ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
December 2, 2013
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 Altoona commons addition.

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. November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. November 21, 2013 Special Meeting/Work Session. Motion by Elvig to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.


8. Treasurer’s Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Rowe to approve general fund checks totaling $837,556.96 and Student activity fund checks totaling $761.91 as presented, seconded by Elvig. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. School Showcase. a. Student Representative’s Update. John Disalle reviewed recent and upcoming events including a food drive to support the food pantry, a Time to Share, Spirit Week and Winter Games. b. Altoona High School Visit to Adlai Stevenson High School. Altoona High School teachers Steve Marczinke, Angela Jeske and Hailey Neumueller, along with school counselor Jay Mielke and principal Jeff Pepowski, shared highlights from their October 22 visit to Adlai Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire IL. As part of the high school’s leadership process, they will implement some of the strategies to improve student learning. Karsten Powell also went on the site visit.
10. Information.  
a. Committee Reports.  (1) Altoona Parks & Recreation Committee.  Robin Elvig reviewed
the November 25 meeting. An update on plans to develop Centennial Park was among the topics of
discussion.  
b. General Information.  (1) Policy Development.  Proposed changes to 455.2-Rule – Altoona
School District Parking and Traffic Rules and 455.2-Exhibit – Parking Permit Form were discussed.
c. President’s Report.  (1) December 16 Board Meeting. The start time for the December 16 board
meeting was changed to 6:00 p.m.  
d. Superintendent’s Report.  a. Altoona Library Board.  The November
20 meeting was reviewed.  
b. Athletic Booster Club Debt.  The request from the Athletic Booster Club
for the district to take over over $20,000 of their $32,000 debt owed on the Field Improvement Project was
discussed again.  
c. Race to the Top Grant.  CESA 10’s grant application was not one of the 30 selected to advance.
d. 21stCentury Grant.  The district will submit a grant featuring possible partnerships with the Boys and
Girls Club and Grace Lutheran Foundation to support high quality academic support, recreation, and youth
development programs after school hours. The grant application is due January 30, 2014.  
e. Hour of Code.  The Hour of Code event is scheduled for December 9-15 in conjunction with Computer Science Education
Week.  Our schools are signed up to participate by including an hour of coding at some point during the
week. See 11.d.  

11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion.  
a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Part-time Elementary Special Education Aide Position for Limited Term Employment (Remainder of
2013/14).  
Motion by Elvig to employ Lynn Kinnard to fill the special education aide, limited term part-time (.42) position for the remainder of 2013/14 as recommended, seconded by Hilger.  Poquette, yes;
Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  
Motion by Rowe to employ Joseph Petersen to fill the 7th grade boys basketball coach position for the 2013/14 season as recommended, seconded by Poquette.  Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  
c. Consider Recommendation to Fill Altoona High School Leadership Team Positions.  
Motion by Poquette to approve the Altoona High School leadership (RtI) team for 2013/14 as recommended: Erin Lynnes, Anita Fairbanks, Kim Butnick, Wendy Nelson, Karsten Powell, Steve Marczinke, seconded by Hilger.  Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  
d. Consider Resolution Supportive of Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code.  
Motion by Rowe to adopt the Resolution Supportive of Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code, as presented, seconded by Elvig.  Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.  

Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Hilger.  Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013
at 6:00 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition, 1827 Bartlett Avenue.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary