

**ALMA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2021**

Board President, Dennis Hetrick, called the regular meeting of the Alma Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the school library. Board members Corey Hanson and Doug Kane were not present.

No public comment was made.

Minutes from the November 15, 2021 regular board meeting were presented and approved by consensus of the board.

Vouchers in the amount of \$343,539.30 for district and \$13,999.71 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 didn't have any additions to her board report. Mr. Reed's MS/HS Principal Report was included in the board packet. Mr. Reed was covering Rivermen Club House and was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Stewart presented the 66.0301 Cooperative Agreements with Durand School District for the 2021-22 Special Education Services and programs. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the 66.0301 Cooperative Agreements with Durand School District. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart informed the board that thanks to a generous donation by Dairyland Power Cooperative, Riverland Energy, and the Bank of Alma, we are at \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new outdoor scoreboard. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the purchase of a new outdoor scoreboard. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Under discussion, Mr. Stewart reviewed COVID-19 updates with the board. We currently have one positive case and one close contact. No additional funding information for ESSER monies. With ESSER II we received the minimum of \$100,000, and ESSER III \$168,049. Our current testing plan is going well with the antigen testing. Mr. Stewart asked the board their thoughts on allowing close contacts to return on Day 5 with serial testing, versus the current Day 7 and would like that to start after the new year. Consensus of the board is that they are fine with returning on Day 5. Mr. Stewart also informed the board that after the first of the year DHS will be coming out with a testing plan, probably similar to what we are currently doing. No new information on Dairyland winter sports or activities updates.

State Report Cards were included in the board packet. Great scores were noted!!!

The WASB State Convention will be held January 19-21.

Mr. Stewart included in the board packet a survey that was sent out to the CESA 4 schools as well as neighboring districts regarding a 3-year old program. Mr. Stewart received 23 responses. Six of twenty-three school districts offer a 3 year old program. The next steps will be to reach out to those that are offering it and receive more information.

Mr. Stewart updated the board on the Federal EPA DERA Grant that we are tentatively receiving the \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new bus and Mr. Stewart has also applied for the WI DNR Grants. Mr. Stewart will keep the board posted. The cost of a new bus was included in the budget.

Mr. Stewart has meetings set up with two different vendors on Wednesday with Pro Vision and REI regarding bus cameras. Mr. Stewart will bring information back to the next meeting.

Mr. Stewart and Ms. Bremer have been getting into a lot of classrooms this past month for observations. They both hold post observation meetings with every teacher where a lot of valuable discussions occur. The observations and meetings have been going very well.

Mr. Stewart handed out the audit reports for the board to review and bring back any questions to the January meeting.

Other business: Dennis Hetrick asked what came of the discussion of a winter dance. Mr. Stewart discussed it with the girls and they decided to hold off. They are now more focused on prom. Discussion held.

Mr. Stewart informed the board of the short staff meeting he had today. Mr. Stewart talked about COVID, and then gave the staff goals for vacation and goals for when staff returns from break.

Donations for the month. Marie Bentz: \$1,000 to P.I.E., \$750 to Music Department, \$750 to Rivermen Club House. Jerry and Carol Knabe donated a variety of tools, die tools and a large made-to-order case to the Tech Ed Department. David and Judy Terry gave \$500 towards the Bob Bautch Scholarship. Dairyland Power Cooperative donated \$5,000, Riverland Energy Cooperative donated \$2,500, and Bank of Alma donated \$2,500 to the new outdoor scoreboard. Knights of Columbus donated \$820.57 to Alma Pride. Carol and Jerry Knabe donated \$150 to the band department and \$100 to the Alma Pride Program. The Buffalo County Dairy Promotion Committee donated \$200 to the boys basketball program for their team meals for away games to purchase milk.

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 met on Wednesday, December 8. Mr. Stewart reported that they had three goals. The main goal is a fall kickoff get together before school starts to include the community and the

school. The second goal is to reach out to community experts and get them involved in the school or come talk to classes about what they do. The third goal was to help get more representation in the local paper.

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 5:50 p.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 6:01 p.m.

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Sarah Danzinger, Secretary