

ALMA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022

Board President, Dennis Hetrick, called the regular meeting of the Alma Board of Education to order at 5:02 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022 in the school library. Board members Corey Hanson and Doug Kane were not present.

No public comment was made.

Minutes from the December 20, 2021 regular and closed session board meeting minutes were presented and approved by consensus of the board.

Vouchers in the amount of \$381,953.40 for district and \$17,359.39 for activities were presented and approved by consensus of the board.

Ms. Bremer's Elementary Principal Report was included in the board packet. Ms. Bremer included in her report the District Spelling Bee for grades 5-8 will be held on Tuesday, January 25. The end of the first semester was January 21, so report cards will go home this week. Ms. Bremer is still researching 3 year old programs and is still waiting to hear back from Whitehall. She has heard from Blair-Taylor, C-FC, and Arcadia. Once Ms. Bremer has heard from all, she will share information with the board. Ms. Bremer is working with HeadStart to coordinate Child Development Day. The Sixth Grade DARE weekly program will begin January 25th in collaboration with Buffalo County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Wieczorek. Ms. Bremer also included that Educator Effectiveness observations continue between herself and Mr. Stewart for teachers. Mr. Reed's MS/HS Principal Report was included in the board packet. Mr. Reed had included in his report that an EMR class started Monday, January 17 and will be held at the Alma School with 14 people signed up for the class. Mr. Reed passed his bus driver license and wanted to thank Tom Brakke for all his help in the process. Mr. Reed has started driving the after school route and Tom Brakke covers the morning route. The second semester has arrived with the only real change being for band and chorus to meet in one section instead of two and the band will practice in the small gym and the chorus in the band room to allow for more spacing. Mr. Reed had a correction to his report as the VEX tournament that was supposed to be held on January 22 has been moved to February 13 and Mr. Reed would like to thank Mrs. Brevick for all her work with the students. Rivermen Clubhouse has been going well and the numbers have continued to be very strong. With Mr. Reed's bus driving, on the board agenda there is approval of a new Riverman Clubhouse worker. Maria Burrow is a Junior at Alma and has been tutoring in the 1st grade class, as well as volunteering with Rivermen Clubhouse. Maria would work from 3:30-4:30 to help at Clubhouse when there are the most kids. Amanda Burrow has agreed to supervise Maria and help until Kati Hanson can get to Clubhouse after fulfilling her Elementary Secretary duties. Mr. Reed will bring back to the next board meeting the average attendance for Clubhouse from the first semester.

Mr. Stewart handed out the audit report at the December meeting for the board to review and come back with any questions before approval. There were no questions. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve the Audit report from Baumans. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart included in the board packet information on the Open Enrollment Designations for Regular Education Spaces and Special Education Spaces. School boards are required to designate the number of regular and special education spaces available for the next school year. Mr. Stewart recommended that the board make the determination that the Alma School District does not intend to deny applications due to space and the Alma School District will follow the guidelines outlined in our Open Enrollment Program Policy 5113 if space or programming availability issues arise. A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve that the Alma School District does not attend to deny applicants due to space and will follow the guidelines outlined in Policy 5113 if space or programming availability issues arise. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that he completed the annual Pupil Nondiscrimination and Educational Equity Report for the 2020-2021 school year. There were no verbal or written complaints. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve the annual Pupil Nondiscrimination and Educational Equity Report. The motion carried unanimously.

A new hire sheet for Rivermen Clubhouse for Maria Burrow was included in the board packet. Mr. Reed had discussed this with the board during his board report. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the hire of Maria Burrow for Rivermen Clubhouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart included in the board packet a letter of resignation from Kevin Ebersold. Mr. Ebersold had retired in August 2021, but had agreed to come back and help out in the evenings as long as he would like to. Mr. Ebersold is planning as of now to work until March. Discussion was held on janitorial openings and job postings. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the resignation of Kevin Ebersold with gratitude for his years of service. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Under discussion, Mr. Stewart reviewed COVID-19 updates with the board. Mr. Stewart wanted to thank the office staff for helping with all the extra work and the teaching staff for their flexibility with in-person and on-line students. Mr. Stewart also noted that parents have all been great to work with and understanding when the school has called for COVID issues. The mask mandate is still in place for this week. Mr. Stewart will reevaluate at the end of the week as always to see where the numbers are at. Mr. Stewart discussed the protocols with masks being required during the school day and not after school. Students are required to wear masks from 7:15-3:45, but are not required to wear masks for after school activities. Masks are still encouraged during after school hours, but not required. The antigen testing has been very beneficial to help keep kids in school, or to catch some positive cases before they enter school. The school is currently out of tests and not sure when more will be available. Mr. Stewart received an email from DPI stating that they will be sending out testing kits to schools, but in the fine print it stated only 5 districts in the state would be receiving these testing kits from the state.

Mr. Stewart reviewed a proposed 2022-23 school calendar with the board. The schedule is very similar to this year in that school would be done before Memorial Day and would start with two orientation days in August. With the board's consensus, Mr. Stewart will now share the calendar with the staff and then bring back a final calendar to the February board meeting for approval.

Mr. Stewart had included two quotes in the board packet for bus cameras. Mr. Stewart handed out at the meeting an updated quote from ProVison that was \$1,000 less than the original quote, which brought their quote down to \$10,500 and REI's quote came in at \$11,150 for bus cameras for three new buses. Mr. Stewart and Tom Brakke have talked to various people regarding both companies. Currently, the cameras on the school's other buses are from ProVision. Tom Brakke has also discussed with Randy Fetting, C-FC Bus Director, that he installs their cameras at C-FC and he would be willing to look into the current cameras and any repairs needed there. Discussion held. ESSER grant funds can be used for bus camera purchases. Mr. Stewart will add bus cameras as an action item to the February board meeting.

Ms. Bremer had already discussed the three year old program in her principal report and will bring back information once she has heard from all the schools.

Mr. Stewart shared a picture of the outdoor scoreboard that was approved at the December board meeting. It will be identical in size to the old scoreboard with the addition of 2 feet on the top for the Eagles name and then 2 feet on the bottom for the sponsors. The current poles will work for the new sign. The company told Mr. Stewart it would take 12-15 weeks to arrive.

Todd Myren asked the question if anyone had asked about outdoor graduation. Mr. Stewart will talk to the seniors to discuss what they would like to do.

Donations for the month. Brad and Diane Mikelson donated \$200 to the Class of 2022, and Allen Supply Company donated \$400 to the Class of 2022.

The Policy Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

The Buildings/Grounds and Transportation Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

The Community Relations Committee has not met since the last board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

The Personnel Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

Dennis Hetrick stated: It is envisioned that the School Board of the School District of Alma will convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 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. Sarah Danzinger took roll call. All members present voted yes. The board convened into closed session at 5:54p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Sarah Danzinger, Secretary