

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held in boardroom Almond School
November 14, 2007 6:30 pm
OPEN MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order by President

Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum

Bradley Danforth Dernbach Ellie Guth Wilson Smith

All board members were present. Administrators present included Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Linsey Rodriquez, Nikki Hunt, Mike Gerlach, Michael Seymour, Peg Doede, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Toni Rock, and Dorine Gardner.

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 Jerry Dernbach to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

Nikki Hunt presented the National Honor Society with a donation for \$400 for the work the students did at the Nekoosa Pumpkin Festival. She was very grateful for their help. Also Linsey Rodriquez and Brandi Romo were presented with \$100.00 savings bond each to put towards furthering their education (the girls helped the festival committee survey the people who attended the event.)

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A October 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m.-Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

6B October 17, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session

Minutes approved in closed session.

6C October 31, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session Meeting

Minutes approved in closed session.

6D October 31, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

6E November 7, 2007, Co-Curricular Committee Meeting

Minutes approved in closed session.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 6-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

Notices were sent to the townships and newspapers for board elections. Jerry Dernbach is at-large, Gary Smith is at-large, and Carol Ellie is the representative for the towns of Belmont, Oasis, and Rose. Mr. Boxx will be at the WASB meeting the 23rd through the 25th. Jerry Dernbach, Cathy Guth, and Carol Ellie are registered and have rooms booked for the Board Convention in January.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

Fourth graders went to Madison for a field trip. Banners for Respect, Responsibility, and Resolution have been hung up in the elementary hallway as part of the GIFTS program. The GIFTS program has been used to buy stencils with which the students will make signs for the remainder of the focus words in the GIFTS program. Red Ribbon Week will be soon and there will be different dress up days to help with alcohol and drug awareness. There will also be random t-shirts given away as part of the weeks activities as well. WKCE's testing in the elementary will be completed next Wednesday. We are on schedule. The first grade classes had a pumpkin party and delivered some of the carved pumpkins to the senior citizens. Middle school and high school WKCE testing was over a two week time period. Middle school students receive Eagle Wing Awards once a month. Each class has a meeting to see who wins the awards. Hello Dolly was excellent. Toni Rock, Crystal Frank, and Joel Bennett did an outstanding job. The sounds of Christmas music can be heard in the halls these days. The high school concert is December 6th at 7:30 pm, the middle school concert is December 13th at 7:30 pm, and the elementary concert is December 20th at 2:00 pm. Basketball and wrestling have started. We are cooping with Tri County for Wrestling and practices are held at the Almond

School. As part of Positive Action Brad Baumgardner has been taking students to rake leaves for those in the community who are unable. Parent/Teacher conferences are 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and are going well. The School Forest Inservice was November 7th held by Kathie Plaisance.

Updates on programs

The rest of the inservice time was spent on the REACH grant. We would like to improve reading comprehension by 5% by May 1st. There will be three tests given to monitor improvement. Collaborative team meetings will be held to help teachers achieve this goal. The Alternative Education grant award notification came in the mail today.

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second reading of Drug Free Workplace

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to approve the Drug Free Workplace policy. Motion carried 6-0.

9B First reading of 600 series Fiscal Management

10) Action Items

10A Senior Class Trip

The senior class trip will be in Chicago from April 19th to April 21st. Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the initial draft of the itinerary. Motion carried 6-0.

10B Recommendation for fall coaching contracts

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Carol Ellie to table until the December board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Recommendation for High School Special Education Teacher

Deferred to closed session.

10D Parent request

A parent would like permission to have an Amherst school bus pick up her child at their home. The Amherst bus drives past their home to pick up other students. Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Gary Smith to approve this request. Motion carried 6-0.

10E Music trip to Chicago

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Carol Ellie to approve music trip to Chicago for Saturday, December 15th, 2007 to go to dinner and see Wicked. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Approval of meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, December 19, 2007 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. Possible discussion of coaching staff and professional staff (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 update and vote to ratify ABESPA contract, non-union support staff (f) Considering financial, medical, social or person histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigations of charges against specific persons except where par. B applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to – in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Family leave request for 08-09.

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Cathy Guth to adjourn to closed session at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

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

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Debbie Bradley to return to open session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Cathy Guth to ratify contract with ABESPA without \$200 stipend as requested and using existing grievance language only to be changed if the grievance procedure changes in the AAEA contract. Motion carried 5-0 with Gary Smith abstaining.

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Debbie Bradley to approve pay increase for non-union staff to coincide with ABESPA contract. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to approve contract for Pat Dwyer, as High School Special Education teacher. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve family leave request. Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

School District Board President

Date

School District Board Clerk

Date