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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
District Board Room
809 7th Street West
March 2, 2015
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice President, Robin Elvig at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present and absent:
Helen S. Drawbert, President; Absent
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. February 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Claire Pszeniczny, student representative, announced past and upcoming high school events and activities including the 2015 talent show, the Dorian Festival, basketball playoffs, spring sports, ACT college entrance exams for juniors, the March 19-21 performances of "Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery," and the choir trip to New York City. Claire also noted the student council's meeting with Dr. Biedron to give input regarding the high school entryway project. The board would like Mr. Pepowski to report back concerning the ACT Suite. 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 \$899,863.47 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$26,097.39 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Information. **a. School Showcase.** (1) Poetry Out Loud. High school English language arts teacher, Angela Roloson, shared an overview of the Poetry Out Loud program, and students Janessa Gould and Ben Theyerl recited their pieces from district competition on February 18. Janessa qualified for State and will compete in Madison on March 14. Ben is the first alternate. In addition, 13 students from Mrs. Roloson’s language arts classes participated in a related activity - the Alzheimer’s Poetry Project (APP) on February 17. The students were trained by Gary Glazner, the founder and Executive Director of APP; following the training session they worked with residents at Oakwood Villa. **b. Committee Reports.** (1) Altoona Parks & Recreation Committee. The February 23 meeting was reviewed. Topics of discussion included agreements pertaining to use of city facilities during Cinder City days and next steps for Centennial Park development. **c. General Information.** (1) Notice of Openings on Chippewa Valley Technical College District Board. The notice of CVTC District Board vacancies was included in packets. (2) Policy Discussion. Policy 881.1 – Relations with Booster/Parent Organizations was discussed. **d. President’s Report.** None. **e. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) On Track for the Future! – Building Projects Update. The February 26 city council meeting was reviewed. At that time the council discussed extension of water and sewer utilities to the new elementary school site. The topic will be discussed again. Dr. Biedron also shared the initial design for the exterior of the high school entryway and reviewed preliminary projections for the number of classrooms needed in the 2016/17 school year. The public will be invited to a building project preview at the March 16 board meeting. That meeting will be held in the Commons Addition, 1827 Bartlett Avenue. (2) Substitute Teachers. A “free lunch for subs” program is being piloted for the remainder of the school year. Utilization and cost will be evaluated before making a decision about continuing the program. (3) Insurance Committee. The February 19 meeting was reviewed. The district is working with Associated Financial Group to broker insurance options. The committee will meet again on March 4. (4) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Nine out of the ten parent members attended the first meeting of the PAC on February 24 and Dr. Biedron reviewed the topics of discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21. (5) Enrollment Update Report. Student enrollments as of February 23 were reported: Pedersen, 578; intermediate school, 242; middle school, 312; and high school, 419 for a total of 1,551. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events. Items announced included last Friday’s NewsTalk interview, the Cluster A Board Retreat on March 4, the upcoming Retirement Committee meeting, and the 8th grade National History Day showcase on March 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 in the middle school lower gym.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Retirement of Physical Education Teacher.** Motion by Rowe to accept the retirement of Cliff Kleinke effective at year end 2014/15 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **b. Consider Retirement of Library Media Specialist.** Motion by Hilger to accept the retirement of Roberta Kuchta effective at year end 2014/15 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **c. Consider Retirement of Payroll and Benefits Specialist.** Motion by Rowe to accept the retirement of Kathy Marko effective June 30, 2015 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **d. Consider Resignation of High School Language Arts Teacher.** Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Hailey Neumueller effective at year end 2014/15 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **e. Consider Initial Adoption of Policy 343.4 – Course Options Program.** Motion by Rowe to approve initial adoption of Policy 343.4 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. **f. Consider Amendment of Policy 424 – Participation of Non-Public Schools Students in District Courses and Activities.** Motion by Rowe to amend Policy 424 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

g. Consider Approval of 424-Exhibit – Individual Course Application for Non-Public School Students. Motion by Rowe to approve 424-Exhibit as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. h. Consider Final Adoption of Policy 631.1 – Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations and Continuing Disclosure. Motion by Rowe to approve final adoption of Policy 631.1 as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. i. Consider Amendment of Policy 840 - Public Gifts to the Schools and Sponsorships. Motion by Hilger to amend Policy 840 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. j. Consider Approval of 840-Rule - Guidelines for Acceptance of Gifts to the Schools and Sponsorships. Motion by Rowe to approve 840-Rule as presented, seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. k. Consider Initial Adoption of Policy 882 – School Resource Officer Program. Motion by Rowe to approve initial adoption of Policy 882 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. l. Consider Recommendation for District Paper Purchase. Motion by Elvig to approve the district paper purchase from Contract Paper Group (CPG) Inc. in the amount of \$19,681.20 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. m. Consider Approval of CESA Service Contract for 2015/16. Motion by Hilger to approve the CESA Services Contract for 2015/16 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0. n. Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$13,000,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds. Motion by Rowe to adopt the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$13,000,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjournment. Motion by Rowe to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona Commons Addition, 1827 Bartlett Avenue.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

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.