



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Altoona Commons Addition
July 1, 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. June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Elvig to approve the June 17 minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. June 26, 2013 Special Meeting. Motion by Rowe to approve the June 26 minutes as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. (1) Helen Drawbert congratulated Dr. Biedron on her one-year anniversary with the district. 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 \$1,691,656.64, student activity fund checks totaling \$9,901.49 and debt service fund checks totaling \$2,468,866.51 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Information. **a. Committee Reports.** (1) Parks & Recreation Committee. Robin Elvig, board representative, shared an update from the June 24 meeting.

- (2) Demographic Trends & Facilities Planning Committee. The June 25 meeting was reviewed. The committee has made progress narrowing options to address crowding and safety concerns into the future. Ways to address the immediate overcrowding issues are also under discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16. **b. General Information.** (1) Policy Development. Policy 841 – Sponsorship, Rule and Exhibits were reviewed. **c. President’s Report.** (1) WASB 2013 Educator Effectiveness Conference. The WASB will sponsor the Educator Effectiveness Conference on August 6, 8 and 14 in Madison, Green Bay and Turtle Lake respectively. **d. Superintendent’s Report.** (1) 733-Rule – Energy Use and Conservation: Report on Classroom Refrigerator Use. Classroom refrigerator use was reviewed. (2) Recommendation for FTE Increase in High School Office. The high school administration is recommending an increase to full-time for the part-time office position. Added responsibilities for the position would include RtI (Response to Intervention)-related duties (see 10.d.). (3) Quality Educator Convention. Dr. Biedron shared highlights from the Quality Educator Convention held June 19-21 in Madison. She attended along with Karen Henry, Joann Walker, Gary Pszeniczny, Jeff Pepowski, and Jamie Oliver. (4) Proposal for School Perceptions Facility Planning/Community Engagement Survey. A proposal from School Perceptions to conduct a community engagement survey was reviewed and discussed. Working toward a spring referendum, the survey would be best conducted in September to help understand community priorities and their willingness to support options to address space and safety issues. The cost estimate for the three step process is \$9,800 (not including printing or postage). David Rowe will follow up with districts that used School Perceptions but did not pass a referendum. (5) Books in the Park. The first Books in the Park session was held on June 28. About 305 attended. Two sessions remain, on July 12 and 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m. at 10th Street Park. A grant from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1,000 was used to purchase books. The grant was written by DeAnn Halverson. (6) Project Based Learning (PBL) School Update. The PBL team’s last meeting was on June 24. (7) Superintendent’s Transition Plan Update. Dr. Biedron distributed her updated Transition Plan. All items on the Transition Plan have been completed. (8) Other News, Meetings and Events. Items announced include: next week’s PLC Institute, the cancelation of July “Coffee” and “Conversations with Connie,” Dr. Biedron’s guest appearance on WAYY News Talk 790 on July 3 at 8:10 a.m., and the distribution of tentative final aid estimates. Dr. Biedron shared a flooring sample for possible use in the high school (approval on July 15). She also noted that the railroad is donating surplus crossing gates for use on the football field.
10. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Foodservice Position**. Motion by Rowe to employ Jeff Anger as foodservice “hauler,” seconded by Poquette. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill High School English Teacher Position**. Motion by Elvig to employ Angela Jeske as high school English teacher starting in 2013/14, seconded by Hilger. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Computer/Network Support Technician Position**. No action. **d. Consider Recommendation to Increase FTE for High School Office Assistant to Full-Time**. Motion by Rowe to approve the recommendation to increase the FTE for the high school office assistant position to full-time as presented, seconded by Elvig. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0 (see 9.d. (2)). **e. Consider Approval of Any Amount Over Prior Estimated Cost of \$172,595 on Boiler Replacement Project**. Motion by Elvig to take no action on the boiler replacement project (due to higher than expected bids), seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **f. Consider Approval of 153-Rule Board of Education Self Evaluation**. Motion by Drawbert to postpone approval of 153-Rule, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **g. Consider 66.0301 Agreement with the Menomonie School District for Special Education Services for 2011/12**. Motion by Elvig to approve the 66.0301 with the Menomonie school district for the 2011/12 school year as presented, seconded by Rowe. Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

h. Consider 66.0301 Agreement with the Eau Claire Area School District for Special Education Services for 2013/14. Motion by Rowe to approve the 66.0301 with the Eau Claire Area School District for 2013/14 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0. i. Consider WASB Membership Renewal for 2013/14. Motion by Elvig to approve the WASB Membership renewal and dues of \$4,241.00 for 2013/14 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes; Rowe, yes; Drawbert, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Board Evaluation. The compiled board evaluations were reviewed, with areas of lowest average score discussed, in particular. Written comments were also reviewed and next steps discussed.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Elvig to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Rowe. 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, July 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Altoona commons addition.

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 on our unique, single campus setting.