high school on Friday. (3) Helen Drawbert recognized board members for their WASB Board Recognition awards. Between them, they have earned Levels I through V. She also noted that a newsletter is expected to be published in December. (4) Claire Pszeniczny, student representative, presented recent and upcoming events at the high school including the October Railway drawing, the October 26 concert, the student council's fall community project, dates and times for volleyball tournament play, and the high school drama scheduled for November 19-21.
   b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. None.

8. Treasurer's Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Elvig to approve General Fund checks totaling $4,066,203.57 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling $1,386.36 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase**. (1) Altoona Intermediate School Showcase. Chris Gutsch, intermediate school teacher, introduced 4-5 grade students who shared their original poetry and informational-writings. The students presenting were: Callan Parchinsky, reading Pick Some Pumpkins; Elli Anderson, reading Thanksgiving; Paige Bunkelman, reading Magic; Kennedy Trippler and Olivia Oberholtzer, sharing information and an invitation to the intermediate school play; Jacob Koehler, sharing information about safety patrol, and Ben Bain, sharing information about Lego Club. The students concluded by reading the Class Poem as a group. (2) Pupil Services Team Overview. Alan McCutcheon, director of pupil services and special education, gave an overview of the pupil services team put in place this year. The team meets weekly to bring resources together to meet the needs of the whole-student. (3) Parent-Teacher Conference Participation. Principals shared their participation numbers for the October 12-13 parent teacher conference sessions. **b. Committee Reports**. None. **c. General Information**. (1) Spring Election Timeline. The timeline for the April 5 spring election was reviewed. December 1 is the earliest date for circulation of nomination papers, and January 5 is the deadline for filing all documents. The terms of Bradley Poquette and David Rowe will expire in April. Any new board members would take office on April 25, 2016. **d. President's Report**. (1) Legislative Updates. A legislative contact will be appointed to monitor legislative news and share updates with the board at the second meeting of the month. Helen noted highlights from Dan Rossmiller's Legislative Updates that are emailed on Friday's. The October issue of the WPEN Action News was included in packets, and some of the topics were discussed briefly. (2) Classroom Visits. Brad Poquette shared an update from his classroom visit to a high school classroom today. He also has a visit scheduled to an elementary classroom. Dave Rowe and Robin Elvig both met with Anita Schubring, school nurse, about the CNA program. **e. Superintendent's Report**. (1) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. Dave Cihasky, ADG Architects, presented a preview of plans for the current campus project. Jason Plante and Justin Geissler, Market & Johnson, shared rationale for their recommendation to proceed with a Request for Proposal process for the mechanical (HVAC) contractor. The selected contractor would assist with the design process and have pre-fab capability. The walking/bike trail along KB to the new elementary school was also discussed. A letter will be drafted and sent to city council members and the mayor requesting that the trail be completed for the start of the 2016/17 school year. (2) School Start and End Time Survey Results. The survey results were reviewed. Of those responding, 62% (245 out of 395) were in support of the proposed change in start and end times for 2016/17. The survey was open October 12 through October 26. The topic will be included on an upcoming agenda for board action. (3) Monthly Enrollment Report. Student enrollments as of October 16 were reviewed: elementary, 595; intermediate, 249; middle, 324; and high, 430 for a total of 1598. (4) Girls Golf Cooperative with Regis. A cooperative girls' golf coop program with Regis is proposed pending board approvals. See 10.c. (5) Server Replacement Project. The proposal to replace our current fleet of servers was reviewed. Our current servers range in age from 5 years to 7 years, and all but one are outside their warranty period. The replacement is expected to save approximately $2,000 per year in electrical cost. See 10.e. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Topics announced included the Personalized Learning Conference and the Cluster A Board Retreat scheduled for February 17 in Augusta.

10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. a. Consider Resignation of Baseball Head Coach. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Troy Oestreich, baseball head coach, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Consider Recommendation to Fill Extracurricular Positions. Motion by Elvig to approve the employment recommendation for coaches/advisors for the 2015/16 season: Hunter Jeske, assistant high school forensics; Braxton Phillips, 7th grade basketball; Mark Nordy 8th grade boys' basketball; and Jeff Calkins, 8th grade boys' basketball, seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Consider Application for New Cooperative Team Sponsorship for Girls Golf. Motion by Poquette to approve the application for cooperative team sponsorship with Regis for girls' golf as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
d. Consider Youth Options Intentions List for Second Semester 2015/16. Motion by Elvig to approve the Youth Options intentions list for second semester 2015/16 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. e. Consider Recommendation for Server Replacement Project. Motion by Elvig to approve the purchase of a Dell Power Edge R430 Server from Davenport Group at a cost not to exceed $48,387 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, no; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 4-1. (See 9.e. (5).)

11. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

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District Clerk 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.