**ALMA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2020**

Board President, Dennis Hetrick, called the special meeting of the Alma Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, in the school library. Corey Hanson and Todd Myren were absent from the meeting. Corey Hanson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

No public comment was made. Dennis Hetrick welcomed Sarah Danzinger and David Brommerich who attended virtually.

Mr. Stewart presented the Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/Epidemic Events Policy 8450.01 that was included in the board packet. Policy was discussed at the previous board meeting and Mr. Stewart updated with options the board agreed upon. Policy 8450.01 was approved by consensus of the board.

Mr. Stewart presented an update to Policy 5200-Attendance that was included in the board packet. Neola added a few changes and there was one minor option that we did not take as it didn’t make sense. Policy 5200 updates were approved by consensus of the board.

Mr. Stewart presented the Paraprofessional Realignment. After conducting extensive interviews our Administrative Assistant position was filled internally by DeeDee Johnson. The interview committee then moved forward with moving Kati Hanson to the Elementary Secretary position. A new interview committee conducted interviews to fill the elementary paraprofessional position consisting of three internal candidates, and two external candidates.The interview committee decided the following realignment was the best overall plan for staff and our students: Diane Mikelson to Kindergarten as Elementary Paraprofessional, Meg Ruff to our Junior High/High School Paraprofessional, and Melanie Inglett to working one-on-one with our high school student that goes to Durand. The realignment was approved by consensus of the board.

Mr. Stewart included in the board packet the new hire sheet for Diane Tuxen. Mrs. Tuxen was hired to work as our one-on-one Paraprofessional with our elementary student that Melanie Inglett was working with. Mr. Stewart has talked to parents of students and the transition is going well. A motion was made by Doug Kane and seconded by Sarah Danzinger to approve the hire of Diane Tuxen for the One-on-one Paraprofessional position. The motion carried.

Mr. Stewart presented dates to hold referendum informational meetings. Mr. Stewart reviewed the power point he will present at the referendum information meetings. Discussion was held. An in- person meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria or gym depending on the number of attendees. A second virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. An additional mailing then would come out the following week and we will also utilize Apptegy and Skyward to send out reminders and information.

Mr. Stewart recognized the school board for Wisconsin School Board Week October 4-10. Some social media posts were put out and a press release was published in the paper. Mr. Stewart thanked the board for what they do for the District. Treats were provided at the meeting by Mr. Stewart and Mary Meixner.

Mr. Stewart presented the 2020-21 budget. Discussion was held. The Board would like to keep the mill rate to a stable rate around $11.50. Mr. Stewart brought to the board’s attention that the Fund 80 (Rivermen Clubhouse) was in a deficit from the 2019-20 year end. Discussion was held. It was approved by the consensus of the board to levy into Fund 80 to zero out the deficit and adjust the levy in Fund 39 to keep the mill rate around $11.50. Mr. Stewart will make the adjustments and email the amended budget to the board members and get it sent to the paper for publication.

A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Doug Kane to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Sarah Danzinger, Secretary