

Almond-Bancroft School District  
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Meeting held at the Bancroft School**  
January 16, 2008 6:30 pm  
**OPEN MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1) Call Meeting to Order by President**

*Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*

**2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum**

Bradley Danforth Dernbach Ellie Guth Wilson Smith

*All board members were present except Gary Smith. Administrator present was Dan Boxx. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Brad Baumgartner, Mary Chris Thompson, Debbie Klinger, and Ed Warzynski.*

**3) Proof of Posting of Meeting Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84**

*Dan Boxx reported that the meeting was posted according to statute.*

**4) Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Carol Ellie to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.*

**5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education**

*There were no public appearances before the Board.*

**6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

6A December 12, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session

*Minutes approved in closed session.*

6B December 19, 2007, Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

*Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 5-0.*

6C November 14, 2007, Amend minutes from meeting

*Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve amendment from the November 14<sup>th</sup> minutes changing the savings bond amount from \$800 to the correct \$100. Motion carried 5-0.*

**7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable**

*Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Debbie Bradley to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 5-0.*

**8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items**

8A District Administrator Report

07-08 Budget Projections

*Preparations for the 08-09 budget are being made. There is a new report included in the packet that shows the function rather than the object code. Reviewing the percentages gives a good indication as to where the district is financially. Also included in the information is the timeline for the budget process for the 08-09 budget and a sheet to show what should be included in each account function and what should not be included.*

Discussion of upcoming January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting

*There will be a meeting January 28, 2008 at 7:00 open to the public. Administration has implemented a change based off of a suggestion effective today that elementary students will now enter through the West door on the elementary side of the school.*

Second Friday student count

*The second Friday count in January is down due to the leaving of the migrant student population.*

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

*Elementary concert went very well, standing room only. We may consider either moving the concert to the gymnasium or splitting the elementary into two groups, K-2 and 3-5 or doing two performances-one in the morning and one in the evening. 4K program was great. There were around 150 people that attended; there were cookies, an elf, and a surprise visit from Santa. Safety cadets are going on their reward day swimming trip to the YMCA on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Doede took her class on a walking trip to the Almond Public Library to learn more information on the Milwaukee Bucks game tickets reading incentives that are being offered. We are in the midst of organizing a winter pep rally that will involve the first thru twelfth grades. Student council is helping to organize. It will recognize student achievement at all levels and for all activities. It will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 1:45 pm. The High School Student Council "Fun Afternoon" went well right before break. The*

*Poms team performed, the skit was hilarious, and the students watched a movie at the end of the day. The Middle School will be going on their end of the quarter reward trip on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be going to Camp Helen Brachman to enjoy some winter activities. Middle School and High School students will be having separate Internet Safety assemblies on March 18<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a parent presentation that night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Tri County Auditorium. The parent presentation will be limited to those 18 years and older due to the serious nature of the content. Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> was the AllStar Music Festival in which Carly Rast, Datonn Ammel, Justine Karaba, Chelsea Gendusa, Ray Pieters, and Adam Bradley participated at Amherst. 25 adults and 30 students will be attending the musical Wicked this Saturday. Darrell F. Smith, Cheryl K. Bartelt, Neil Bartelt-Smith, and Matthew Bartelt-Smith donated an acoustic guitar to the music department.*

Updates on programs

*Julee Dredske from CESA 5, in-serviced the staff on English Language Learners (ELL) on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The teachers need ways to accommodate the special needs of these students. This in-service focused on how students are identified, tested, and then given an ELL level. The rest of the inservice time was spent on the REACH grant which focuses on reading comprehension. The initial testing of students suggests that reading comprehension has far exceeded the 5% goal for the REACH grant. PIE is meeting Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30. The positive action curriculum is being implemented in High School English classrooms and in the Middle School by Mr. Baumgartner. The after school-tutoring program continues to serve a growing number of students. The life skills classes and study skill classes are giving the students the resources they need for successful futures.*

## **9) Policy Development and Review**

9A WASB Resolutions

*Resolutions were included in the board packet.*

9B Review Homecoming policy

*Jeff Rykal met with the Student Council to see if there was an interest in one member of the council coming to the board meetings. Further review is needed regarding the Homecoming policy so this item will be tabled until the February board meeting.*

9C First Reading of policy Local Agency Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities

*This policy basically states that Almond Bancroft is following the policy set by the Department.*

## **10) Action Items**

10A Adoption of School Forest Plan

*Item was tabled until February meeting. The Board would like to have Kathie Plaisance come to the meeting to answer a few questions. Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jerry Dernbach to table. Motion carried 5-0.*

10B Approve district credit card with Bancroft State Bank

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Debbie Bradley to approve issuing two more Visa cards to be held in the District office and to change the credit limit from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Motion carried 5-0.*

10C Request for 2<sup>nd</sup> security monitor

*Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve the purchasing of an additional security monitor for roughly \$800. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **11) Items for Signatures**

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

## **12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings**

12A Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

## **13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session**

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Evaluation/Contract of District Administrator and discussion of district staffing (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, AAEA.

*Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn to closed session at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote 6-0.*

## **14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session**

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary.

*Motion by Carol Ellie, seconded by Jerry Dernbach to return to open session. Roll call vote 6-0.*

*Motion by Cathy Guth, seconded by Carol Ellie to reclassify Pat Leary as 100% secretary and place her on the salary schedule accordingly, no back pay will be given by the district. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Motion by Debbie Bradley, seconded by Jeanette Wilson to increase Melinda Davies up to 4-8 hours weekly when needed as directed by the district administrator. Motion carried 5-0.*

**15) Adjournment**

*Motion by Jerry Dernbach, seconded by Cathy Guth to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District Board Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date