

ALMA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2022

Mr. Stewart called the monthly meeting of the Alma Board of Education to order at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, in the school library.

Mr. Stewart started the meeting by congratulating Sarah Danzinger on her reelection to the school board. Mrs. Danzinger has proven to be an outstanding board member that is extremely valuable to our board and our school district as a whole. Thank you Sarah.

Carol Wieczorek received the Oath of Office from Sarah Danzinger.

Mr. Stewart reviewed the board reorganization procedures and nominating procedures. Mr. Stewart called for nominations for school board president. Doug Kane made a motion to keep all board officers the same as well as all committee appointments. Board officers would be: Dennis Hetrick-President, Todd Myren-Vice President, Corey Hanson-Treasurer, Sarah Danzinger-Clerk, and Doug Kane-member. The motion was seconded by Corey Hanson. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was made.

Minutes from the March 21, 2022 regular and closed session board meeting minutes were presented. The minutes were approved by consensus of the board.

Vouchers in the amount of \$337,861.14 for district and \$14,697.01 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 is continuing to research three year old program options. Ms. Bremer will be making some more phone calls tomorrow to Arcadia and Prairie Du Chien School Districts who have been running three year old programs in their districts. Ms. Bremer will send out an email to the board with any information she finds. Summer school booklets will hopefully go out next Monday. Mr. Reed's MS/HS Principal Report was included in the board packet. Dennis Hetrick asked about Rivermen Industries and how many applicants Mr. Reed would take. Mr. Reed stated that he was planning on taking nine students; as that would be a good number to be able to get students out to see other industries. Mr. Reed stated the jobs that he is looking for are based on a training that Mr. Reed went to at Cardinal Manufacturing.

A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the retirement letter from Jane Bremer-Elementary Principal with sincere gratitude and appreciation for her years of service. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart wanted to thank the interview committee for their work in interviewing candidates for the Elementary Principal position. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve Mrs. Sherry Brevick as the new Elementary Principal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart presented information on the MS/HS Science Teacher position. There were two candidates and Thomas Brand has accepted the position. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve Thomas Brand as the new MS/HS Science Teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Transit Van with an additional six year warranty. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that the building and grounds committee has talked about purchasing a new bus. Mr. Stewart and Tom Brakke have looked at replacing bus 3 as it is getting old and needs a lot of work. The school has received a \$20,000 grant from DERA. Wisconsin Bus has ordered the bus for \$115,475 as they were looking at an increase if they didn't order soon. The school has to notify them in 60 days if we do not want the bus. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the purchase of a new school bus. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Todd Myren to approve the resignation of Sherry Brevick for the Assistant Forensics Coach. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart presented a letter of resignation from Bailey Van Den Heuvel, our high school English teacher, who is leaving to pursue a graduate program in Scotland. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hansen to approve the resignation of Bailey Van Den Heuvel with gratitude for her service. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Under discussion, Mr. Stewart reviewed COVID-19 updates with the board. The school has only had a couple of cases with two siblings out today, and a couple other cases the previous week. Mr. Stewart has been working on new COVID guidance and presented this to the board. Discussion held. Mr. Stewart did note that close contacts for the Dairyland Conference can't come back to play until after day three. Consensus of the board is to move forward with the guidance as presented.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that we still have vacancies for the full time custodian position, elementary teacher position; and Mr. Stewart will post the high school English teacher position tomorrow. Currently, there are four applicants for the elementary teacher position.

Mr. Stewart attended the WASDA Conference where the Bert Grover Award for Lu Ann Flury was presented.

Alma Prom will be held on April 30th, with the grand march at 8:00 p.m.

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. on the football field; as long as weather permits.

Mr. Stewart stated that we will have a better budget update at the May meeting.

Building and Grounds updates. The Geothermal System is working better and they have most of the air out. They are still working on the pressure for each well valve. The roofs are all looking good. The next big roof project would be in 2028. Mr. Stewart informed the board that we had a representative from Geraventa come to look at the elevator. He got the elevator running with a few wires and a couple other items. The elevator does need 2 new batteries. The representative will send the school a quote to do the repairs needed, but he commented on how well it worked. Mr. Stewart didn't have any information on bleacher repairs. Mr. Stewart informed the board on seal coating the parking lot and playground area. The City has hired a company to chip seal the city street. Mr. Stewart received a \$14,096 quote from the company the city has hired just to do the front parking lot. Mr. Stewart did receive quotes from two other companies for seal coating for the parking lot and the playground area. One was \$17,548 and the second was \$23,921.25 for the seal coating and also painting lines. Mr. Stewart also stated that he would have them paint some track lines back in the playground area and also some parking lines for big events so staff and students could park in the back. The outdoor lighting will be continued with 12 lights. The school applied for a DPI kitchen equipment grant for a new dishwasher and double ovens, with a maximum award of \$25,000. The school is waiting to hear back from DPI, but the dishwasher bidding has been an issue and Mr. Stewart has discussed the possibility if we receive this grant to just go with the ovens and do more research on the dishwasher. The water well casing/head also needs to be raised about one foot as noted by the inspector, so that will have to be done this summer. Discussion was also held on classroom flooring. There were some flooring issues and Tommy's Carpet will have to repair the floor tiles at no cost to the school; with repair work slated for July.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that the new scoreboard is partially up. The I- beams were tall enough for our previous scoreboard, but with the additional panels on the top and bottom it is now too low to the ground. The installer is pricing out extensions or all new I- beams. Mr. Stewart reached out to the sponsors to let them know. The installer will come back hopefully sometime in May to finish.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that next school year we will be back to normal and breakfast and lunch will be charged. For summer school there is an option if our summer school dining is an open site, which would mean that any school age child, even if not in summer school, they could come and have breakfast and/or lunch. If the school does it this way then the summer school students should still be able to have the free breakfast and lunch. Then when school starts back up at the end of August the school would move forward with charging for breakfast or lunch. Consensus of the board was to be an open site for summer school.

No new donations for this month.

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 met on April 6, 2022. Information was reviewed under Mr. Stewart's report on building and grounds update. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

The Community Relations Committee has not met since the last board meeting. Next meeting will be July 13th.

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

A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Todd Myren to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

approved 5/16/22 with corrections to first motion
Sarah Danzinger, Secretary