

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held at the Almond School
April 16th, 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 6:34 pm.

2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum

___Bradley ___Danforth ___Dernbach ___Ellie ___Guth ___Wilson ___Smith

All board members were present. Administrators present were Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper, was present. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Matthew Bickford, Spence Bunders, Alan Meddaugh, Renee Hunkins, Wendy Bickford, Karen Warner, Mickie Pagel, Andrew Bradley, Royal Gingery, Crystal Frank, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Peg Doede, Amanda Davy, Brenda Ramczyk, Linda McLarnan, Kathleen Plaisance, and Joleane Dorgan.

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 Debbie Bradley to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

There were no public appearances before the board.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A March 19, 2008, Regular meeting of the Board Open Session

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

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Gary Smith to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 6-0.

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

8A District Administrator Report

Summer school courses are being put together. There are six so far with a possibility of three more. Summer school benefits the community, students, and revenue limit. Sign up will be in May. Numbers will determine the classes offered. Congratulations to Carol Ellie, Jerry Dernbach, and Gary Smith on their elections to the school board. All teacher contracts have been signed and returned. The Town Hall meeting was last Thursday. Dawn Barber did a very good job. The information that Carol Roth presented was relevant to Almond Bancroft students.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

The Family Read In is tomorrow evening. Fast Horses is a cultural presentation that will present on Tuesday. We will be continuing some of the positive action curriculum next school year and will continue to have presentations that address Positive Action grant concerns. The Baxter family will be doing a presentation next week regarding drinking and driving. Prom is a week from Saturday. The spring athletics are finally getting underway. They have started late due to the weather. The Senoir Trip is this weekend. The teachers are turning in their purchase orders for next year's budget. The scheduling for middle school and high school is basically done. The elementary schedule will be completed next week. There are a lot of field trips coming up. Mr. Rykal will poll the Junior class to see if they would like graduation on Friday instead of Sunday. The final decision will be made by the board of education. Gary Smith and Debbie Bradley volunteered to hand out diplomas for graduation. The strategic planning meeting is April 28th at 6:00. High School Awards night is May 12th at 6:30 pm. The High School spring concert is May 14th. The Middle School concert is May 8th.

8C Information/Request from Music Departments-Music Trip 2008-09/ACE Group

Royal Gingery reported that band and music teach a little about every subject. Band and music teach students responsibility, teamwork, and to be self directed. Band has grown from 47 students participating from 6th to 12th grade to 75 students currently and the possibility of 85 to 90 students next year. There will be a few Jazz pieces played next year and then the possibility of a Jazz Band getting started if there is interest. The Polka Band will be playing in a few parades this summer. The band will hopefully be marching in a Holiday parade as well. For Solo Ensemble the band students had 28 1st's and 18 2nd's. All high school band students participated and all 6th grade students received 1st's. Crystal Frank reported that her 4th grade music students are challenged with trying to find how a certain subject does not fit into music. So far the students have not stumped their teacher. The choir program has grown from 18 students to 30 students currently and the possibility of 46 students next year. Our students performed very well at Solo Ensemble. 5 students are going to state with 11 receiving 1st's and 9 receiving 2nd's. The band and choir will go to Great America next year and in a few years would like to go to New York to play at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

Brenda Ramczyk reported on the ACES activities. They went to the Wild West Camp Ground and Corral in Amherst. There were horses and the students rode on a tractor. Hot dogs were roasted over the fire. The group was invited to return. In August if students with B average report cards bring their cards to the camp ground they will receive a free trail ride. The elections for group officers will be held in May. The group is planning a summer tubing/canoeing trip.

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second Reading of Series 700-Support Services

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve the Series 700-Support Services. Motion carried 6-0.

9B First Reading Policy Defining Full Time Student

First reading of Policy

10) Possible Action Items with Respect to:

10A Booster Club project

The Booster Club has contributed \$32,498 over the past 6 years. There is \$27,500 raised so far for the bleacher project. The goal is to have the bleachers completed by August 2008. The bleachers will be elevated and the center of the bleachers will be at the 50 yard line. They will be handicap accessible. The Booster Club asked if there is any money that the school could donate toward the project. They want to have alumni invited to the first football game and will be running the concession stand.

10B Goals for 08-09 discussion

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Carol Ellie to table the setting of goals for 08-09 until the April 30th meeting. This would be after the strategic planning meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Approve contract with PCHA for nurse

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Debbie Bradley to approve contract with PCHA for the nurse for the 08-09 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

10D Approve schedule change to make-up hours for 2007-08/Approve 2008-09 calendar and hours to meet standard.

The school is short 20.5 hours of instruction time according to state standards. If we do not meet the state standards we could lose state aid if we were audited. Mr. Boxx commended the association in cooperating with administration in regards to making up the hours. Starting April 21st school will start at 8:00 am and end at 3:30 pm. Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to approve schedule to make-up hours for 2007-08. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to table the 2008-2009 calendar until the April 30th meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

10E Recommendations for facility changes

The main entrance would become the doors next to the district office. There would be a second set of doors and two windows, one with sliding glass and the other without. These would be put into the existing wall between the district office and the hallway. The buzzer to enter the building would then be inside the doors so people would not have to stand outside. The board authorized Mr. Boxx to look into the cost of the project.

10F Approve School Forest Plan

The school forest plan has been modified slightly and has now been approved by the UW board. Kathie Plaisance reported that the Rod and Gun Club offered to help achieve some of the goals for the forest set forth in the plan. They will be paying for the cost of renting a port-a-potty for one month during the year, cutting down the trees that the locus are attracted to, and putting the poison on them so they won't return. They will also be putting up 12 stations along a nature trail. They would also like to make a public station that includes pamphlets. Kathie is hoping that when the trees are harvested some of the trees can be used to build a shelter with the help of the tech ed students. Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve the school forest plan. Motion carried 6-0.

10G Approve bid process for audit (three year)

Motion to approve getting bids for the audit for three years by Carol Ellie, second by Cathy Guth. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Strategic Planning Meeting, Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

12B Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 6:30 pm

12C National Teacher Week, May 5-9-Staff Breakfast, May 7th

12D Awards Night/NHS May 12, 2008 at 6:30 pm

12E Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:30pm

12F Graduation-Sunday, May 25, 2008

13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(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 contract update, approve FMLA request, administrative team (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Grievance/Act 11

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn to closed session at 7:53 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Carol Ellie to return to open session. Roll call vote 7-0.

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve FMLA requests. Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 at 9:20 p.m.